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editor's letter



Does this issue of Die Cast X (DCX) seem a bit thicker than usual? Well, your eyes and hands are not deceiving you; it is indeed. Welcome to the supercharged Fall issue of DCX. This edition includes all the die cast content you have come to expect from DCX and also includes our annual Collector's Guide that's packed full of the latest die cast releases from your favorite brands. Don't miss out on future new releases; we give you a preview on what's coming out so you can be ready for the die cast hunt.

Aside from the Collector's Guide, this is a feature heavy issue that takes expanded looks at some of the latest and most collectible die casts to have recently hit the market. From Maisto's 2022 Porsche 911 GT3 clear though to Automodello's 1940-1941 Checker Model A Taxi, we've got a wide variety of cars to

tempt your inner collector. We also drop by the 2022 Hot Wheels Legends Tour at Mattel HQ. You won't want to miss the awe-inspiring hybrid automotive and die cast event.

By the way, we are looking to show off our readers' rides and that means YOURS! If you have something in your collection that you'd like to "Show & Tell," let us know! We want to see what you got! We urge you to submit one of your die casts to show off in a future issue of Die Cast X. If you have a rare collectible or custom die cast that you'd like to see on these pages, submit your ride at:
www.diecastxmagazine.com/dcx-readers-collection.

We hope you enjoy this issue as much as we enjoyed working on it. Stay updated between issues on the world of DCX through Instagram via our handle, @diecastx. Give us a follow there too, won't you?

Until next time,
Jerry Tsai
Editorial Director





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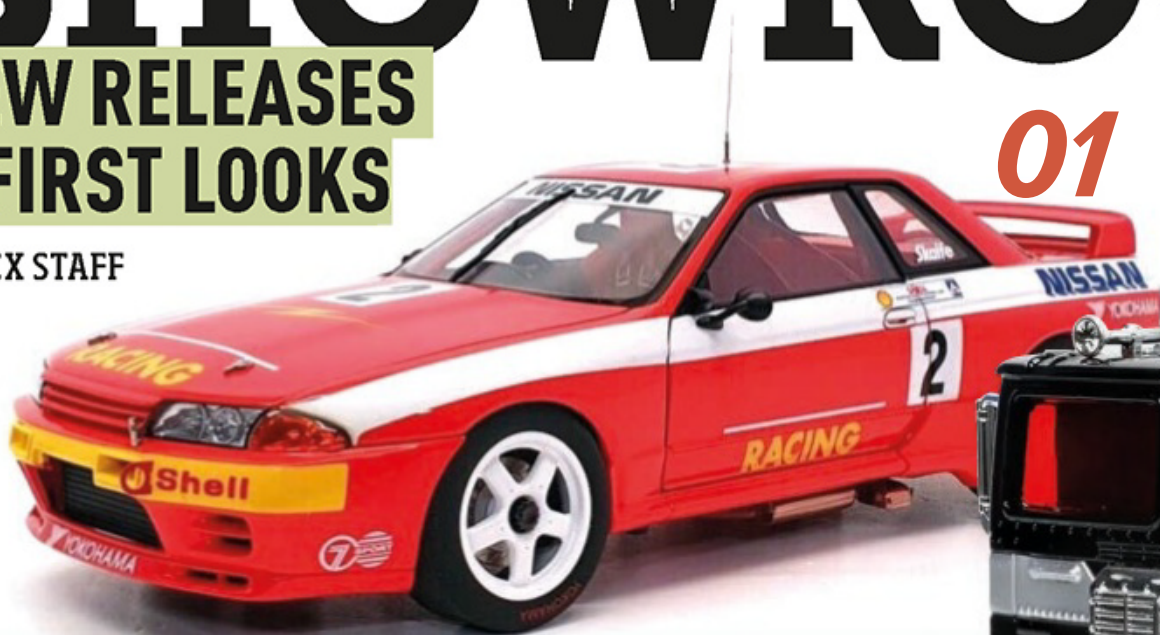
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MSRP: \$180

URL: us.autoartmodels.com

02 KYOSHO ORIGINAL LANCIA DELTA HF INTEGRALE 1993 MONTE CARLO #1

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Scale: 1:18

P/N: KS08348C

URL: dc.kyosho.com/en

03 BBURAGO LAMBORGHINI TERZO MILLENNIO

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Scale: 1:24

URL: bburago.com

04 JADA NEXT LEV- EL TRANSFORM- ERS G1 NEMESIS PRIME

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05 ACME 1967 CHEVROLET CAMARO (FIRST YENKO SUPER CAMARO)

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Scale: 1:18
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06 CMC MERCEDES-BENZ 600 PULLMAN (W100) LANDAU-LET 6 DOOR CONVERTIBLE

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*Prototype shown

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URL: cmcmodelcarsusa.com

07 ERTL BIG FARM JOHN DEERE CONSTRUCTION SET WITH SKID LOADER & CHEVROLET SILVER-ADO

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08 AUTO WORLD 1957 CHEVROLET BEL AIR CONVERTIBLE

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Scale: 1:18
P/N: AW306
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10 MOTOR MAX 1966 VW BEETLE "AIRPORT - FOLLOW ME"

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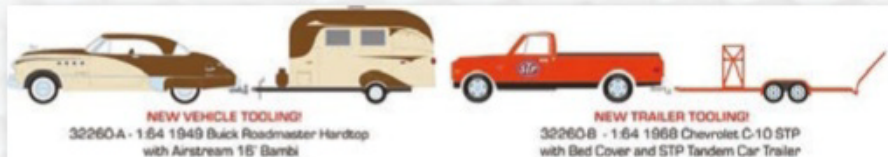


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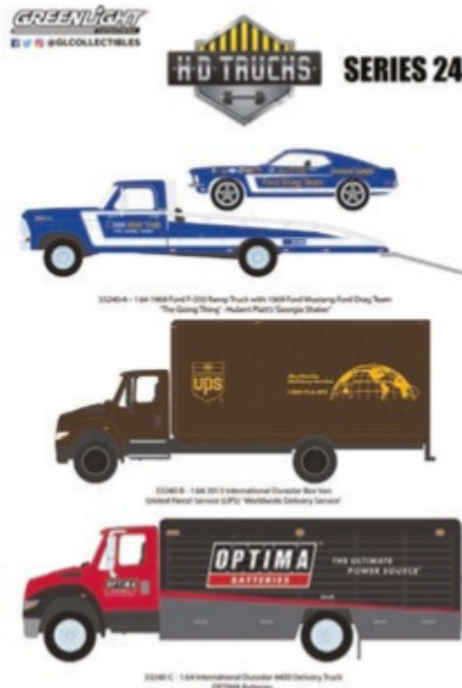
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1969 Ford Baja Bronco #56
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SKU: 19104



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"1970 Dealer Ad Truck" Limited Edition to 1020 pieces Worldwide
SKU: A1807704



First Gear 1:64
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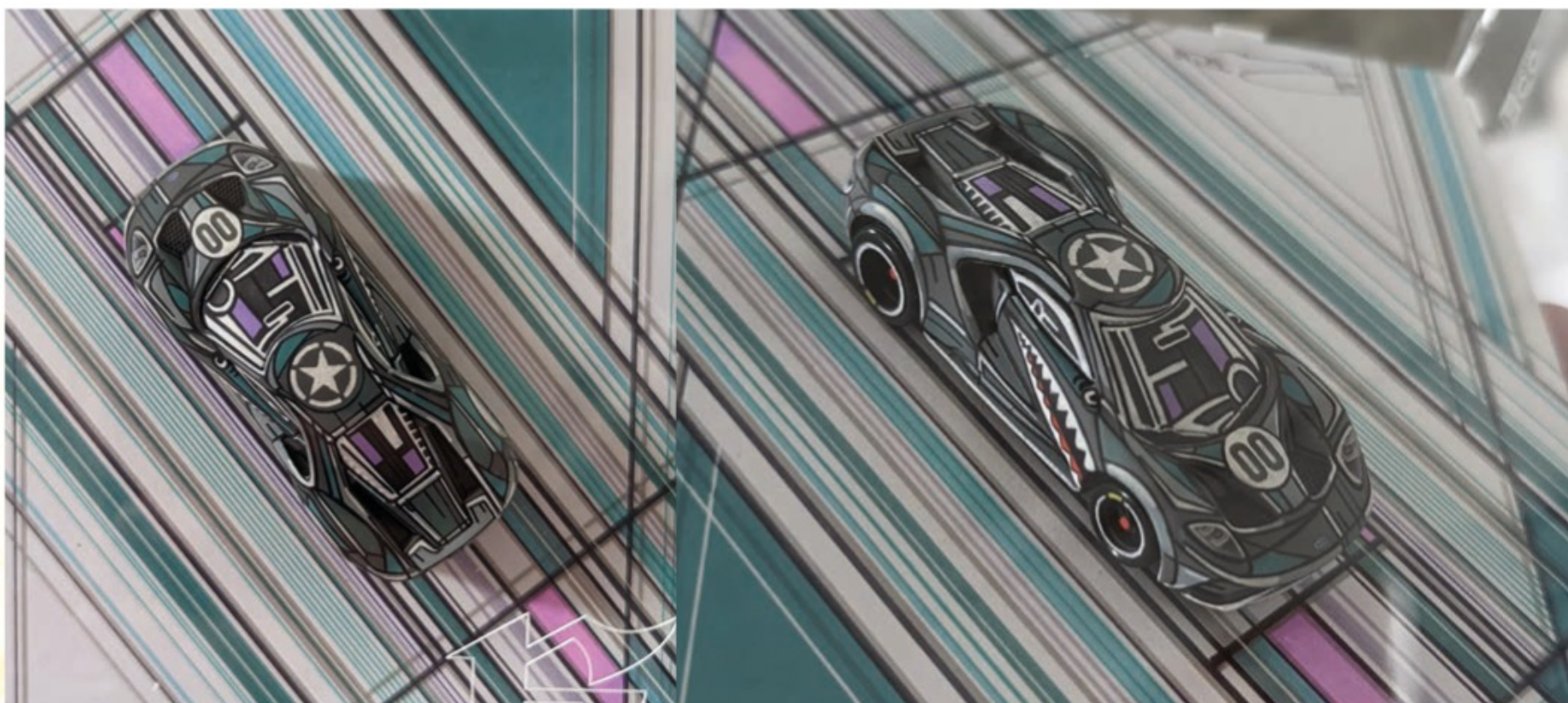
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In this issue of Show & Tell, we asked our readers to send us pictures of some unique vehicles in their collections that they're fond of. As you could probably imagine, we received a tremendous response. Let's see what our readers have to Show & Tell!



KEITH FIGUEROA

Location: Kailua, Hawaii

Instagram: @mugrOsa

Brand: Hot Wheels

Series: HWs Boulevard

Model: Ford GT

Scale: 1:64

From The Owner: "This die cast piece is one of my favorites due to it being military themed and it's a great custom made by my friend Fathur Rohim. The Ford GT already screams 'America,' so the Flying Tiger treatment really sets it off."



MIIKA T.

Location: Dana Point, California

Instagram: @ratchet_girl

Brand: Hot Wheels

Series: Mainline

Model: Ferrari 312P

Scale: 1:64

From The Owner: "One of the most cherished die casts in my collection, it was a gift from a collector turned friend that opened up a whole new world of collecting as, at the time, I didn't even know about treasure hunts or specialty releases. This looks to be a re-sprayed original chassis release but the meaning behind the gift outweighs any monetary value, as I will never sell it."

TONY NGUYEN

Location: Alhambra, California

Instagram : @rival_bronco

Brand: Hot Wheels

Series: Tooned

Model: Manga Tuner

Scale: 1:64

From The Owner: "I have liked this casting since I first saw it. It brings together the Japanese 'bosozoku' styling of older cars from the '70s and '80s. Crazy aggressive styling: long front splitters, spoilers and exhaust pipes with a lot of sharp lines. This casting shrinks that into a cartoonish version of these cars and creates a lot of room for customizing. I've customized about 40-50 of these in different colors and configurations. Wild paint and carbon fiber accents work well with this casting. Every time I look at these cars I am reminded of the colorful streets of Shibuya and Akihabara in Tokyo, Japan."



TRUE BELIEVER

GETTING TO KNOW DIE CAST COLLECTOR, KEN TAKAHASHI

BY DCX STAFF

IMAGES BY KEN TAKAHASHI

We have observed that of the most common ways people get hit by the die cast collecting bug, there are two we hear about the most. One way is that collectors feel nostalgia and are buoyed by the good vibes that these little cars gave them when they were little. Another common reason is that they are serious gearheads who absolutely love cars, trucks and anything else that rolls on wheels. To them, collecting miniature replicas of real-life vehicles turns out to be too much to resist.

Count Ken Takahashi in the later category. Calling West Covina, California, a suburb of Los Angeles, home, Takahashi has become a regular at many of the area's die cast events, conventions and retail shops. From what we hear, the man's always on the die cast hunt. It wasn't always this way, however.

It wasn't until 2013 that he actually started paying attention to die casts, namely ones that contained the words Hot and Wheels on their packaging. Prior to his die cast awakening, his head was buried under the hood of 1:1 vehicles, playing almost exclusively in the JDM automotive sandbox. In fact, he still plays with real cars and owns four vehicles, including a modified 2016 Mazda Miata Sport show car.



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"TAKAHASHI HAS BECOME A REGULAR AT MANY OF THE LOS ANGELES AREA'S DIE CAST EVENTS."

COLLECTOR STATS

NAME

KEN TAKAHASHI

NUMBER OF DIE CASTS IN COLLECTION

5,000+

FAVORITE SCALE

1:64

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Left: Takahashi poses with Fast & Furious star, Sung Kang.
Right: Takahashi with actor Daniel Wu.





Takahashi (left) poses with Jun Imai, founder of Kaido House (right). Takahashi displays his extensive collection of Kaido House customs.

KEN TAKAHASHI'S TOP FIVE FAVORITES

1. Hot Wheels/Kaido House "Porkaido" Porsche (1:64)

"What makes this one special is just everything about it is pretty awesome. From the custom exhaust pipes to the widebody and wheels to finish it off. It's so detailed on how this custom was made... mind blown..."

2. Ignition Model/Kaido House Datsun Wagon (1:18)

"This one was gifted to me by a friend. Around the time when this came out, my father passed and my friend said 'I got it for you since I know you wanted it.' It touched my heart and I'm forever grateful. Plus it's a Datsun wagon... what more is there to say?"

3. Night Stalker Customs 55 Gasser (1:25)

"This is only one of two customs made by Chris Walker, aka Night Stalker Customs (@night_stalker_customs). Only Brendon Vetuskey (@tuske427) and I have these—no one

else in the world has one. I wanted a custom from Chris for a while and finally got the chance to purchase one, and I really love it!"

4. Kazy Kustom Datsun Wagon (1:64)

"I got this one when I attended my first Hot Wheels convention back in 2015. While there, I met a customizer from Japan called Kazy Kustom (@kazykustom). He was super cool and this was one of the first customs that I bought. After the 2015 Hot Wheels convention, we stayed in contact and chatted through Facebook."

5. Honda S2000 (1:64)

What makes this one special to me is that it was the final Hot Wheels car that Hot Wheels designer, Ryu Asada (@hotwheels_ryu), signed for me. Sadly, Ryu passed in 2021 and I believe the last time I saw him was at the 2019 Hot Wheels convention. He was always nice to me and we chatted online quite frequently. Rest in peace, Ryu-san!"





Takahashi's modified 2016 Mazda Miata Sport show car.

Takahashi explains: "I started collecting back in 2013. It was around then that I saw a lot of my friends posting on Facebook that they got this Hot Wheels or that Hot Wheels and it made me interested in collecting. I decided to hit up my local Target and Walmart and the rest, as they say, is history. What I love about die casts how impressively detailed they can be. They look so real that it sometimes feels like the actual car in front of me, only in a smaller scale."

Even though he's a dedicated Hot Wheels fan, Takahashi doesn't limit his collection to only one brand. "I originally started by collecting Hot Wheels but I

have branched off to other different brands such as Tomica, Mini GT, M2 Machines, Kyosho, Matchbox, Jada and many others," he tells us. "But to be clear, I'm most interested in JDM-style vehicles and most of my collection are Hot Wheels."

With over 5,000 die casts in that collection, which was accumulated in only about nine years' time, we think it's safe to say that Takahashi's a true believer in the die cast movement. He's an active member of the die cast community and we're glad to have him aboard. If you run into him at any number of the die cast events in the Southern California area, be sure to say hi.

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2022 HOT WHEELS LEGENDS TOUR: EL SEGUNDO

TEXT BY DCX STAFF

IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI AND HOT WHEELS LEGENDS TOUR



Thousands of die cast fans and die-hard Hot Wheels acolytes descended onto Mattel world headquarters on the last Saturday in July this year to celebrate creativity in automotive design and, of course, their love for Hot Wheels. The 2022 El Segundo edition of the Hot Wheels Legends Tour surely didn't disappoint. There were hundreds of incredible cars to be amazed by.

The global phenomenon known as the Hot

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Wheels Legends Tour headed home to El Segundo, California, for an epic day of custom build competition in the heart of Southern California's legendary car culture. Mattel invited fans and automotive enthusiasts of all ages to enjoy one of the biggest public events of the year to be hosted at its company headquarters.

Now in its fifth year, the Hot Wheels Legends Tour spans five continents and 16 countries, making it the largest traveling car show in the world. Each stop is a platform for custom car builders to showcase their passion projects with

other automotive enthusiasts. The winner of the El Segundo event will advance in the Hot Wheels Legends Tour for a chance to compete in the Global Grand Finale later this year.

Once chosen, the 2022 champion will have their one-of-a-kind car immortalized as the next 1:64-scale official Hot Wheels die cast vehicle. Yes, that's right—the winning design will be inducted into the Hot Wheels Garage of Legends and turned into a die cast to be sold and played with by kids of all ages all over the globe. How cool is that? Having your car turned into an

There was plenty to see at the event, including 1:1-scale Hot Wheels vehicles and other fun creations.





Hundreds of cars came out to Mattel's headquarters in El Segundo, Calif., to participate in the Hot Wheels Legends Tour.



From new to old, glossy to full-patina, there were vehicles that ran the full spectrum of themes.



1969 BUICK RIVIERA

THE 2022 HOT WHEELS
LEGENDS TOUR
EL SEGUNDO FINALIST



This 1969 Buick Riviera was built by the husband-and-wife duo of Mario and Nora Zamudio of Los Angeles, California. Members of the legendary Imperials Car Club, Mario and Nora spent nights and weekends over the last four years building and searching for a long list of parts for this Pagan Gold candy-painted passion project. This fully rebuilt lowrider features shaved body moldings, hydraulics, a custom interior and the original 430 Buick engine.





1. The Buick's hydraulic setup is immaculate and neatly laid out.

2. Mario Zamudio took the win at the El Segundo leg of the 2022 Hot Wheels Legends Tour.

3. Custom billet accessories dress up the Riviera's interior.

4. The Buick was fully on display for showgoers to check out.

5. Mario Zamudio looking like a boss, styling in his beautiful ride.

From JDM-inspired race cars to full-blown overlanding trucks, the Hot Wheels Legends Tour had it all.

“NOW IN ITS FIFTH YEAR, THE HOT WHEELS LEGENDS TOUR SPANS FIVE CONTINENTS AND 16 COUNTRIES, MAKING IT THE LARGEST TRAVELING CAR SHOW IN THE WORLD.”



actual Hot Wheels is a dream come true for any die cast enthusiast.

The Hot Wheels Legends Tour features a glut of on-site experiences, including designer meet and greets, die cast displays, plenty of photo opportunities, celebrity influencer appearances, kid-friendly activities and live music, as well as plenty of tasty eats from some of the Los Angeles area's best food trucks. Lucky attendees were also able to snag limited-edition die casts that were available only at Hot Wheels Legends Tour stops. Suffice it to say that there was plenty to do and see; we especially geeked out on the Hot Wheels Garage of Legends life-size vehicle displays.

Of the thousands of entries submitted, only one car was chosen to be a finalist. It's too bad there

could only be one winner, since there were so many worthy vehicles that turned up. The honors for the El Segundo stop of the tour went to a beautiful 1969 Buick Riviera that was built by the husband-and-wife team of Mario and Nora Zamudio of Los Angeles. Congrats to the Zamudios! It's a unique build and well worthy of being a finalist.

The 2022 tour continues on, and a livestreamable final event is slated for November. We can't wait to see which real car eventually gets turned into a Hot Wheels. Until then, we'll be working on our own ride to enter into next year's tour.

More on the Hot Wheels Legends Tour:
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**AUTO WORLD
AMERICAN MUSCLE
1965 CHEVROLET
CHEVELLE SS Z16**

TEXT BY JAMES YORK,
IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI



By the mid-'60s the muscle car wars were really heating up and Chevrolet was looking to make a big splash in the highly competitive market. It was in 1965 that Semon "Bunkie" Knudsen, the General Manager of Chevrolet, had a wild idea to cram a big-block 396 cubic-inch Mark IV V8 engine into a mid-size Chevelle. Cramming big power into a medium-frame car promised fantastic power-to-weight ratio, but would it work? The whole idea was to publicize it to get the Chevy brand on the muscle car map. Spoiler alert: It worked.

The resulting car became known as the Z16, which denoted the option code used on the factory build sheet. The Chevelle SS Z16 became Chevy's most complete and well-rounded muscle car of the time. The Z16 package was far more than just a special engine upgrade. The Chevelle's 4-speed transmission included a narrowed rear axle from the full-size Impala,

heavy-duty power brakes, heavy-duty suspension, virtually all luxury options, a special 160 mph speedometer, plus many more upgrades.

Only 201 Z16 Chevelles were made in 1965, making it one of the most sought-after collector cars on the market. Out of the limited numbers that were built, it is said that only about between 70 and 80 road-worthy examples are known to still exist today. Auto World has replicated the rare Z16 in an accurate shade of Chevrolet Regal Red paint under its American Muscle line of die cast replicas. The metal-bodied 1:18-scale model boasts a full red interior, which faithfully recalls a red-on-red Z16 that was shown at Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals (MCACN) in 2017.

This recreation of the Chevelle is a real looker thanks to its many realistic details. Some of our favorites include accurate brightwork throughout the vehicle such as

SPECS

BRAND
AUTO WORLD

SERIES
AMERICAN MUSCLE

MODEL
1965 CHEVROLET
CHEVELLE SS Z16

SCALE
1:18

P/N
AMM1272

MSRP
\$115.99

URL
AUTOWORLDDSTORE.COM



Auto World went all-out on the car's interior. Note the realism that the fabric seat belt adds to the model.





Chrome parts such as the grille, window trim, side mirrors and antenna really make the Chevelle SS Z16 stand out.

“IF YOU’RE LOOKING FOR A CAR THAT HELPED CEMENT CHEVROLET’S MUSCLE CAR REP AS A SERIOUS FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH, THE CHEVELLE SS Z16 IS THE CAR YOU NEED IN YOUR COLLECTION.”



on its bumpers, grille, window trim, side view mirrors and door handles. The die cast model measures about 10 inches long and has full functioning steering and four-wheel suspension. It also has opening doors, hood and trunk as well.

Popping the hood open reveals an accurate replica of the car’s famous Chevy 396 cubic-inch Mark IV V8 engine. Look underneath the car and you’ll see a fully detailed and accurate underbody as well. Items such as the transmission, driveshaft, exhaust system and gas tank are all present and accounted for in fantastic detail. The impressive detail Auto World built into this model is incredible to say the least.

Opening the trunk reveals a full-size spare tire and decorative trunk floor. While the model is a real head-turner, we would be remiss if we didn’t point out that we found the car’s paint wasn’t as glossy or smooth as we would like it to be. The color does look fantastic, but we feel that it could be shinier.

Peeking through the windows or opening the



The realism of this 1:18-scale die cast model is impressive to say the least.



The Chevelle's side profile is an iconic shape and still looks great today.

“ONLY 201 Z16 CHEVELLES WERE MADE IN 1965, MAKING IT ONE OF THE MOST SOUGHT-AFTER COLLECTOR CARS ON THE MARKET.”





The Z16's opening doors, hood and trunk reveal plenty of thoughtfully recreated details.



doors reveals a complete interior compartment, scaled down in exacting detail with a pair of front bucket seats, wood-trimmed steering wheel and more. Some of our favorite features are the window hand cranks on the doors. There's even what appears to be a shift light on its dashboard, which is very appropriate for a bone-rattling muscle car.

Open the door and take a seat. The interior is beautifully and accurately appointed.

If you're looking for a car that helped cement Chevrolet's muscle car rep as a serious force to be reckoned with, the Chevelle SS Z16 is the car you need in your collection. It's a great addition for any die cast collector, especially Chevy and muscle car fans, to add to their die cast garages. With only a handful of real Z16s still around, we're thankful to Auto World that they made a version of it we could take home.

NOTHING BUT LOVE



FIREBALL TIM LAWRENCE GIVES THANKS TO THE DIE CAST COMMUNITY

TEXT AND IMAGES BY FIREBALL TIM LAWRENCE

What's up die casters! I'm Fireball from Malibu, California. I spend my days designing cars for movies, coloring books and die cast, running a car museum, hitting car shows and doing car TV shows. As blessed as I am to do what I do, it's time for me to express some big thanks to you and the die cast community.

I've been a die cast collector my whole life. Serious movie-car die cast. That means 56 years of searching, honing and talking Hot Wheels, Matchbox, Corgi and Dinky. But the fuel that keeps each of us going is each other. Our desire to discover more, our need to share our discoveries, knowledge and passion of all things cool cars in this tiny scale. And to grow as people.

Many of us have real cars to complement our collections, but others just focus on aspects of the die cast world. My passion would be less than one-tenth of 1% if it were not fueled by this incredible community of like-minded collectors. From the amazing Die Cast X magazine here or to the boys of the Diecast Breakdown podcast, to my friends at Mattel, my partnership with Diecast Heroes Collectors Journal and the incredible fans, to celebrity enthusiasts and the

Fireball regularly collaborates with influencers and tastemakers. He even made a coloring book featuring Mike Zarnock of Hot Wheels fame.



Fireball shows us just a portion of his extensive die cast collection.



This artwork is ready for your crayons and colored pencils!



unique people who go to and who create die cast conventions. Not to mention the hundreds of thousands of hidden-away, museum-level and amazing basement and garage displays. It's an overwhelming die cast powerhouse that has taken over the planet.

The thing that binds us like the Force is our gratitude to each other and egging each other on through kindness, passion and purpose. We

try to fold this passion into our coloring books for die cast. We've been blessed to work with legends like Mike Zarnock and Larry Wood, and 2023 is poised to be a die cast juggernaut of coolness. My life as an automotive enthusiast is overwhelming.

Whether you're selling cars at a convention or swap meet, filling your garage, office or bathroom with displays, kustomizing Mattel's latest

Fireball publishes a wide variety of automotive-themed coloring books.



Larry Wood (left) and Fireball (right) at the Hot Wheels Legends Tour.

or creating your own... this right here is the best hobby on the planet. And if Elon Musk is successful in the next few years, there will be die casts of Mars coming next. (I'd recommend you start kustomizing...)

So, thank you. Thank you all for playing your crucial part in keeping this hobby alive, keeping it alive while the world fights over politics and control. We as a family show what can be done when love takes the wheel. No matter your color, gender, religious belief or non-belief, location, monetary status or anything else... die cast prevails. Die cast wins. For us, die cast is and will always be the singular and precise way to peace and freedom.

So THANK YOU. Thank you, my friends, for eggin' me on. Thank you for giving your all to the world through die cast. The world is better because of it. Oh... and I'm still hunting for all things 1989 Batmobile die cast. Just sayin'... and I'm out!

Aliens and hot rods; there's no limit to the imaginative scenes found in Fireball's books.



FIREBALL TIM LAWRENCE

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CARPE SECUNDUM

MAISTO 2022 PORSCHE 911 GT3

TEXT BY MICHAEL GREY

IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI

In the spirit of “carpe diem”—or seize the day—Porsche has created a new motto for the latest 911 GT3. This is “carpe secundum,” which Porsche describes as “getting the most out of every second.” No seconds wasted, Porsche got to work on intensifying everything that makes the 911 great and applied it to the GT3.

It’s widely known that since its inception, Porsche’s 911 has been produced to be a pure driver’s car. While there are many different versions of it in any given model year, the GT3 is perhaps one of the best-performing 911s that the company produces.

There’s an aura about being around a 911 GT3, and for good reason. The latest model, designated 992, boasts specs such as a high-revving 4.0-liter flatsix engine that produces 503 horsepower, a 0-60 mile-per-hour time of 3.2 seconds and a top track speed rating of 197 miles per hour. It looks sexy to boot. After all is said and done, a GT3 can set you back about \$200,000. We’re betting it’s worth every penny, too.





SPECS

BRAND
MAISTO

SERIES
SPECIAL EDITION

MODEL
2022 PORSCHE 911 GT3

SCALE
1:18

URL
MAISTO.COM



Porsche's new swan-neck-mounted rear wing produces additional downforce to keep the car connected to the road.



Like its 1:1-scale cousin, Maisto's 911 GT3 sports an aggressive stance.



This static recreation of the GT3 certainly is eye-catching. It comes painted in a color that simulates Porsche's Shark Blue paint.

For a lot less than that, you can add one to your die cast garage thanks to the good folks over at Maisto. When it came time to reproduce the 911 GT3 in die cast, Maisto held nothing back in creating this absolutely stunning 1:18-scale version of the renowned sports car. Maisto's die cast replica features an all-metal body that meticulously reproduces the GT3's lines accurately. The scale replica's Shark Blue paint is finished with an accurate high-gloss topcoat.

This static recreation of the GT3 certainly is eye-catching. Some of the details that we found include accurate cockpit details, oversized brakes, mirrored side mirrors and more. The die cast model measures about 10 inches long and, as is





Maisto's die cast replica Porsche features an all-metal body that meticulously reproduces the GT3's lines.

This GT3 has fully functioning steering, four-wheel suspension, and an opening frunk and doors.

“IF YOU’RE
LOOKING FOR THE
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common on Maisto Special Edition cars, has fully functioning steering and four-wheel suspension. The 911 also has an opening frunk and doors.

The car sits on GT3-specific centerlock-style rims that are wrapped in realistic treaded rubber tires. The detailing on the two-tone black and blue rims really does look sharp. Looking beyond the



“WHEN IT CAME TIME TO REPRODUCE THE 911 GT3 IN DIE CAST, MAISTO HELD NOTHING BACK IN CREATING THIS ABSOLUTELY STUNNING 1:18-SCALE VERSION OF THE WORLD-RENOWNED SPORTS CAR.”

A fully detailed frunk is revealed when the hood is opened.





Opening the 911's doors reveals a complete interior.



The GT3's wheel and tire package is accurately reproduced to scale. Note the oversized brake discs and yellow calipers.



The rear diffuser is designed to generate additional downforce on the road-going GT3.

wheels, you'll notice large-diameter brake rotors with bright yellow brake calipers. Also accurately reproduced is Porsche's new swan-neck-mounted rear wing. The wing produces additional downforce to keep the tires connected to the asphalt.

The view through the windows reveals a complete interior scaled down in exacting detail with a pair of racing seats, sport steering wheel and more. The twin-tipped exhaust system is placed in the middle of the rear diffuser and finished in gloss black. Speaking of the rear diffuser, its large slats that create rear downforce when the GT3 is running at speed are replicated in full detail as well. Maisto's Special Edition series die casts traditionally come mounted on a plastic display stand and this car is no different.

If you're looking for the latest iteration of the 911 to add to your 1:18 garage, we'd say that Maisto's Porsche 911 GT3 is a must-have. The fit and finish of this die cast is on par with Maisto's other offerings and would make for a great display piece. The paint is especially nice on this replica. With its iconic 911 look and treasure trove of details, this is a hard die cast to pass up.

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**JADA BIGTIME MUSCLE 1969 CHEVROLET
CHEVELLE SS**

TEXT BY JAMES YORK
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As lifelong car enthusiasts, it pains us to realize that we can't possibly own every car we've ever wanted. The expense and size of real cars make it a possibility for only a few to have truly expansive car collections. (Jay Leno, we're looking at you.) The reality is purchase price, upkeep and warehousing, among other factors, make owning the 300 or so cars on our list unfeasible. This is where our die cast garage comes into play. Scratching the itch of owning every car that we've ever wanted is made much easier with the help of die cast companies such as Jada.

Jada brings us some of our favorite automobiles

in a much more manageable and affordable package. Jada's Bigtime Muscle series of miniatures has been a reliable source for muscle car lovers like ourselves. Released in three different scales including 1:64, 1:32 and 1:24, the Bigtime Muscle line covers muscle cars of all types including GTOs, Corvettes, Mustangs, Cobras and more. What's more, their pricing is very affordable. We recently got the opportunity to examine one of the company's latest releases, a 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle SS in 1:24 scale.

Part of the General Motors A-body platform, the Chevelle was one of Chevrolet's most successful models and was even billed as "America's

SPECS

BRAND
JADA

LINE
BIGTIME MUSCLE

MODEL
1969 CHEVROLET
CHEVELLE SS

SCALE
1:24

URL
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Custom white-and-blue flames go well with the metallic silver paint job.



most popular mid-size car" by the company. The Chevelle was available with several powerplants, but it was the SS model's big block 396 and L72 427 V8s that garnered the most attention. The SS model's 396 cubic-inch engine churned out up to 375 horsepower, while an even more rare 427 cubic-inch variant put out an incredible 425 brake horsepower.

As with the real car, Jada's die cast replica of the '69 Chevelle SS is a stunner. Painted in gloss metallic silver paint, this Chevelle SS is graced with a custom white-and-blue flame job as well. The SS features a detailed interior and two opening doors along with an opening hood and trunk.



We're really digging the ribbed rear wheel barrels and dragster slicks.

Squared-off side exhaust tips peek through the Chevelle's rocker panels.



“PART OF THE GENERAL MOTORS
A-BODY PLATFORM, THE CHEVELLE
WAS ONE OF CHEVROLET’S MOST
SUCCESSFUL MODELS...”



Jada’s Bigtime Muscle
castings feature exaggerated
body lines and super-wide
fenders.



Opening hood, doors and
trunk add to the Chevelle’s
detail and fun.



Opening either door reveals bucket seats and a reasonably detailed cockpit complete with steering wheel and instrument cluster.

As you may have noticed, the car's body is not an exact replica; Jada's designers took the liberty of exaggerating many of its flowing lines. The fenders are flared and its oversized deep-dish rims are tucked well within the fenders. For the record, we love the look. There's a time and place for absolute accuracy, but this isn't one of them. Jada's Bigtime Muscle line isn't about absolute realism; it's all about absolute fun, and this Chevelle SS is proof.

Even at 1:24 scale, this die cast comes complete with a detailed slat grille with SS badging. These details add an extra something to the overall look of the car that we enjoy. The multipiece-look, deep-dish wheels feature a chrome finish, spin, and come mounted with rubber-like tires, which help to provide the muscle car with a smooth ride.

We like the Chevelle's metal body, but some of the car's panels are a bit rough in some areas. In a perfect world, we'd like to see smoother panel lines—but we're really nitpicking at this point. As you can see, it's a handsome car nonetheless. Interestingly, the door-mounted side mirrors are

Popping the hood reveals a chromed-out engine bay.

“JADA’S BIGTIME MUSCLE LINE ISN’T ABOUT ABSOLUTE REALISM; IT’S ALL ABOUT ABSOLUTE FUN, AND THIS CHEVELLE SS IS PROOF.”

Giant speakers can be seen through the rear window.

made of a flexible plastic, which saves them from getting accidentally snapped off. That's a welcome feature for sure. We've had too many broken mirror incidents to keep count of.

There's no question that Jada's Bigtime Muscle die casts are popular with both muscle car fans and die cast collectors. With many new releases coming out on a consistent basis, it's easy to see why they're hard to resist and quickly filling up the display cases of die cast gearheads everywhere. Thankfully for those who want to collect them all, they're smaller and much more affordable than the real cars they replicate.



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If you're like us, you're always looking for the latest and greatest die cast releases to add to your collection. With so many new releases coming out, it can be much too easy to miss out on

a limited drop or entirely forget to order a die cast that you've been waiting for to be released.

To make your hunt easier, the Die Cast X 2023 Collector's Guide collects new, upcoming and recent releases together for you to view all in one place. We love growing our die cast collection as much as you do, and with so many great die cast models coming out in 2023, we're excited to help you keep tabs on them. So without further ado, let's turn the page and see what's new in the Die Cast X 2023 Collector's Guide!

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American Muscle

1966 Chevrolet Chevelle SS 396 Hardtop

American Muscle is proud to replicate this classic 1966 Chevy Chevelle SS 396 painted in Mist Blue Poly with the popular "Coke Bottle" styling, which became the fad for American cars in the mid-1960s.

P/N: AMM1282

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$115.99

URL: autoworldstore.com



Auto World

1969 Yenko Chevy Chevelle

This Auto World die cast is an exact 1:18 replica of a fully documented 1969 Yenko Chevy Chevelle painted in factory-matched Fathom Green paint and white Yenko striping. Of course, the highly detailed 427ci motor is under the hood, so it's just as it looked sitting in the Yenko showroom.

P/N: AMM1283

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$115.99

URL: autoworldstore.com



Greenlight Collectibles

2022 Ford Mustang Mach 1 Shadow

As a part of Greenlight's Showroom Floor Series, this 1:64-scale die cast replica of the 2022 Ford Mustang Mach 1 Shadow certainly is a head-turner. This officially licensed product features a true-to-scale detailed interior and exterior, real rubber tires and a die cast metal body and chassis.

P/N: 68020E

SCALE: 1:64

MSRP: \$7.99

URL: diecastmodelswholesale.com



GMP

1990 Ford Mustang 5.0 Custom

This 1:18-scale die cast model of the 1990 Ford Mustang 5.0 has an estimated production run of 1,650 pieces worldwide. It features real rubber tires, true-to-scale detail, has steerable wheels and a detailed undercarriage. This is an officially licensed product complete with plumbed and wired engine and opening hood, doors and trunk.

P/N: 18960

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$139.95

URL: diecastmodelswholesale.com

HOT RODS & CUSTOMS



Maisto Special Edition 1970 Ford Mustang Mach 1

If you're looking for a blast from the past, look no further. The 1970 Ford Mustang Mach 1 from Maisto is phenomenal in Grabber Orange. The "Twister Special" was a special-edition Mustang available at dealers in the Kansas City area in late 1969. It had an added drag pack suspension and either a Super Cobra Jet Ram Air engine or the new 351 CID Cleveland V8. The cars featured a black hood stripe and tornado decal. This car features a detailed engine, opening doors and hood, and steerable front wheels.

P/N: 31453

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$40 (approx.)

URL: maisto.com



ACME 1932 Ford Hot Rod Pickup Truck

This 1:18-scale die cast model of the 1932 Ford Hot Rod Pickup Truck Red Limited Edition has an estimated production run of 1,722 pieces worldwide. It features real rubber tires, true-to-scale detail, has steerable wheels and a detailed undercarriage. This is an officially licensed product complete with a detailed interior, exterior and engine, as well as an opening engine compartment, doors and tailgate.

P/N: A1804100

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$134.95

URL: diecastmodelswholesale.com

AMERICAN CLASSICS



ACME

1956 Chrysler New Yorker St. Regis

This 1:18-scale die cast model of the 1956 Chrysler New Yorker St. Regis Copper Sunset Limited Edition has an estimated production run of 500 pieces. It features real rubber tires, true-to-scale detail, has steerable wheels and a detailed undercarriage. This is an officially licensed product complete with plumbed and wired engine and opening hood, doors and trunk.

P/N: A1809009

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$139.95

URL: diecastmodelswholesale.com



American Muscle

1950 Oldsmobile Rocket 88

The Oldsmobile Rocket 88 is considered by some to be the first muscle car (which may be disputed by others). Either way, this model—Alder Green body with a black hard top—is sure to be a classic anyone can enjoy. This die cast features a detailed engine, steerable front wheels, accurate interior and chassis, opening doors, hood and trunk, and more.

P/N: #AMM1280

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$115.99

URL: autoworldstore.com

MODERN SPORTS & EXOTICS



Solido

1990 BMW E30 M3

This 1:18-scale '90 E30 M3 by Solido is available in black or red. The scale die cast model features soft rubber tires, opening doors, a detailed interior and more.

P/N: S1801502

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$54.99

URL: 3000toys.com



Top Speed

Bugatti Bolide Presentation

Top Speed's 1:18-scale Bugatti Bolide Presentation Black and Blue comes with real rubber tires, true-to-scale detail and both a detailed interior and exterior. This officially licensed product measures about 10 inches in length and is made of resin, so it does not have any openings.

P/N: TS0434

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$179.99

URL: diecastmodelswholesale.com



AutoArt Lamborghini Aventador Liberty Walk LB-Works Viola SE30

AutoArt's die cast Lamborghini Aventador Liberty Walk LB-Works Viola SE30 comes finished in metallic purple paint and features real rubber tires and true-to-scale detail, with steerable wheels and a detailed undercarriage. This is an officially licensed product complete with a carpeted interior and frunk, detailed interior, exterior and engine, and an opening engine compartment, doors and frunk. This model is made of composite materials.

P/N: 79242

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$227.99

URL: diecastmodelswholesale.com



Johnny Lightning Classic Gold 2022 Release 2

Johnny Lightning's Classic Gold showcases popular vehicles from all over the world. From classic imports to heavy American iron, it covers the gamut of your favorite rides. This 2022 Release 2 set includes the 1984 Nissan 300ZX, 1982 Mazda RX-7, 2012 Chevrolet Corvette Z06, 1969 Mercury Cougar Eliminator, 1986 Ford Mustang SVO and 1962 Plymouth Savoy Max Wedge.

P/N: JLCG029

SCALE: 1:64

MSRP: \$51.99

URL: autoworldstore.com

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MODERN SPORTS & EXOTICS



Maisto Special Edition 2023 Porsche 911 GT3

The Porsche 911 GT3 is a high-performance racing version of the already-stunning Porsche 911 sports car. Maisto has recreated it in 1:18 scale with several color options; the one shown is called Shark Blue. It features a detailed interior/engine compartment, opening doors and hood, and steerable front wheels.

P/N: 31458

MSRP: \$40 (approx.)

SCALE: 1:18

URL: maisto.com



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Maisto Special Edition Lamborghini Countach LPI-800-4

Fifty years since its unveiling at the Geneva Motor Show, the legendary Lamborghini Countach is making headlines again with a limited-series hybrid supercar. This is the new Countach LPI 800-4. Inspired by the past, made for the future. The 1:18 model features a detailed engine compartment, opening doors, hood, engine cover and steerable wheels.

P/N: 31459

MSRP: \$40 (approx.)

SCALE: 1:18

URL: maisto.com



Bburago Signature Series Ferrari SF90 Stradale Assetto Fiorano

The Assetto Fiorano is a special version of the SF90 Stradale, available on request, designed to further enhance the clear racing spirit the car already has. Added to this are the carbon fiber rear spoiler and special tires, approved for road use and designed to improve track performance, while the special two-tone coloring provides a finishing touch. Bburago has meticulously re-created this gorgeous new supercar in 1:18 scale with opening doors that have visible windows, opening hood/engine cover, steerable wheels and raised Ferrari chrome badging.

P/N: 18-16911

MSRP: \$50 (approx.)

SCALE: 1:18

URL: bburago.com



Bburago Bugatti Bolide

The beautiful Bugatti Bolide is the ultimate Bugatti: a track-only hyper sports car featuring the W16 engine derived from series production combined with a minimal body for maximum downforce. It is the most extreme, uncompromising, fastest and lightest vehicle concept in the company's recent history. The Bburago model does not disappoint, replicating every last detail of this technological masterpiece that has racing DNA dating back to the 1920s. The model features vertically raising doors just like the real vehicle with an insane amount of detail on both the interior and exterior.

P/N: 18-11047

MSRP: \$40 (approx.)

SCALE: 1:18

URL: bburago.com



Bburago Race Porsche 911 RSR LM 2020

The Le Mans-winning Porsche RSR had a new livery in 2020 to commemorate the first of 19 overall victories at the 24 Hours of Le Mans 50 years ago. The #91 Porsche 911 RSR raced with the very same red-and-white paintwork as the legendary Porsche 917. The Bburago Race model features opening doors with amazing interior detail including roll cage. A must for any Porsche race fan.

P/N: 18-28016

MSRP: \$30 (approx.)

SCALE: 1:24

URL: bburago.com



Bburago Race & Play Ferrari SF90 Spider

As the Prancing Horse's first production plug-in hybrid drop-top, the SF90 Spider sets new performance and innovation benchmarks not only for the marque's range, but for the entire sports car sector. The new convertible features Ferrari's signature Retractable Hard Top architecture. This makes the SF90 Spider the ideal car for owners who demand the very pinnacle of Ferrari technology but still want the thrill and versatility of open-top driving. The Bburago model is shown in Giallo Montecarlo paint and features opening doors, hood/rear bonnet and steerable wheels.

P/N: 18-16016

MSRP: \$40 (approx.)

SCALE: 1:18

URL: bburago.com

RACECARS



Greenlight Collectibles Verizon 2022 NTT IndyCar Series, #12 Will Power, Team Penske

This 1:18-scale IndyCar features authentic race car livery, chrome accents, real rubber tires, true-to-scale detail, and if that isn't enough, it also comes in limited edition collectible packaging.

P/N: 11147

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$74.99

URL: 3000toys.com

Auto World 2021 John Force Peak Funny Car

Drag race fans will instantly recognize this dragster. Auto World has replicated this John Force 2021 Peak Funny Car in incredible detail. This 1:24-scale die cast model features a highly detailed chassis and body, limited-quantity production and accurate graphics.

P/N: AWN007

SCALE: 1:24

MSRP: \$109.99

URL: autoworldstore.com

POLICE, FIRE & SERVICE



Iconic Replicas 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 Mayberry Sheriff Police Car

Let's go back to Mayberry in Andy's iconic police car. This 1:43-scale '64 Galaxie 500 features pad-printed graphics, positional front wheels and all die cast metal construction. This model is limited to an edition of only 504 pieces.

P/N: 43-0364

SCALE: 1:43

MSRP: \$59.95

URL: awesomediecast.com

Motormax 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Utility in Black and White

This 1:18-scale 2015 Ford Police Interceptor is the perfect blank slate for the die cast customizer. It is also available in solid white, black or red. Features realistic red and blue emergency lights, a detailed interior, heavy-duty bumper guard, authentic Ford markings and more.

P/N: 73996

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$67.99

URL: 3000toys.com



Auto World 1959 Cadillac Eldorado Ambulance

For the first time, Auto World has replicated this 1959 Cadillac Ambulance in 1:18 scale! This die cast shares the iconic tailfins from the 1959 Cadillac Eldorado. Mounted to the roof is a newly tooled bubble light flanked by red-lensed emergency flasher housings on all four corners. Featuring period-correct red-and-white two-tone paint, this iconic '50s ambulance is ready to resuscitate your die-cast collection!

P/N: AW302

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$139.99

URL: autoworldstore.com

Greenlight Collectibles "Hot Pursuit" Set of 6 Police Cars

This is a set of 1:64-scale die cast "United States Secret Service" Police die cast model cars by Greenlight. This officially licensed product features authentic department livery and true-to-scale detailed interiors and exteriors. The set includes a 2000 Jeep Cherokee, 1998 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor, 2010 Dodge Charger, 2015 Ford Police Interceptor, 2018 Dodge Durango and 2021 Ford Police Interceptor.

P/N: 43015

SCALE: 1:64

MSRP: \$43.99

URL: diecastmodelswholesale.com

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VINTAGE &
PRE-WAR

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CMC USA
Mercedes Benz 300
SLR Uhlenhaut Coupé

Who doesn't know about the famous Uhlenhaut Coupé with its iconic gullwing doors? Now is your chance to own a stunningly replicated model of the most expensive car ever sold. As beloved as this car is, most were only able to see the taillights when racing. (Stock status: pre-orders available for 2023 availability.)

P/N: M-076

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$663

URL: cmcmodelcarsusa.com

CMC USA
1966 Ferrari 275 GTB/C
Modena Yellow
(Limited Edition)

The 275 GTB used a double overhead cam, 3.3-liter, Colombo-designed 60° V12 engine designated Tipo 213. This engine was the final development of the Colombo V12. Internal engine parts were derived from other Ferrari models including the 250 GTE, 250 Lusso and 250 GTO. (Stock status: pre-orders available, in stock Sept. 2022.)

P/N: M-240

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$694

URL: cmcmodelcarsusa.com



CMC USA Mercedes-Benz 600 Pullman Two Tone Landaulet (Limited Edition)

The Mercedes-Benz 600 Pullman was a state-of-the-art vehicle crafted by Daimler-Benz during the 1960s and 1970s. This stylish limo was used worldwide for the upper echelons of society. Replicating it with a fully functional convertible top, CMC serves only the best, just like those who rode in the 600 Pullman. (Stock status: in stock now.)

P/N: M-217

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$1,186

URL: cmcmodelcarsusa.com



CMC Alfa Romeo Tipo B P3

Fifteen of the best European drivers competed in the 10th Gran Prix Italy. The contest occurred primarily between Nuvolari in the 2.65-liter Alfa Romeo Tipo B and Fagioli in the 16-cylinder Maserati. Frequent position changes made this race very exciting to watch while records were broken in the process. (Stock status: pre-orders available 2023, prototype pictured.)

P/N: M-219

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$642

URL: cmcmodelcarsusa.com



CMC USA Aston Martin DB4 Zagato Limited Edition

Jean Kerguen qualified to participate in the 1961 Le Mans with his Aston Martin DB4 GT Zagato. Deeply disappointed, the team had to withdraw after 286 laps with only 50 minutes remaining before the end of the race. Its Zagato was in the 3rd position of the GT class. (Stock status: in stock now.)

P/N: M-139

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$550

URL: cmcmodelcarsusa.com



CMC USA Jaguar C Type 25th Anniversary Edition

The long-distance classic was the main target for Jaguar, and its management was aware of the marketing effect of success in Le Mans. Accordingly, Jaguar put emphasis on high reliability, good handling characteristics and aerodynamic balance of speeds. Chief engineer Bill Heynes did a great job. (Stock status: in stock now.)

P/N: M-214

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$649

URL: cmcmodelcarsusa.com



CMC USA 1966 CMC Ferrari 275 GTB/C Red

In 1966 Ferrari launched the 275 GTB/C on a completely new chassis that Mauro Foghieri had designed for a dual-purpose racecar. Designated as Tipo 590A, it was lighter and stronger than the standard 275 chassis. Own your own example painted beautifully in the iconic Ferrari red. (Stock status: in stock now.)

P/N: M-210

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$694

URL: cmcmodelcarsusa.com



Auto World 1935 Duesenberg SSJ Speedster

Only two Duesenberg SSJ Speedsters were ever actually built. One was gray on gray and the other red and metallic green. Auto World has replicated this SSJ Speedster in authentic Duesenberg colors, allowing more colors to be produced! Finished in Yukon Gold and Chocolate Brown paint, this paint combo is truly a dream come true. This die cast features real rubber tires, true-to-scale detail, has steerable wheels and an opening engine compartment and doors.

P/N: AW305

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$119.99

URL: diecastmodelswholesale.com

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SILVERSCREEN RIDES

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Jada Next Level The Batman Batmobile Chrome Next Level Exclusive

Unmask the truth as The Batman exacts his vengeance on the criminals of Gotham City. Armed with his Batmobile, he takes to the streets to unravel the mystery of The Riddler. This 1:24-scale Batmobile takes its inspiration directly from The Batman (2022), with its angular lines and muscle car inspiration, and features a sleek black chrome finish, 100% die cast body, opening doors, a detailed engine bay and interior, and includes a 2.75" die cast Batman figure. It comes packaged in a collector-friendly closed box with key art from the film.

- Authentically licensed product from DC
- As seen in The Batman (2022), this Batmobile has been taken directly from the big screen and brought to you as a highly collectible 1:24-scale die cast vehicle with a 2.75" die-cast figure
- Limited-edition black chrome finish
- Crafted from durable materials such as 100% die cast metal body and premium rubber tires
- High-end casting method allows for feature-rich details such as an opening hood and doors and detailed interior and engine bay
- Comes in a collector-friendly, closed box package with beautiful artwork from The Batman (2022)
- 2022 Summer Convention / Next Level Exclusive

P/N: 33740

P/N: 1:24

MSRP: \$50

URL: exclusively at jadanextlevel.com





Jada Robotech/ Max Sterling, 2020 Toyota Supra HWR w/ Fig

Help defend Planet Earth alongside the well-dressed Max Sterling, decked out in his sleek racing suit with a stellar vehicle to match. This 1:24 die cast 2020 Toyota Supra is a staple from the popular Japanese animation Robotech. Check out the other Robotech Hollywood Rides including vehicles designed for Miriya Sterling, Roy Fokker and Rick Hunter.

P/N: unlisted

MSRP: \$24.99

SCALE: 1:24

URL: jadatoys.com



Jada Robotech/ Miriya Sterling, 2020 Toyota Supra HWR w/ Fig

The coolest girl with the sleekest ride. Buckle up as you join Miriya Sterling on her adventures while defending mankind in her 1:24 die cast 2020 Toyota Supra. Check out the other Robotech Hollywood Rides including vehicles designed for Max Sterling, Roy Fokker and Rick Hunter.

P/N: unlisted

MSRP: \$24.99

SCALE: 1:24

URL: jadatoys.com



Jada Robotech/ Roy Fokker, 2020 Toyota Supra HWR w/ Fig

Trooper Roy Fokker takes style to a whole new level in his fierce, futuristic, 1:24 die cast 2020 Toyota Supra. Functionality takes a front seat with working doors, hood and trunk. Check out the other Robotech Hollywood Rides including vehicles designed for Max Sterling, Miriya Sterling and Rick Hunter.

P/N: 85402945

MSRP: \$24.99

SCALE: 1:24

Available at select Target stores



Jada Robotech/ Rick Hunter, 2020 Toyota Supra HWR w/ Fig

Reporting for duty! Join the ranks as you ride alongside Rick Hunter in saving humanity. This 1:24 die cast 2020 Toyota Supra will get you where you need to go, and fast. Check out the other Robotech Hollywood Rides including vehicles designed for Max Sterling, Miriya Sterling and Roy Fokker.

P/N: 85402954

MSRP: \$24.99

SCALE: 1:24

Available at select Target stores



Jada 2002 Nissan Skyline GT-R R34 with Hello Kitty Figure

The chic and kindhearted London-born Kitty we all know and love. With a passionate following for her many fashion accessories, it's only fitting that she has her own car. This Hello Kitty 1:24-scale 2002 Nissan Skyline GT-R (R34) is pink and white with a stylish front engine. Comes equipped with a Hello Kitty figure in a sweet racing suit to match the car. Inspired by Jada's Anime Hollywood Rides line.

P/N: 86101254

MSRP: \$24.99

SCALE: 1:24

Available at select Target stores



Iconic Replicas 1974 Dodge 300 LACFD Squad 51 Rescue Unit

Created for the 50th anniversary of the hit TV show EMERGENCY!, this 1974 Dodge 300 Rescue Unit accurately depicts the starring vehicle of the popular television series. It features pad-printed graphics, positional front wheels and all die cast metal construction. This model is limited to an edition of only 5,000 units and is officially licensed by the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

P/N: 50-0338

MSRP: \$99.95

SCALE: 1:50

URL: awesomediecast.com

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LIGHT TRUCKS & SUVs

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Maisto **Special Edition 2021** **Ford Bronco** **Badlands**

Ford knew the assignment when they developed and debuted the 2021 Ford Bronco. Maisto offers several versions; this one is the open-roof Badlands, an extreme off-road SUV with classic styling all from the factory. Available in Cyber Orange and Area 51 Blue, this 1:18 features an opening hood and the doorless look of the real model. It even has a functioning suspension for the rugged adventures ahead!

P/N: 31457

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$40 (approx.)

URL: maisto.com

Maisto **Special Edition 2021** **Chevrolet Tahoe**

The long-awaited release of Maisto's 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe is finally here. This fifth-generation Tahoe matches the real deal with the panoramic sunroof and 22" wheels. The real vehicle is ready for luxury or an adventurous drive to the mountains. The Z71 and RST trims both offer a 6.2-liter V8 engine. This model features opening front doors and a detailed interior.

P/N: 31533

SCALE: 1:26

MSRP: \$20 (approx.)

URL: maisto.com



Greenlight Collectibles & 3000toys.com Dodge Power Wagon Series

With all new tooling from Greenlight Collectibles and 3000toys.com, three versions are available this fall in 1:64 scale: 1945 Power Wagon in Anvil Gray, 1950 Texaco Power Wagon Tow Truck, 1947 Smokey Bear Power Wagon Fire Truck.

P/N: 51470-A,B,C

SCALE: 1:64

MSRP: \$49.99 set of three

URL: 3000toys.com

Auto World 1947 Studebaker Pickup Truck Coors

Auto World has replicated this 1947 Studebaker Pickup emblazoned with the marks of classic Coors Extra Dry Pilsner Beer. This amazing die cast replica features tan paint with black fenders, rolling wheels, an accurate interior and chassis, opening doors and tailgate.

P/N: AW24012

SCALE: 1:24

MSRP: \$79.99

URL: autoworldstore.com



ACME 1967 Chevrolet C-30 Ramp Truck "Holley Speed Shop"

This 1:18-scale die cast model of the '67 "Holley Speed Shop" C-30 Ramp Truck has an estimated production run of 500 pieces. It features slide-out ramps, real rubber tires, true-to-scale detail, steerable wheels, a removable bed rack and adjustable wheel chocks on the bed. Its cabin is made of die cast metal; the ramp bed is made of plastic. Wheel chocks in the rear are adjustable for different lengths of cars.

P/N: A1801707GH

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$139.95

URL: diecastmodelswholesale.com



Greenlight Collectibles 1966 Ford Bronco "26th Annual Woodward Dream Cruise"

This is a 1:18-scale die cast model of the 1966 Ford Bronco "26th Annual Woodward Dream Cruise" featured heritage vehicle from Greenlight Collectibles' Artisan Collection. It features real rubber tires, true-to-scale detail, has steerable wheels and a detailed interior and exterior.

P/N: 19134

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$69.99

URL: diecastmodelswholesale.com



Greenlight Collectibles 1967 Chevrolet C-30 Dually Wrecker NYPD

This is a 1:18-scale die cast model of the New York City Police Department's 1967 Chevrolet C-30 Dually Wrecker. This limited-edition die cast model features real rubber tires, true-to-scale detail, has steerable wheels and a detailed interior and exterior.

P/N: 13652

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$109.99

URL: diecastmodelswholesale.com



Greenlight Collectibles 1974 Ford F-250 Monster Truck "Bigfoot #1"

Make room, this monster of a die cast truck is almost 13 inches long! Direct from Greenlight's Kings of Crunch Series is this giant 1:18-scale die cast model of the 1974 Ford F-250 Monster Truck "Bigfoot #1". This officially licensed and limited-edition die cast model features real rubber tires, true-to-scale detail, has steerable wheels and a detailed interior and exterior.

P/N: 13650

SCALE: 1:18

MSRP: \$122.99

URL: diecastmodelswholesale.com

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Conrad MAN TGS TN 2-Axle Truck with Round Trough Dump Trailer

This MAN TGS die cast rig is made in Germany and features a steerable front axle, detailed interior, realistic dumping action and extendable landing gear.

P/N: 81231-01

MSRP: 173.99

SCALE: 1:50

URL: 3000toys.com



Iconic Replicas

1980 Eagle Model 10 Greyhound Coach

Destination: Washington! Iconic Replicas creates another iconic and highly detailed workhorse from yesteryear. This 1:43-scale 1980 Eagle Model 10 bus features pad-printed graphics with accurate Greyhound markings as well as all die cast metal construction. This model is limited to an edition of only 504.

P/N: 87-0354

MSRP: \$42.95

SCALE: 1:87

URL: awesomediecast.com



Iconic Replicas

1980 Grumman 870 MTA New York City Transit Bus

Destination: B64 Coney Island! Iconic Replicas creates another iconic and highly detailed workhorse from yesteryear. This 1:43-scale '80 Grumman 870 bus features pad-printed graphics and all die cast metal construction. This model is limited to an edition of only 504.

P/N: 87-0408

MSRP: \$49.95

SCALE: 1:87

URL: awesomediecast.com



Iconic Replicas

GM PD4151 Union Pacific Railroad Silversides

Destination: Los Angeles! Iconic Replicas creates another iconic and highly detailed workhorse from yesteryear. This 1:43-scale bus features pad-printed graphics and all die cast metal construction. This model is limited to an edition of only 504.

P/N: 43-0363

MSRP: \$69.95

SCALE: 1:43

URL: awesomediecast.com



Iconic Replicas

Peterbilt 352 Pacemaker Greyhound Van Lines Tractor Trailer

Iconic Replicas creates yet another iconic and highly detailed workhorse from yesteryear. This 1:43-scale tractor trailer features pad-printed graphics and die cast metal and ABS plastic construction. This model is limited to an edition of only 504.

P/N: 43-0363

MSRP: \$74.95

SCALE: 1:43

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THE CAB THAT STARTED IT ALL

**AUTOMODELLO'S ONE43 1940-1941
CHECKER MODEL A TAXI**

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The 1940s was a time when men wore hats, women wore gloves, a nickel got you a cup of coffee and you could catch the latest Bogart and Bacall flick for just a dime. It was also the time, in big cities such as New York and Chicago at least, that taxicabs were driven by roughneck characters with scruffy voices and wise-guy temperaments. Automodello looks to bring you back to the golden age of cab hailing with its latest ONE43 release, the 1940-1941 Checker Model A Taxi.

There may not be a more iconic city-bound vehicle than the Checker Cab. The checkerboard-decorated yellow cabs defined ride sharing decades before the term was even coined. The simple mention of the word "taxi" conjures up the image of the ubiquitous Checker A-series in most people's minds.

The 1950s-era A9 taxi is perhaps the most famous taxi of them all, but that car's architecture dates all the way back to the original 1939 Checker Model A. In fact, the Model A's legacy is impressive and long-lived; its underpinnings were used in all Checker cabs until the end of production in 1982.

From its inception, Checker's Model A design focused on the core priorities of the taxi industry. Its open-front





The taxi's open-front fender design and inboard headlight location helped minimize accident damage and was easy to repair, too.

“THE SIMPLE MENTION OF THE WORD ‘TAXI’ CONJURES UP THE IMAGE OF THE UBIQUITOUS CHECKER A-SERIES IN MOST PEOPLE’S MINDS.”

The top-down feature of the Model A taxi was a big draw for its riders. This die cast comes with an optional top that can be placed on the rear opening.



The original Model A served as the basis for all Checker taxis clear through the 1980s.



Automodello offers the Model A in two liveries. Choose between the yellow cab of New York or the green cab of Chicago Kalamazoo.



The optional top looks seamless when placed on the taxi.



fender design and inboard headlight location helped minimize accident damage and facilitated easy replacement to keep Model As on the road. The Continental 262 cubic-inch inline-six engine was simple, reliable and easy to maintain.

The most innovative features focused on passenger comfort and luxury with an eye toward attracting customers. It was roomy, comfortable to ride in, easy to get in and out of. The most distinctive feature was the power-retractable landaulet "roll-top" that, with the push of a button, lowered the shell encompassing the C-pillar and rear window area to provide an open-air experience for passengers in fair weather.

These details are each presented in Automodello's ONE43 1:43-scale model of the famed Checker Model

A Taxi. The model comes in a clear acrylic display case with black base and an information card about the Model A. It also comes with an optional top to simulate the taxi's innovative roll-top. The top can be placed onto the rear of the taxi, but it does not snap into place.

The highly detailed cab is available in two historic livery schemes, a yellow cab of New York City and one wearing the green colors of Chicago and Kalamazoo. Each car is finished with authentic details that depict 1940 and 1941 taxi markings. Don't miss out; each color variation is limited to just 143 pieces, ensuring collectability to match their impressive detail. If you're looking for a piece of 1940s nostalgia, are a collector of taxis or just plain love interesting and historic vehicles, this pair of taxis is a must-have.

SPECS

COMPANY
AUTOMODELLO

SERIES
ONE43

MODEL
1940-1941 CHECKER
MODEL A TAXI

COLOR OPTIONS:
YELLOW NEW YORK CITY
LIVERY / GREEN CHICAGO
KALAMAZOO LIVERY

SCALE
1:43

MSRP
\$119.99 EA.

URL
AUTOMODELLO.COM



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**HITTING THE ROAD WITH A TRIO OF
SERIES 3 MUSCLE MACHINES**

ON THE

TEXT AND IMAGES BY MICHAEL GREY

If you haven't noticed yet, we're big fans of die casts of all genres. Be it impossibly detailed replicas that are made to exacting detail or squashed, cartoonish castings that are cute and squat, we enjoy and collect them all. We're venturing a guess that since you're reading this magazine that you're in the same boat as us.

One of the brands known for its exaggerated die

casts is Muscle Machines. Their signature cartoonish look is iconic and is a favorite of die cast collectors. Muscle Machines has been on a tear as of late, turning out more new castings and new colorways than ever before. We are pretty excited about this fact since we've been big-time fans of the brand's unique style for more than 20 years now. Wow, saying that really dates us, doesn't it? Well, time flies, but our hunger for die cast seems



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to only get more ravenous.

These 1:64-scale Muscle Machine vehicles are fun to look at, play with and, for die-hard collectors like us, irresistible to collect. We recently picked up a trio of models from their latest Series 3 collection. Series 3 includes a Ferrari F40, 1971 Chevy Camaro in Advan livery, a 1955 Chevy Nomad Gasser, a 2013 Mustang Boss 302, Lamborgh-

ini Countach and a RAUH-Welt Begriff (RWB) 993 911. We cherry-picked the three European exotics from this collection to have some fun with.

We're oftentimes indecisive on whether or not to leave our die casts mint on card or to free them from their bubble-card prisons and roll them around on our desk. In this case, we couldn't help but stage a breakout. As with each of the Muscle

SPECS

COMPANY
MUSCLE MACHINES

SCALE
1:64

SERIES
SERIES 3

URL
MUSCLEMACHINES.COM

Each Series 3 Muscle Machines car comes packed in attractive and protective packaging.



“THESE 1:64-SCALE MUSCLE MACHINES VEHICLES ARE FUN TO LOOK AT, PLAY WITH AND, FOR DIE HARD COLLECTORS LIKE US, IRRESISTIBLE TO COLLECT, TOO.”



Each Muscle Machines vehicle comes loaded with key details such as stylized exhausts, aero parts, wheels and precision tampo printed graphics.

1:64-scale Muscle Machines vehicles are fun to play with and irresistible to collect.

Machines series releases, each Series 3 car comes with a display stand that features an embossed Muscle Machines logo along with a vehicle label.

All three vehicles are cartoonish in style yet still feature key details that really make them super cool. In the case of the iconic Ferrari F40, we noticed that it sports all the correct Ferrari logos on its hood, fenders and rear end, as well as detailed headlight and taillight tampos. Its giant rear wing and twin exhaust tips finish it off perfectly.

The very JDM-looking wide-body 993 Porsche 911 is the work of famed Japanese tuner RWB. It's awesome that Muscle Machines made a RWB 911; it shows that they are on top of the latest vehicle trends. We're really digging it. The over-the-top 911 is coated in a neon-green paint job and features all the signature traits found on a RWB creation, including exaggerated fenders and giant rear wing.



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Which exotic car would you pick? Is it considered cheating if we choose all three?

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Finally, the Lamborghini Countach... yes, every '80s kid's fantasy car is now a Muscle Machine. In fact, we probably had a picture of one on the cover of our Trapper Keeper. If you know what that is, welcome to the middle-aged club! The wedge-shaped Countach is even wedgier in Muscle Machines form, and we love it. The team at Muscle Machines really got it right, including its bronze-colored wheels and monster rear wing. It's simply fantastic.

Getting our hands on these Series 3 vehicles is getting us even more amped up about future Muscle Machines releases. We're eagerly waiting to see what other castings and color combinations that the die cast brand comes out with. Until then, you'll find us at our desk playing with all our other Muscle Machines.



Muscle Machines Series 3 cars come with a display stand that features an embossed Muscle Machines logo along with a vehicle label.



SIX-WHEEL APPEAL

TAMIYA'S 1:12-SCALE TYRRELL P34 SIX WHEELER

TEXT BY JAMES YORK

IMAGES COURTESY OF TAMIYA USA



The Tyrrell P34 employed four small wheels, which could all be steered in tandem, at its front to help reduce drag.

While most of the vehicles we cover in DCX contain die cast metal as their main component, we would be remiss if we didn't cover some highly detailed plastic model kits in our pages. As scale detail enthusiasts we appreciate scale details found in precision replicas, whether they are made of die cast metal or injected plastic.

In this edition of The X-Factor, we get an up-close look at Tamiya's latest assembly model kit that replicates the famed Tyrrell P34 Six Wheeler Formula 1 car in 1:12 scale. It's a fantastic-looking perfect detail kit. Let's take a closer look at it.

Simply put, we love detailed miniature vehicles, even those that are made of injection-molded plastic. Tamiya has a well-founded reputation for creating fun-to-build, true-to-life scale models teeming with realistic details. Tamiya's giant

1:12-scale model kit recreates the Tyrrell P34 Six Wheeler as it competed during the 1976 Formula 1 world championship.

The Tyrrell P34's main feature was its radical six-wheel design, which is arguably the most radical design ever to compete in Formula 1. The racecar's designer, Derek Gardner, went with four small wheels at the front of the car in order to reduce drag by making the frontal area smaller. Instead of two normal-sized tires, he utilized four smaller-diameter tires that could be steered in tandem. This also allowed the tires to be shrouded by the nose, further reducing drag.

The radical racer debuted at the 1976 Spanish GP and proved to be competitive. It was piloted by drivers Jody Scheckter and Patrick Depailler, who drove the P34 to an incredible 1st and 2nd finish respectively at the Swedish GP during that season.



Tamiya's large recreation measures over 13 inches in length and is stacked with stunning detail. Rivaling even many die cast cars in terms of detail, this model kit features ultra-realistic recreations of the suspension and controls and even comes with photo-etched metal parts that realistically replicate brake discs, nose wing end plates, and radiator and seatbelt buckle parts. Realistic aluminum engine air funnel parts are also included for even more metal realism.

Additional details include a complex front and rear suspension setup that employs coil springs, detailed engine features that even include cables for the ignition system, as well as realistic synthetic rubber tires. Decals by renowned decal maker Cartograf are included to recreate both No.3 and No.4 cars.

If you're looking for even more details than you find on most die cast models, try your hand at building a model-kit. If you're a Formula 1 fan like we are, we think Tamiya's 1:12-scale Tyrrell P34 Six Wheeler is an impressive kit to add to your collection.

SPECS

TYPE
ASSEMBLY
KIT

SCALE
1:12

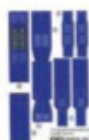
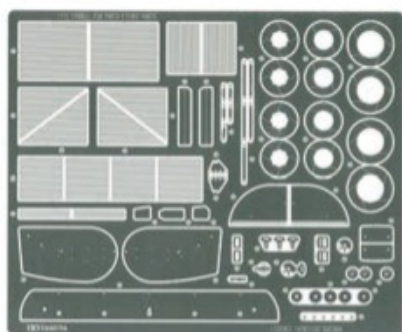
LENGTH
13.24 IN. (336MM)

MSRP
\$141

P/N
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URL
TAMIYAUSA.COM

This model kit features photo-etched metal parts that realistically replicate brake discs, nose wing end plates, and radiator and seatbelt buckle parts.



Decals by renowned decal maker Cartograf are included to recreate both the No.3 and No.4 cars.





READY TO LAUNCH

TEXT AND IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI

GT SPIRIT'S BRABUS ROCKET 900

How much speed and how much exclusivity is enough for the consummate automotive enthusiast? That's what Brabus set out to find out with its incredible take on Mercedes-AMG's GT 63 S 4MATIC+ four-door sports coupe, the Brabus Rocket 900.

Offered in a limited allocation of only 10 units, the Brabus Rocket 900 can be thought of as the

ultimate expression of what a four-door sports car should be. Not only is it pleasing to the eye—it packs a serious performance punch, too. It features carbon fiber throughout, as well as plenty of Alcantara in its opulently appointed Brabus Masterpiece interior. It's quick and luxurious... it is a Brabus, after all.

Suffice it to say that even with an asking price



approaching half a million dollars, all of the sports coupes may already be spoken for. Even if you don't have 500 grand burning a hole in your pocket, allow us to inform you that a Rocket 900 is still within reach. GT Spirit has recreated the Brabus Rocket 900 in 1:18 scale and is offering it for a lot less than its 1:1 cousin.

One glance at the realistic-looking model and

you may find yourself conjuring up the sounds of the 1:1 car's growling 900-horsepower, 922-foot-pound bi-turbo V8 engine. This die cast is substantial; weighing in at over two pounds, this one of the heavier 1:18-scale cars that we've handled. Its all-metal body features sharply crafted contours that emulate the real steel car's body lines accurately.

The die cast depicts the real Brabus Rocket 900's

SPECS

COMPANY
GT SPIRIT

MODEL
BRABUS ROCKET 900
GT 63

SCALE
1:18

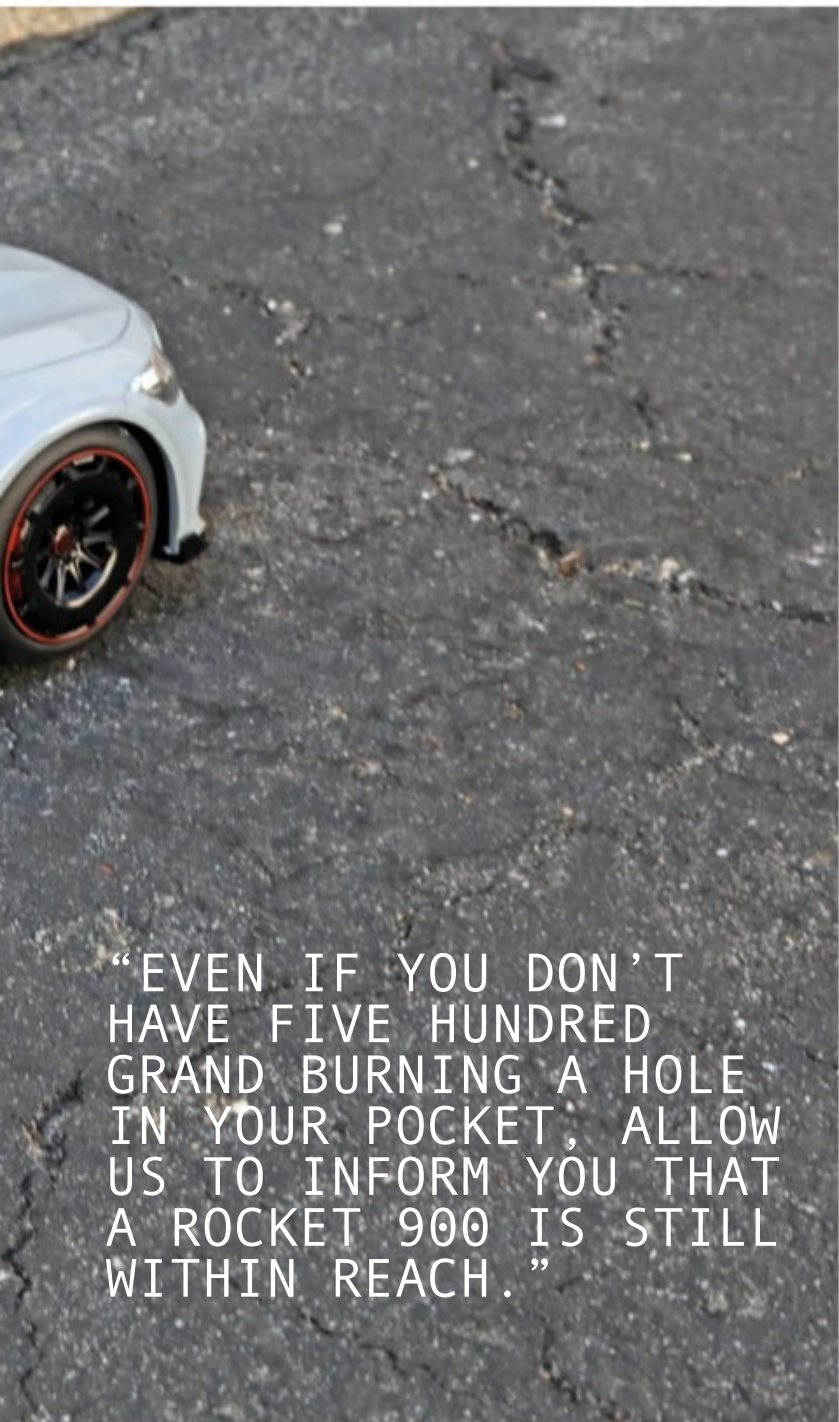
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Just like the real Rocket 900, this scale model uses 21" wheels up front and 22" wheels in the rear.





The Brabus Rocket 900's sleek silhouette has been faithfully recreated by GT Spirit in 1:18 scale.

“EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE FIVE HUNDRED GRAND BURNING A HOLE IN YOUR POCKET, ALLOW US TO INFORM YOU THAT A ROCKET 900 IS STILL WITHIN REACH.”



liberal use of carbon fiber, which can be found throughout its bodywork, as well as its scaled 21- and 22-inch carbon fiber aero disc wheels. The coupe is also fitted with a rear GT wing and ram-air intake front grille. The carbon fiber patterns didn't make it onto this die cast version's carbon surfaces, which are finished in gloss black instead. Quad chrome exhaust tips complete the exterior details.

Moving on to the interior, you'll find a complete Brabus Masterpiece cabin, scaled down in perfect detail including a Mercedes-AMG sport steering wheel and detailed instrument panel. The doors, hood and trunk do not open, nor do the wheels roll. The Rocket 900 is a truly static die cast model.

Not all of us are fortunate enough to be able to blow a half million bucks on a car, but luckily for us, GT Spirit has shrunk the Brabus Rocket 900 down so that we can have the pleasure of parking one in our scale garage.



Car Shows

ENJOYING THE AUTOMOTIVE GATHERING IN ALL ITS FORMS

BY JERRY TSAI

& Concours



So many cars and so many car shows. It's been a fun summer car show season!

As summer winds down, I find myself reminiscing about this past season. It's been a hot one for sure, but it's been an active one for me as well. I've been a car fanatic for as long as I can remember. All car genres interest me, from rides of the mid-century clear through the latest technology-packed vehicles of today.

Over the course of these summer months I attended a wide variety of car shows, from early morning cars and coffee meets to the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, and everything in between. There's nothing quite like walking the show grounds, whether it's in a parking lot or on a PGA golf course. It's been a fun, auto-filled sum-

mer. Attending car shows also inspires me to add to my die cast garage; I always seem to see a car in person that I want to add to my collection.

It's this love for cars and wanting to be around them that helps drive my passion for die cast. Die cast allows us to have car shows in our own homes, filled with only our favorite vehicles. It's a world where you are the car show curator, car owner and car show judge all rolled up into one. Die cast collecting is fun, but our collections are also ever-evolving. As they say, the hunt never ends. Always looking for a new piece to add to the garage, you'll find me walking the car show looking for my next die cast ride.



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Auto World is proud to replicate this Lotus S1 submarine car as seen in *The Spy Who Loved Me*. It was fondly referred to as "Wet Nellie" as a tribute to Bond's auto gyro "Little Nellie" from *You Only Live Twice*. Its many gadgets include wheel arches that transform into fins, a small periscope, missile launcher from the rear deck, underwater mines, black dye from the back, and torpedoes from the front. As well as being amphibious, the highly armed car has cannons that spray cement on to pursuing vehicles. This 1:18 die-cast is replicated as the famous submarine, but we've also included the chassis parts and instrument panel to turn it back into the Lotus Esprit sports car!

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