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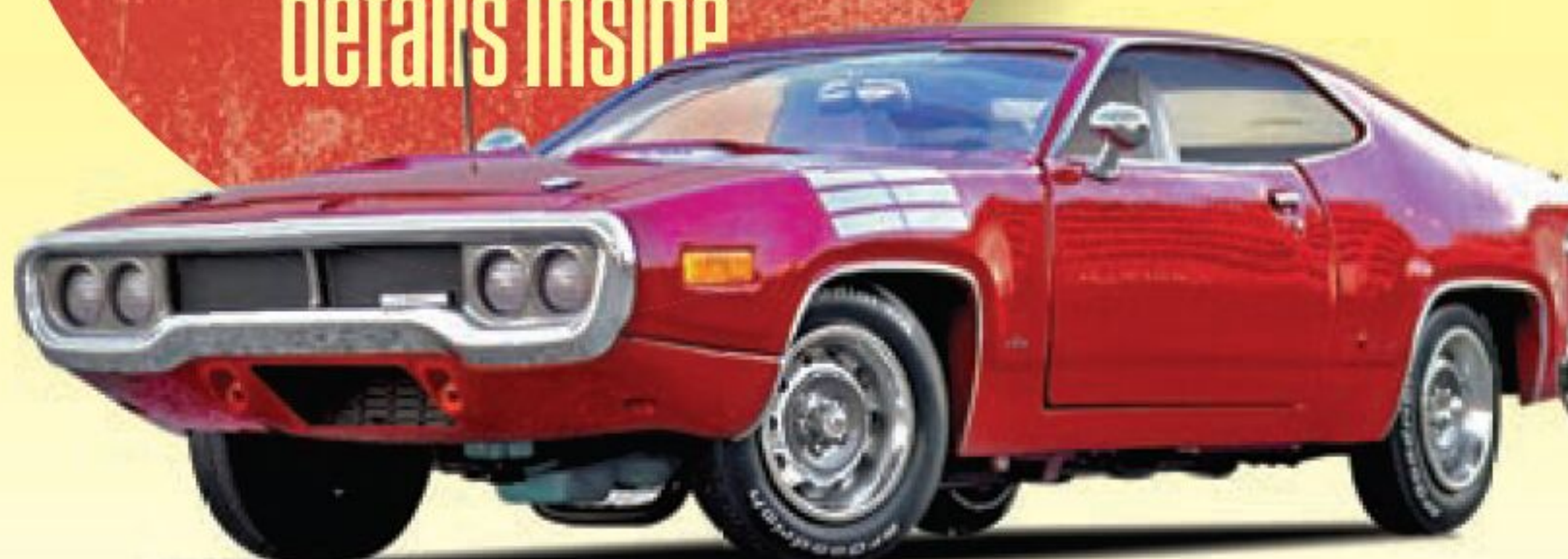
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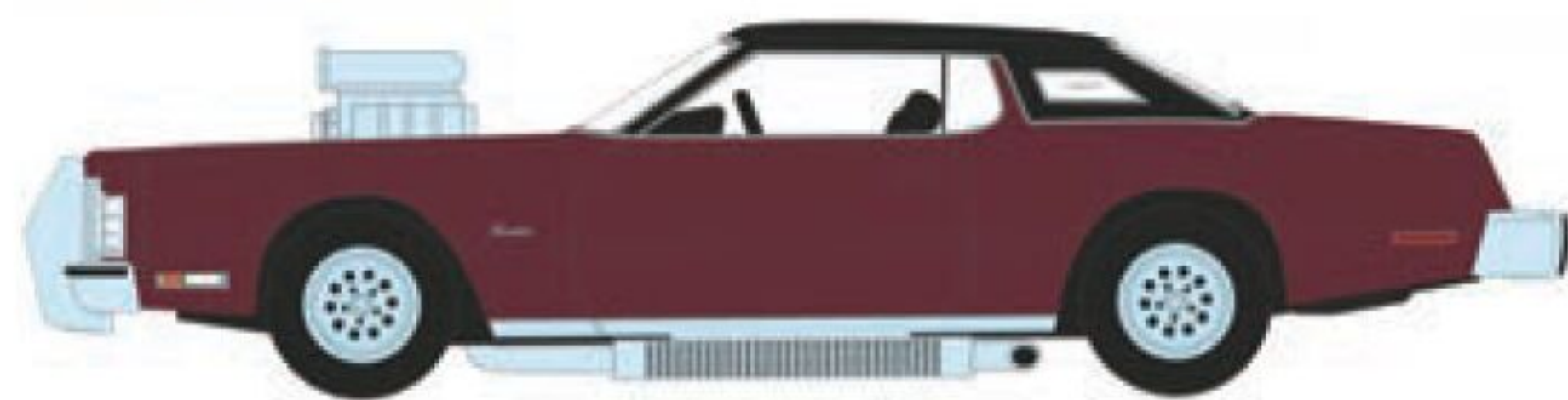
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62020-C - 1:64 1986 Chevrolet Caprice
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THE CROW



NEW TOOLING!
62020-D - 1:64 T-Bird's 1973 Ford Thunderbird
with Supercharger
The Crow (1994)

THE CROW



62020-E - 1:64 1984 Plymouth Gran Fury
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The Crow (1994)

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CHAPTER 4



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62030-E | 1967 FORD BRONCO - COUNTING CARS (2012-CURRENT TV SERIES)

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CLARENCE AND ALABAMA'S 1974 CADILLAC ELDORADO CONVERTIBLE (TOP UP)

1972-1976 FORD THUNDERBIRD

62020-D | 1:64 HOLLYWOOD SERIES 41 - THE CROW (1994)

T-BIRD'S 1973 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH SUPERCHARGER



editor's letter

As winter's chill settles in, we're thrilled to present the Winter 2024 issue of Die Cast X, your go-to destination for all things miniature and detailed in the die cast car universe. In this edition, we've curated a die cast collection that transcends the seasonal frost, bringing the heat with an array of die cast models that will be a feast for the eyes.

We join the likes of Auto World, Bburago, Jada, Maisto and more for in-depth looks at some of their latest die cast releases. From vintage classics to cutting-edge supercars, each model tells a story, and we're here to tell the tales behind these replicas.

We also take a closer look at Hot Wheels Legends Tour's latest winning car, as well as partake in some die cast hunting across the globe. It's a good time, you won't want to miss it. Whether you're a seasoned collector or just starting your journey into the world of die cast, our Winter 2024 issue is your passport to a realm where passion meets precision.

On the second page of this issue—yes right up front in this magazine—you'll find an announcement from Maisto and Bburago for their exciting 2024 kick-off sweepstakes. You have to enter by January 31, 2024, so don't miss out on a chance to win die cast prizes! Details are on page 3.

By the way, we are looking to show off our readers' rides and that means YOURS! If you have a custom

or rare die cast 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 and tell in a future issue of Die Cast X. If you have a rare collectible or custom die cast that you'd like to "show and tell" in a future issue of DCX, 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





'69 Pontiac Grand Prix (Royal Bobcat)
#AMM1316 (Due Sept)



Auto World announces a 1:18 fit for a king

The Pontiac® Grand Prix™ entered its second generation with an all-new redesign for 1969. This “muscle-yacht” was a purpose-built car as envisioned by John Delorean, the general manager of GM’s Pontiac Motor Division at the time. Delorean wanted to capture the entire experience of old luxury marques like Duesenberg, Cadillac®, and Packard of the 1930s. Monikers like J and SJ, properly befit the Grand Prix name. Royal Pontiac, of Royal Oak, MI was already well known in the domain of Pontiac performance. The Grand Prix was no exception, despite its massive size. Royal optioned these 4000lb cars with the 428 H.O. 4bbl engine rated at 390hp. It was a formidable machine on the street, but didn’t look the part. Many “muscle” cars that dared to challenge were only viewed in the Grand Prix’s rear view. Inspired by the Hurst SSJ Grand Prix models, this Royal Bobcat is painted in factory-matched Firefrost Gold and Cameo White.



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01 GREEN-LIGHT 1977 PONTIAC FIREBIRD TRANS AM

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Scale: 1:18
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02 AMERICAN MUSCLE 1973 CHEVROLET VEGA GT

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04 OTTO MOBILE 1995 HONDA CIVIC CRX VTI DEL SOL

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05 GREEN-LIGHT UPS 2019 PACKAGE CAR

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06 JOHNNY LIGHTNING 1965 VW TYPE II TRANSPORTER RAT FINK WITH COLLECTOR TIN

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Viking Blue with Black Interior



37230-C - 1:64 1964 Plymouth Roadrunner Custom Hardtop
(Lot #1220)
Blue with Modern Hi-Mi Lettering



37230-D - 1:64 1967 Ford Bronco Custom (Lot #147)
Red and White



37230-E - 1:64 2017 Ford GT (Lot #1417)
Venom Blue



37230-F - 1:64 2020 Chevrolet® Corvette C8 Stingray
(Lot #1500)
Shadow Gray Metallic with Adrenaline Red Interior

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SERIES 32



44920-A - 1:64 - 800 Maxwell's 1981 Dodge Diplomat
The Greatest American Home (1981-83 TV Series)



44920-B - 1:64 2001 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor
Miami Metro Police Department
Dexter (2006-13 TV Series)



44920-C - 1:64 1979 Ford LTD Country Squire
Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991)



44920-D - 1:64 1983 Ford LTD Crown Victoria Police
Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991)



44920-E - 1:64 1989 Chevrolet S-10 Extended Cab Monster Truck
Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls (1995)



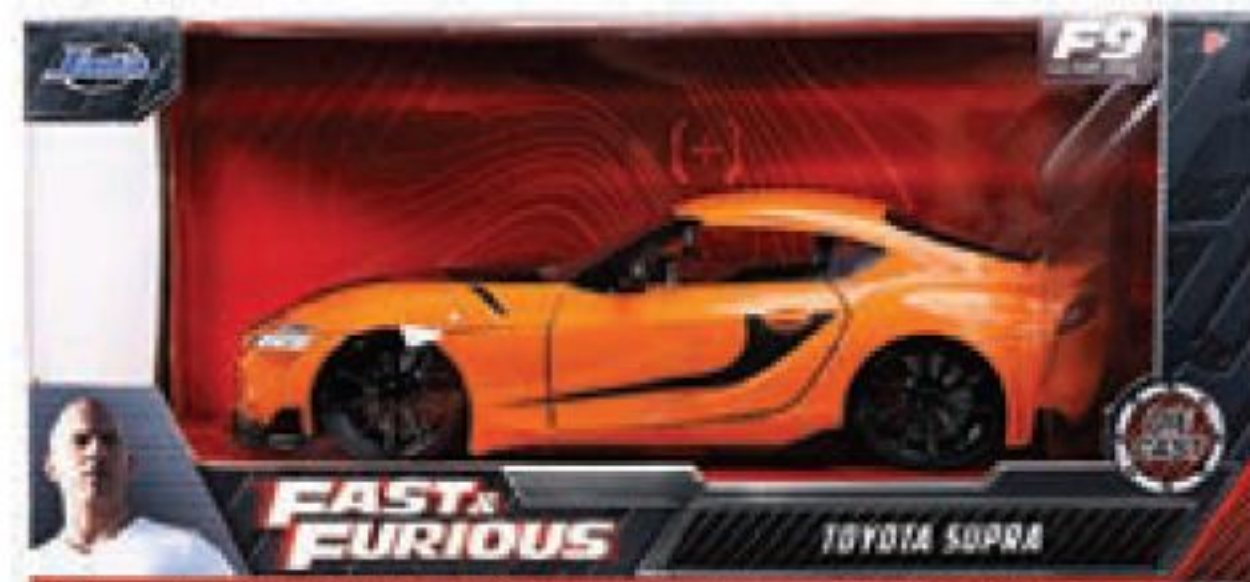
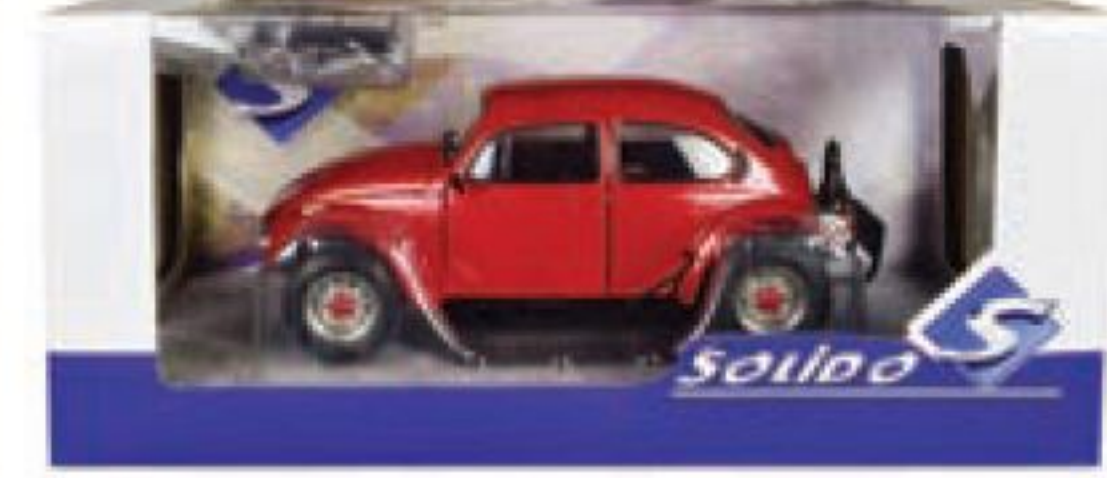
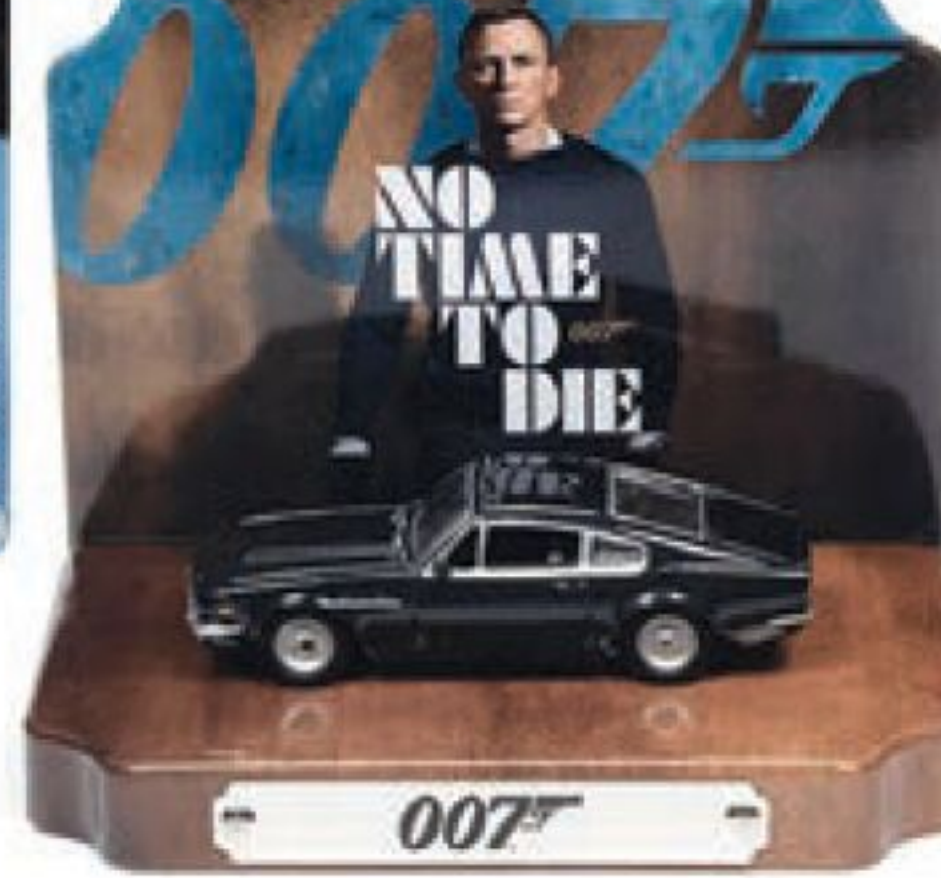
44920-F - 1:64 Officer John Holton's 1971 Chevrolet Chevelle
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SHOW & TELL

LET'S SEE WHAT YOU GOT!

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Welcome to the latest installment of Show & Tell! We welcome our readers to share their favorite vehicles from their personal collections with us so that we can help show them off to fellow Die Cast X readers. Let's see what our readers have to Show & Tell!

Die Cast X loves to see our readers' rare and customized die cast rides. If you have a rare collectible or custom die cast that you'd like to "show and tell" in a future issue of DCX, submit your ride at www.diecastxmagazine.com/dcx-readers-collection.



JOHN SCOTT

Location: Savannah, Georgia

Brand: Hot Wheels

Series: HW City

Model: 1990 Honda Civic EF

Scale: 1:64

From the Owner: "The EF version of the Honda Civic was a dream car of mine growing up. The boxy shape and big hatch on the rear were what drew me to it. Nowadays the prices of these cars are more than even when they were brand-new. I'll have to settle with the Hot Wheels version, which is fine because they made a great casting of it."





ABEL GUZMAN

Location: Dinuba, California

Brand: Hot Wheels

Series: IWC x Hot Wheels Limited Edition Racing Works Set

Model: Datsun 510 Bluebird

Scale: 1:64

From the Owner: "I love the humble beginnings of the BRE brand and how they left a footprint in the racing and die cast communities. The colors are by far the eye catcher for me and I have been a fan of the model Datsun 510 for many years. As an owner of a Nissan 370Z Nismo, the Datsun has been a very influential car from the beginning of its time. It will continue to be one of my favorite cars in die cast models—as well as the actual vehicle itself."



KERRY HARTLEY

Location: Owasso, Oklahoma

Brand: Protar

Model: Motto Guzzi V7 Special

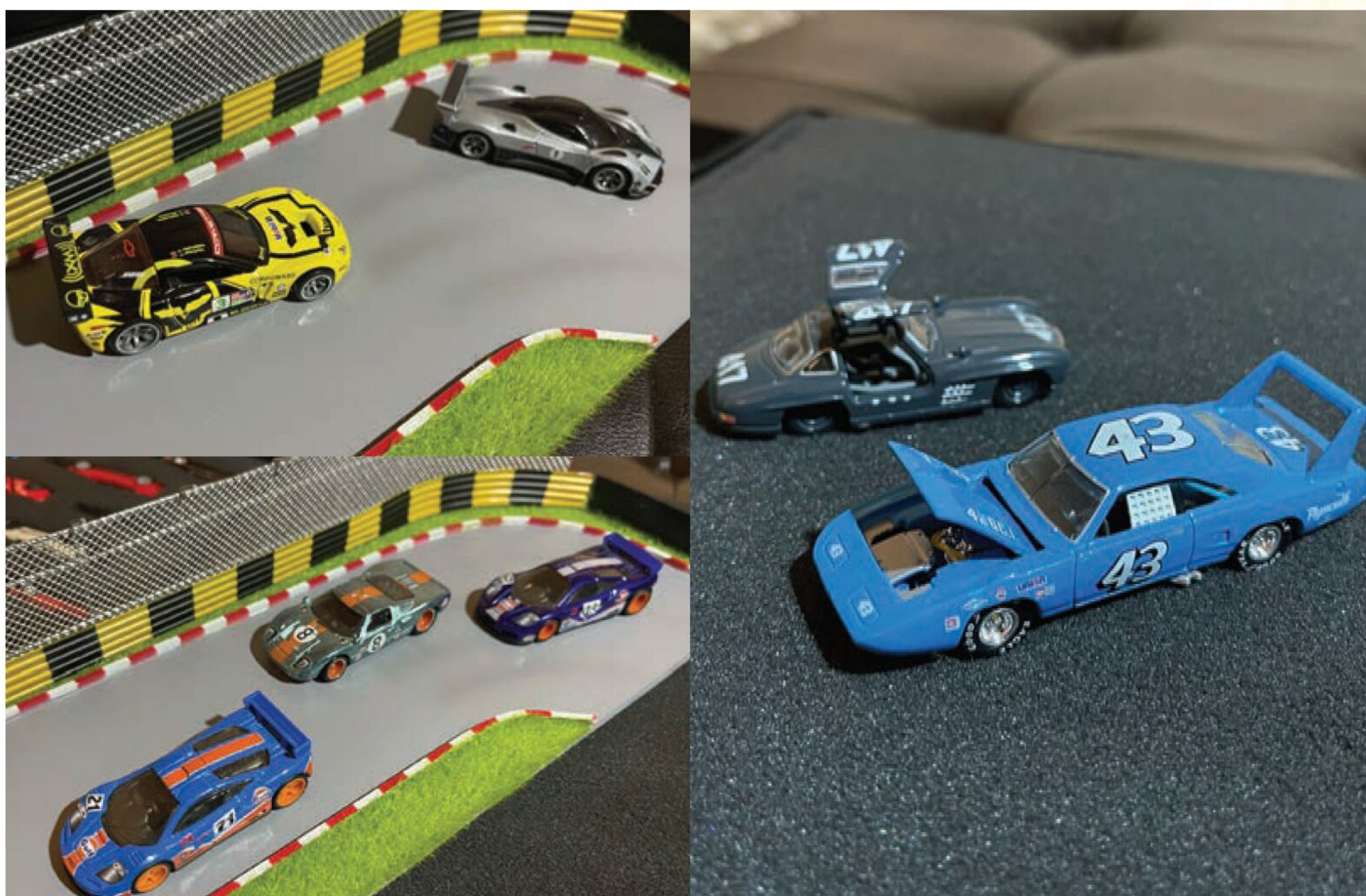
Scale: 1:9

From the Owner: "I owned a Moto Guzzi V7 motorcycle in 1967. I recently bought a vintage Protar kit of a V7 Special. I built it to match my V7, including making the mirror, bag and helmet that are on my bike in the picture."



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DIECAST SUPPORT GROUP (DILAN)

Location: Los Angeles, California

Brand: Hot Wheels

Series: Car Culture, Elite 64, 100%, Speed Machines

Model: Porsche 917K, Pagani Zonda R, Corvette C6R, McLaren F1 GTR, Ford GT40

Scale: 1:64

From the Owner: "I've always loved historic race cars and sports cars, so when Hot Wheels makes them in a smaller scale, I absolutely need to have them!"

THEO MENDOZA

Location: Fontana, California

Brand: Hot Wheels

Model: Z Whiz

Scale: 1:64

From the Owner: "The reason I like this die cast is because my first car was a 1978 280Z that I still own. I'm currently restoring the car and this casting was the first Z that Hot Wheels made, and the first-ever JDM car that they made. My Z is actually silver as well."



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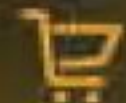


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▲ 1:24 FCX24 - **Smart Car**



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▲ 1:24 FCX24 - **Pony**

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▲ 1:24 FCX24 - **Lemur RTR**



wer Wagon RTR



▲ 1:18 FCX18 - **Toyota Land Cruiser 80 RTR**

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REIGNS SUPREME

**HOT WHEELS LEGENDS TOUR
2023: A WINNER IS CROWNED**

TEXT BY JAMES YORK
IMAGES COURTESY OF MATTEL

In a dazzling display of automotive creativity, the 2023 Hot Wheels Legends Tour Global Grand Finale witnessed the coronation of a true masterpiece. Chris Watson, hailing from the scenic landscapes of northern New Zealand, emerged victorious with his awe-inspiring 1990 Mazda MX-5 roadster affectionately known as “Chimera.” The roar of celebration echoed virtually as this automotive gem earned its place in the prestigious Hot Wheels Garage of Legends, and is now destined to be immortalized as a 1:64 die cast sensation.

Watson’s journey from the quiet countryside of rural New Zealand to the global spotlight epitomizes the essence of the Hot Wheels Legends Tour. Chimera, meticulously crafted within the walls of a shed, is a fusion of Japanese “Kaido Racer” aesthetics and the dystopian allure of Cyberpunk sci-fi. The result is a visual feast for automotive enthusiasts, featuring a custom carbon-fiber sharkfin spoiler, a futuristic rear light bar, and turbofan wheels tucked beneath massive 100mm fender flares, all personally designed by Watson.

Chimera’s interior embraces a cyberpunk makeover, complete with a smoked-acrylic switch panel, LED lighting and a custom-mounted “cyberdeck” over the passenger seat. The entire vehicle is a testament to Watson’s vision, airbrushed to convey a dystopian, weathered appearance culminating in a wasteland-themed RX-7 front-end conversion.

The 2023 Hot Wheels Legends Tour, presented by Mobil 1, etched its mark in history as the largest tour in Hot Wheels' storied legacy. Covering five continents and 16 countries, this year attracted myriad entries, each vying for the coveted title. Ted Wu, Vice President and Global Head of Design for Vehicles at Mattel, remarked, "Every year the competition gets better, and 2023 definitely didn't disappoint. Chris's journey from rural New Zealand to securing a spot in the Hot Wheels Garage of Legends is truly inspirational and embodies what this tour is all about. Chimera is a great addition to the Garage of Legends, and we can't wait to create the die cast version."

Chimera's exterior features an airbrushed weathered patina and additions like a carbon sharkfin spoiler, menacing fender flares, a futuristic-looking rear light bar and red underbody lighting effects.

The Global Grand Finale, hosted by motorsports

ambassador Jarod DeAnda, showcased 10 remarkable Semi-Finalist builds from around the world. The distinguished panel of judges, featuring names like Jay Leno, Dalal Elsheikh, Larry Chen, Noel Gugliemi, Toni Breidinger, Bryan Benedict and Craig Callum, faced the daunting task of selecting the entry that best embodied authenticity, creativity and the indomitable spirit of the garage.

Since its inception in 2018, the Hot Wheels Legends Tour has evolved from local Walmart events to the world's largest traveling car show, bridging the gap between builders and automotive enthusiasts worldwide. Chimera now joins the illustrious lineup of Legends Tour champions and promises to captivate



Hot Wheels fans as a 1:64 die cast wonder. As we eagerly await the miniature rendition of Chimera, the legacy of the Hot Wheels Legends Tour continues to grow, fueled by passion, innovation and the relentless pursuit of automotive greatness.

The roar of Chimera marks not just a victory

for Chris Watson, but a triumph for the global community of Hot Wheels enthusiasts who share a passion for pushing the boundaries of automotive imagination.

To explore more about the Hot Wheels Legends Tour and witness the incredible journey of Chimera, visit HotWheels.com/Legends.

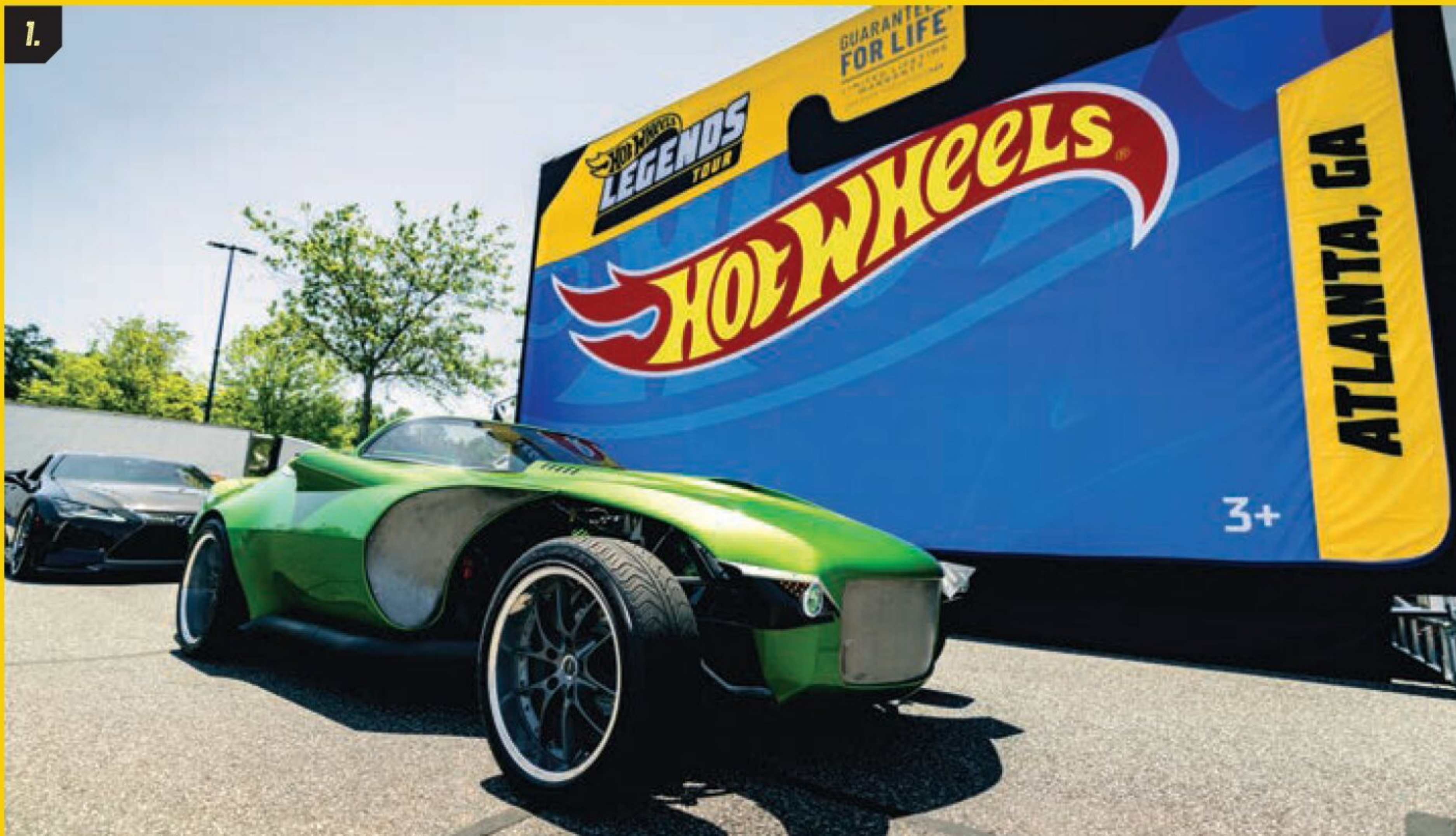
The distinguished panel of judges featured names like Jay Leno, Dalal Elsheikh, Larry Chen, Noel Gugliemi, Toni Breidinger, Bryan Benedict and Craig Callum (not listed in any particular order).



Jay Leno and Jarod DeAnda, Global Grand Finale host, celebrate the crowning of a new Hot Wheels Legends Tour winner.

HotWheels LEGENDS TOUR FINALISTS

The judges had the difficult task of choosing a winner amongst 10 finalists. Let's take a look at the other nine contenders from around the globe.



1 MICHAEL SCIRE

Tour Stop: Atlanta, Georgia

Vehicle: 1981 Camaro

Michael acquired the Camaro at 15 years old and, with the help of a close friend and his father, built the custom green roadster over 18 years. The second-generation Camaro features a completely custom body which was shortened 18 inches and a hand-built 350 cubic-inch LT engine with a custom exhaust.

2 THIBAUT LAGARDÈRE

Tour Stop: Le Mans, France

Vehicle: Bellytank

Thibault and his Bellytank, nicknamed Golgoth I, was crowned as this year's French winner. Golgoth I was designed in the tradition of post-war Lakesters and Bellytanks, historically used for beach racing. This outstanding vehicle was built from an aircraft fuel tank and spare parts from 1930s French vehicles. The engine is based on a V8 Flathead with a free-flowing exhaust.



3 DAVID ALMANZAN

Tour Stop: Houston, Texas

Vehicle: 1985 Mercedes-Benz 300D

David, a high school automotive technology program instructor, noticed a neglected Mercedes-Benz 300D and decided that it could be a great project for teaching students technical skills via hands-on learning. The 300D features bolted-on fender flairs to accommodate the all-terrain tires and a lifted suspension inspired by classic rally cars. Powered by a OM617 turbodiesel engine with an exhaust exiting through the hood, Tootsie is anything but subtle.

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4 PHILIP JÄGER

Tour Stop: Hannover, Germany

Vehicle: 1974 BMW 2002 Tii Touring

Philip turned a wrecked BMW 2002 Tii Touring into a German Hot Wheels Legends Tour event winner. He spent many years building the small BMW into the ultimate drift machine. Modifications include a modern BMW M5 engine swap.

5 DAVID SEBASTIAN

Tour Stop: Indonesia

Vehicle: 2015 Nissan Juke

David's Nissan Juke was inspired by the official Juke racecars developed for the Japan Grand Touring Championship and Deutsche Tourenwagen Master class. With 450 horsepower and a custom manual conversion, this Nissan is a showstopper.



6 MICHAEL WALLHEAD

Tour Stop: Launton, United Kingdom

Vehicle: MGB GT

Michael's MGB GT features a 3.0-liter Jaguar AJV6 engine to achieve 0-60 mph in 4.2 seconds and a top speed of 148 mph. Building it over eight years, Michael wanted to recycle as many parts as possible and used a propshaft from a Range Rover, an axle saved from a Reliant Scimitar, Triumph motorcycle throttle bodies, Nissan Silvia S14 brakes, and bluejeans for the seat upholstery.





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Hot Wheels LEGENDS TOUR FINALISTS



7 MICHAEL BROWN

Tour Stop: Phoenix, Arizona

Vehicle: 1957 BMW Isetta

Michael Brown of Deputy, Indiana, won the Phoenix stop with his matching BMW Isetta builds, "Big Dill" and "The Pickle Jar." Big Dill is a 1957 BMW Isetta based dragster powered by a 1200cc Harley-Davidson Shovelhead motor. Michael also transformed a matching Isetta into a hauler named The Pickle Jar to carry the other BMW. The Isetta truck is powered by a 230 Chevrolet straight-six engine mounted on a custom-made subframe designed to accommodate the tilting bed.

8 SAMUEL LECHOWICZ

Tour Stop: Poland

Vehicle: 1985 Daihatsu Hijet

Samuel's Daihatsu Hijet features an extremely unique powertrain. The original engine was removed and a motorcycle was mounted into the back of the small van. In order for this setup to run, almost every part of the vehicle was modified, including a custom floor, roll cage and suspension setup.

9 JUAN CARLOS

Tour Stop: Mexico

Vehicle: 1980 Porsche 928S

Juan converted his Porsche 928S into a pickup to enjoy with his family at their lake house. Thanks to its bespoke roof rack, the Porsche is now capable of carrying two bikes, two surfboards, a foilboard and a slalom ski. Additionally, a custom-mounted 10,000-pound winch, full-length skid plate, custom roll cage and off-road tires allow this Porsche to take on even the roughest roads.



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In the midst of the roaring muscle car era of the early 1970s, the battle for supremacy among auto manufacturers was at its peak. Amidst the competition, the 1972 Plymouth Road Runner GTX emerged as a beacon of power and style, and today, Auto World has resurrected this legendary vehicle in the form of their meticulously crafted American Muscle 1:18-scale die cast replica.

The '72 Road Runner GTX faced its own set of challenges, navigating through an automotive landscape marked by changing safety and new clean air standards and industry disruptions. Despite these hurdles, the muscle car managed to capture the admiration of enthusiasts to solidify its place as a revered classic in the hearts of American car lovers.

From the 1972 Plymouth B-body lineup, the Road Runner with a 440 cubic inch engine stood out as the top-of-the-line performer. This model played a pivotal role, representing the pinnacle of performance at a time when the muscle car craze was facing constraints. Notably, only 672 Plymouth Road Runner GTXs were produced in 1972 in the U.S. and Canada, with 453 being automatics and 219 equipped with four-speed manual transmissions.

Distinctive in its design, the '72 Road Runner GTX showcased a bold exterior with unique styling elements that set it apart from its predecessors. Auto World's die cast replica



NOSTALGIC POWER

**AMERICAN MUSCLE 1:18
1972 PLYMOUTH ROAD RUNNER GTX**

TEXT BY JAMES YORK
IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI



If you're a stickler for scale realism, we're willing to bet you'll be pleased with this die cast.

Details can be found all over this model, from the chrome trim right down to the underchassis.



American Muscle painted this 1972 Plymouth Road Runner GTX die cast replica in factory-accurate FE5 Rallye Red complete with bright white tank track stripes.

“DISTINCTIVE IN ITS DESIGN, THE '72 ROAD RUNNER GTX SHOWCASED A BOLD EXTERIOR WITH UNIQUE STYLING ELEMENTS THAT SET IT APART FROM ITS PREDECESSORS.”

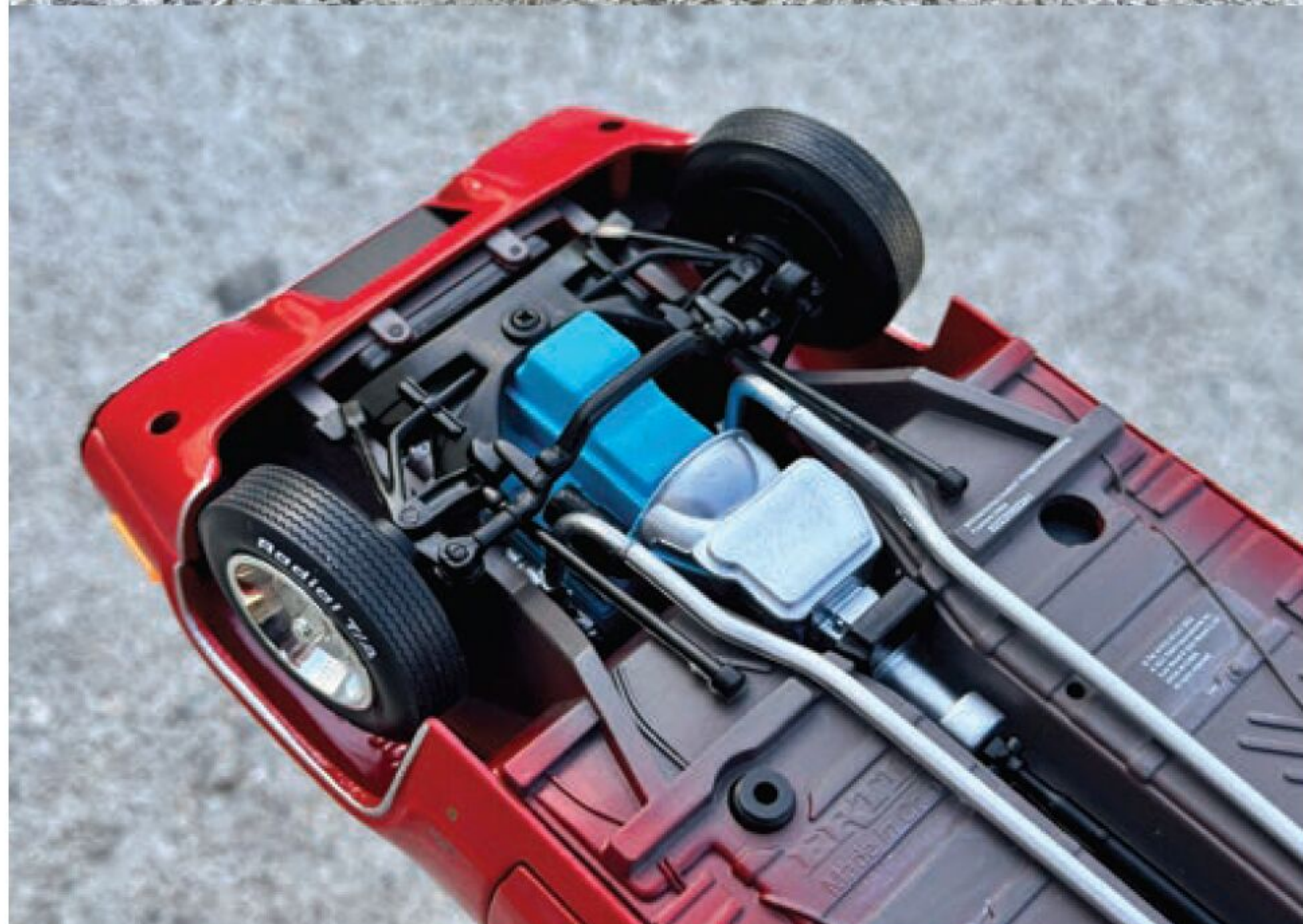
faithfully captures these details, from the iconic grille to the distinctive body contours, bringing the essence of the '72 Road Runner GTX to life.

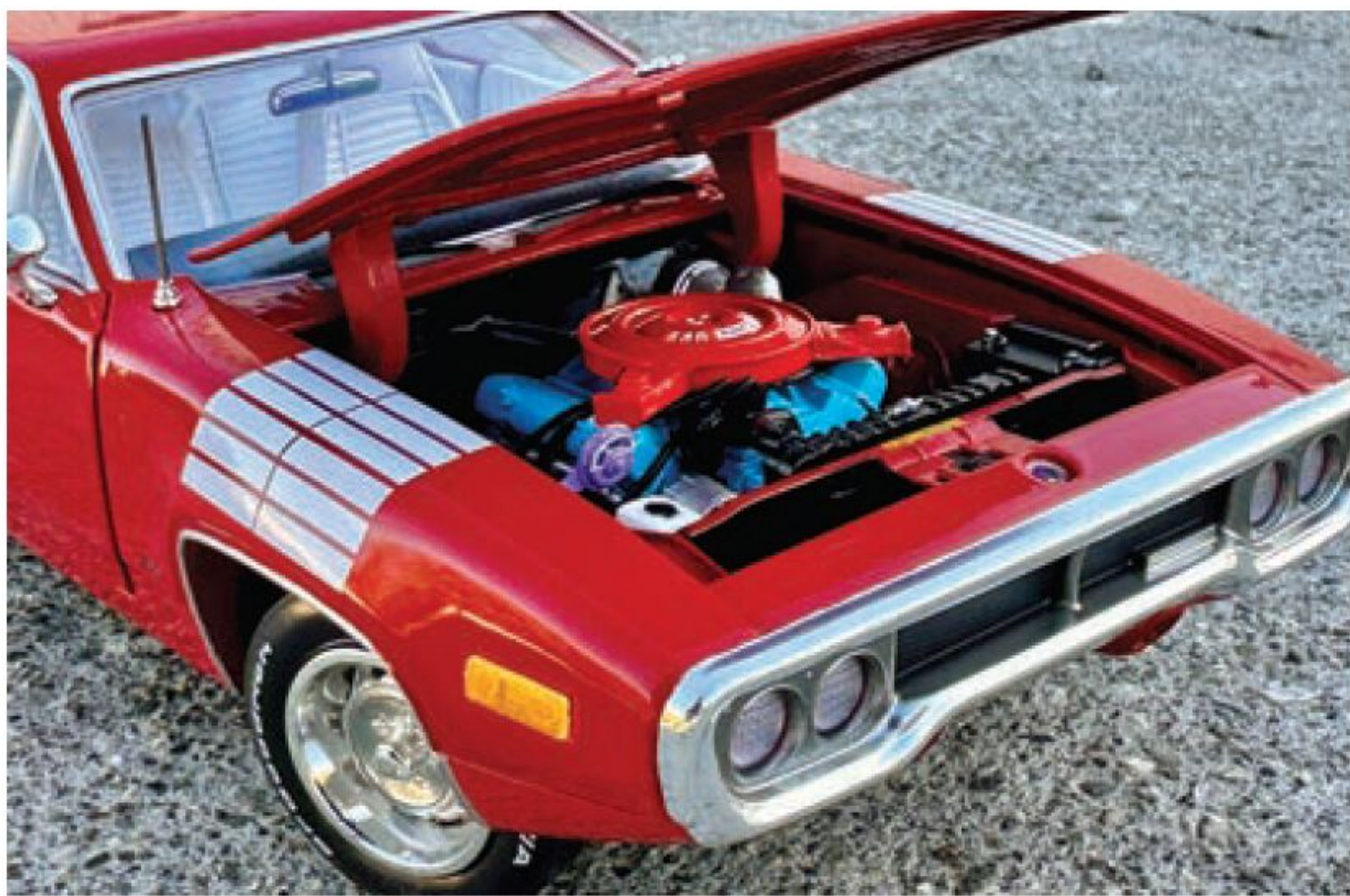
Under the hood, the heart of the beast roared with the potent 440ci V8 engine, delivering an impressive 280 horsepower that echoed the golden age of American muscle. The American Muscle die cast faithfully reproduces this powerhouse, ensuring that collectors can marvel at the intricacies of the engine bay.

American Muscle introduces the 1972 Plymouth Road Runner GTX die cast replica in FE5 Rallye Red with tank track stripes in a nod to its distinctive features. The model showcases dual snorkel hood scoops, white bucket seats, dual chrome mirrors and Rallye wheels, further capturing the essence of this iconic muscle car.

Auto World's attention to detail is evident in the newly tooled 1972 grille, rear bumper, side marker lights, door skins and side panels, making this die cast gem a perfect addition to any collector's showcase. The interior is meticulously re-created with accurate details, showcasing the craftsmanship for which Auto World's American Muscle line is renowned.

Every inch of this die cast replica is a testament to American





The 440ci V8 engine and engine bay detailing is incredible on this die cast.

Opening the doors, hood or trunk reveals a host of intricate details.



The die cast replica's interior looks just as exquisite as its exterior.

Muscle's commitment to precision. The steerable front wheels allow collectors to position the model with care, while the opening doors and hood invite enthusiasts to explore the intricacies of the interior and engine compartment.

For collectors seeking a piece of muscle car history, the American Muscle 1972 Plymouth

Road Runner GTX is a must-have. This die cast model pays homage to a pivotal era, allowing enthusiasts to own a piece of automotive history. As the real-life Road Runner GTX becomes rarer by the day, Auto World's accurate and detailed replica stands as a worthy addition to any die cast collection, especially for Plymouth and muscle car enthusiasts alike.

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MODEL
1972 PLYMOUTH
ROAD RUNNER GTX

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JADA HYPER-SPEC ADVAN PORSCHE 911 TURBO (1997)

GERMAN PRECISION WITH JDM FLAIR

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SPECS

BRAND
JADA

LINE
HYPER-SPEC

MODEL
PORSCHE 911 TURBO
(997)

SCALE
1:24

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With its bold red-and-black color scheme and sleek aerodynamic shape, it's undeniable that this die cast is a real attention-grabber. Jada's Hyper-Spec series presents a stunning re-creation of the Porsche 911 Turbo (997). This model, adorned with a JDM-esque Yokohama Advan livery, seamlessly marries German engineering with Japanese racing aesthetics, creating a visual masterpiece that looks right at home on the racetrack.

The sleek lines of the 997 Porsche 911 Turbo

serve as the canvas for this unique collaboration of styles. The Yokohama Advan livery, with its bold graphics and iconic red-colored striping, transforms the German sports car into a spectacle that pays homage to Japanese racing culture. It's more than a die cast replica; it's a fusion of two automotive worlds celebrating the synergy of German precision and Japanese racing flair.

The attention to detail on the Jada Hyper-Spec Porsche 911 Turbo is as we have come to expect



Thanks to a mix of German design and JDM graphics, this is a sharp-looking car.

The paintwork on this die cast is crisp and precise.

The top-down view reveals a complete look at the iconic Yokohama Advan livery.

Rubber tires and chrome step-lipped rims look nice on this 911.

“THE YOKOHAMA ADVAN LIVERY, WITH ITS BOLD GRAPHICS AND ICONIC RED-COLORED STRIPING, TRANSFORMS THE GERMAN SPORTS CAR INTO A SPECTACLE THAT PAYS HOMAGE TO JAPANESE RACING CULTURE.”



from the brand. The model features opening doors, frunk and rear engine lid, allowing enthusiasts to explore the intricacies of the iconic Porsche design. The five-spoke gloss-black rims, adorned with chrome stepped lips, add a touch of elegance to the 997's aggressive aesthetics. A closer look beyond the wheel spokes reveals a high-performance big brake kit, complete with eye-catching red calipers and cross-drilled brake rotors—a testament to the racing pedigree of this die cast beauty.

The overall look of the 997 Porsche 911 Turbo is undeniably racy, capturing the essence of speed

and performance. The sleek lines, aggressive stance and meticulous livery come together to create a visually striking representation of a race-ready powerhouse. The marriage of the Porsche 911's iconic design with the vibrant Yokohama Advan livery creates a harmonious blend of sophistication and sportiness.

For die cast collectors who appreciate more than just static replicas, the Jada Hyper-Spec series offers an immersive experience. The 1:24 scale allows enthusiasts to appreciate every curve and detail, making it a standout addition to any collection. Whether displayed proudly on



The 997's doors, frunk and rear hood open to reveal realistic interior details.

a shelf or taking a leading role in a race-inspired diorama, this Porsche 911 Turbo (997) demands attention and admiration.

In a world where automotive styles often collide, the Jada Hyper-Spec Porsche 911 Turbo (997) emerges as a symbol of balanced coexistence. Get ready to embark on a journey that merges precision with flair as this JDM-infused Porsche takes center stage, representing the best of both worlds in the die cast car universe.

“THE SLEEK LINES, AGGRESSIVE STANCE AND METICULOUS LIVERY COME TOGETHER TO CREATE A VISUALLY STRIKING REPRESENTATION OF A RACE-READY POWERHOUSE.”



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MAISTO'S 1:18-SCALE 2014 HARLEY-DAVIDSON SPORTSTER IRON 883

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Amongst two-wheeled icons, few names resonate with as much thunderous fanfare as Harley-Davidson. The American juggernaut has a storied history of crafting motorcycles that seamlessly blend classic aesthetics with road-churning performance. A prime example of this ethos is the Harley-Davidson Sportster Iron 883, a two-wheeled ride that epitomizes the marriage of style and power. Now, thanks to Maisto, this iconic motorcycle has been re-created in the form of a detailed 1:18-scale model.





SPECS

BRAND
MAISTO

SERIES
H-D CUSTOM
(SERIES 41)

MODEL
2014 SPORTSTER
IRON 883

SCALE
1:18

P/N
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The profile of the 883 looks modern and classic at the same time.



Like the real thing, this motorcycle's kickstand is retractable.



Maisto did a great job re-creating the Sportster in 1:18 scale.



The 2014 Harley-Davidson Sportster Iron 883 features an unmistakable design profile that pays homage to the brand's heritage while exuding a modern, rebellious spirit. As part of the Sportster lineup, the Iron 883 carries forward the torch of its predecessors with a raw, stripped-down aesthetic.

At the heart of this motorcycle is a V-twin engine that packs a punch. The 2014 Iron 883 is propelled by an 883cc Evolution power unit delivering torque, responsive performance that makes city streets and open highways its playground. A distinctive exhaust note, always a trademark of Harley-Davidson, adds a symphony to every ride, making for an auditory experi-

ence that's often as thrilling as the ride itself.

Beyond its performance, the Iron 883 is a visual marvel. The design is characterized by its muscular stance, bobbed fenders and minimalist styling. The iconic peanut tank adds a touch of nostalgia, while the blacked-out finishes give it an unmistakable visual edge. It's a testament to Harley-Davidson's commitment to crafting motorcycles that are not just a means of transportation but an extension of one's identity.

Maisto's 1:18-scale replica of the 2014 Harley-Davidson Sportster Iron 883 is equally a testament to precision and attention to detail. The matte black paint, intricate decals and faithfully

replicated features capture the look of the Iron 883's real-world cousin. Every curve and contour of the motorcycle's exterior has been shrunk down to perfection, making it a standout replica.

This scaled-down bike features movable wheels, functioning kickstand and other authentic touches that bring the model to life. From the detailed engine to the finely crafted exhaust pipes, every element reflects Maisto's commitment to design.

Perfect to place in your display case or grace your desk, Maisto's 1:18-scale 2014 Harley-Davidson Sportster Iron 883 is more than just a good-looking motorcycle model—it's a homage to the spirit of freedom, rebellion and taking to the open road that Harley-Davidson has championed for decades. So, gear up and get ready for a miniature ride that encapsulates the soul-stirring essence of America's most iconic motorcycle brand. Ride on, collectors, ride on.

Matte black paint, chrome accents and a detailed engine are just some of the details that give this Harley replica its realistic look.



“EVERY CURVE AND CONTOUR OF THE MOTORCYCLE’S EXTERIOR HAS BEEN SHRUNK DOWN TO PERFECTION, MAKING IT A STANDOUT REPLICA.”



Maisto made sure that this bike was finished with details such as a realistic speedometer and painted lights and gas cap.



In the crowded world of die cast cars, where scale precision finds balance with fun sculpts, the Jada Big Time Muscle series stands more on the fun side of the house than the precision side. Big Time Muscle offers enthusiasts a unique blend of style, detail, and a heavy touch of rebellion. One of the latest creations in this collection is the special edition 2016 Chevy Camaro Widebody Police Drift Patrol.

This piece of aggressive automotive art is created in 1:24 scale and is a real head-turner from every angle, clad in a high-gloss black-and-white finish that exudes an air of 360-degree donut-churning authority. Adorned with Highway Patrol style graphics, this Camaro Widebody is more than just a replica; it's a statement on wheels.

Its ultra-wide fenders and deep-dish wheels elevate its aesthetic, giving the customized Camaro an extra dose of width for a stance that screams aggression and power.

Crafted with a die cast metal body, this model doesn't just replicate the look of the Camaro—it embodies the car's spirit. The doors, hood and

DRIIFT PATROL

JADA BIG TIME MUSCLE 1:24 WIDE
BODY 2016 CHEVROLET CAMARO

TEXT AND IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI



Pop the hood to reveal a detailed engine and engine bay.

“CRAFTED WITH A DIE CAST METAL BODY, THIS MODEL DOESN'T JUST REPLICATE THE LOOK OF THE CAMARO—IT EMBODIES THE CAR'S SPIRIT.”

This widebody edition Camaro demands attention anywhere it is displayed.



trunk swing open, revealing plenty of detail including a fully realized engine bay. Peek inside and the interior comes to life, complete with features that bring authenticity to the palm of your hand.

The special edition 2016 Chevy Camaro Widebody Police Drift Patrol's graphics add a playful yet authoritative touch, underscoring the Camaro's rebellious spirit. The in-your-face fenders, super-wide tires and Volk Racing style wheels contribute to a dominating stance.





Looking ready to drift, this Camaro features wide bolted-on fenders, a large GT-style wing, front bumper splitter and a bulging hood.



A rear diffuser and wide rims and tires are give this car an aggressive look.

SPECS

BRAND
JADA

LINE
BIGTIME MUSCLE WIDE
BODY

MODEL
2016 CHEVROLET
CAMARO

SCALE
1:24

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JADATOYS.COM

For die cast collectors seeking more than just replicas but fun as well, the Jada Big Time Muscle series offers an immersive experience. Its 1:24 scale strikes the perfect balance between size and detail, allowing enthusiasts to appreciate every curve and contour.

The Jada Big Time Muscle 1:24-scale Chevy Camaro Widebody fuses style, precision and fun, capturing the essence of the open road and the thrill of high-speed pursuits. It's a bold addition to any collection that embraces the muscle car spirit, open highways and burnout donuts.

This die cast features opening doors, hood and trunk.





MID-ENGINE MAESTRO

**BBURAGO'S RACE AND PLAY 1:24-SCALE
FERRARI 458 ITALIA**

TEXT BY JAMES YORK
IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI



In the upper echelons of the supercar world, few brands command respect and admiration quite like Ferrari. The Italian carmaker consistently crafts vehicles that seamlessly blend eye-catching aesthetics with spellbinding performance. Case in point? The legendary Ferrari 458 Italia—a mid-engine marvel that effortlessly merges sophistication with raw horsepower. And now, thanks to Bburago, this four-wheeled icon has been recreated in 1:24 scale, ready to join your collection.

But before we dive into the details of Bburago's homage, let's learn more about the real Ferrari

458 Italia. This mid-engine maestro rolled out of Maranello boasting sharp looks and aerodynamics worthy for it to be called a Ferrari. Stepping into the sizable shoes of the F430, the 458 Italia not only filled them but exceeded all expectations.

Beneath its sculpted body lies the heart of Ferrari's engineering prowess: a naturally aspirated 4.5-liter V8 engine. Pumping out an impressive 562 horses and 398 lb-ft of torque, this powerhouse catapults the 458 Italia from 0 to 60 mph in a blistering 3.4 seconds. The spine-tingling symphony that emanates from the trio of ex-

SPECS

BRAND
BBURAGO

SERIES
RACE + PLAY

MODEL
FERRARI 458 ITALIA

SCALE
1:24

P/N
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“BBURAGO’S FERRARI 458 ITALIA FROM THE RACE AND PLAY SERIES ISN’T JUST A MODEL; IT’S A REPLICA OF MARANELLO’S AUTOMOTIVE ARTISTRY IN 1:24 SCALE.”

This Ferrari looks great displayed with its doors open or closed.



Like its big brother, the scaled-down 458 Italia is a beautiful work of art.



Swing open the doors and pop the functional rear decklid and you’re greeted with an intricately detailed interior and a pint-sized replica of the Ferrari 4.5-liter V8 engine. Measuring in at 7.5 inches long, this model is fitted with rubber-like tires and a fully detailed interior, ensuring it’s a looker from every angle.

haust pipes is the kind of auditory bliss that fuels the dreams of every automotive aficionado.

Beyond its raw performance, the 458 Italia is a poster child for aerodynamic elegance. Its bodywork seamlessly blends curves and angles, creating an illusion of perpetual motion even when parked. Every inch of its exterior is a carefully sculpted masterpiece, enhancing downforce and minimizing drag, ensuring this prancing stallion stays glued to the tarmac even at warp speeds.

Now, let’s shift gears back to Bburago’s Ferrari 458 Italia replica. This particular model from the Bburago Race and Play series is well-crafted and boasts details and paintwork that is usually reserved for more expensive models. The vibrant red paint job is nothing short of a showstopper, giving it an unmistakable presence among its 1:24-scale counterparts. Every curve and contour of the 458 Italia’s exterior has been faithfully captured in miniature to replicate the look of its real-world counterpart.





Details abound—cracking open the doors and engine cover reveal realistic interior and engine details.



Bburago's Ferrari 458 Italia from the Race and Play series isn't just a model; it's a replica of Maranello's automotive artistry in 1:24 scale. Whether it's proudly displayed on a desk or

cradled in the palms of your hands, this miniature powerhouse is a tangible testament to the ferocity and grace that define Ferrari's legacy in the realm of mid-engine sports cars.

Bburago's red Ferrari paint features a thick layer of gloss coat for that extra shine.



close-up

THE HUNT IS ON!

**A GLOBAL EXPEDITION IN SEARCH OF
DIE CAST TREASURES**

TEXT AND IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI







Hunting for die cast treasure is an exhilarating and rewarding pastime.



We like collecting all genres, brands and scales of die cast. This makes shopping for them that much more fun.

In the world of die cast enthusiasts, the thrill of the hunt is a sentiment that unites collectors around the globe. Die Cast X Magazine has embarked on an exhilarating journey, traversing not only the vast landscapes of the United States but also venturing into the die cast havens of Asia and Europe. Join us as we unveil the excitement of hunting for die cast models in a variety of stores, from local gems to specialty shops and the electrifying atmosphere of die cast collector shows.

LOCAL HAUNTS

The heartbeat of die cast collecting is visiting local haunts. Our odyssey begins at the center of die cast culture—local stores. From the cozy corner shops tucked away in small towns to the bustling metropolitan retailers, die cast models are hidden gems waiting to be discovered. If you're like us, you'll roll into a big-box store, supermarket or drugstore and dig around to see if you can find a Treasure Hunt or UltraRed. Local toy stores oftentimes offer a curated selection that caters to a diverse range of collectors, ensuring that enthusiasts of all tastes find their miniature dream cars.

SPECIALTY SHOPS

Specialty shops are a paradise for die cast aficionados. Our journey continues into the realm of specialty shops, where die cast models take center stage. These establishments are a haven for collectors seeking rare and limited-edition treasures. From classic cars to modern marvels, these specialty shops curate collections that ignite the passion of die cast enthusiasts, providing an immersive experience for those who revel in the details of each miniature masterpiece.

“WHETHER YOU’RE A SEASONED COLLECTOR OR A NEWCOMER TO THE WORLD OF DIE CAST, JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE THRILL OF THE HUNT FOR SCALE TREASURES FROM AROUND THE WORLD.”

DIE CAST COLLECTOR SHOWS

Collector shows are where the community thrives. No die cast adventure is complete without diving into the vibrant world of collector shows. These events are a celebration of all things die cast, bringing together enthusiasts, collectors and vendors under one roof. As we crisscrossed the nation and ventured into international territories, we discovered the unique energy that pervades these gatherings. The camaraderie among collectors, the buzz of excitement as rare finds are unveiled, and the sheer joy of being surrounded by like-minded individuals creates an unforgettable experience.



A display case we spotted at a collector's shop during our most recent trip to Japan.

Plenty of rare items can be found in die cast specialty shops.

Die-cast is an obsession shared by enthusiasts of all ages.



There are quite a few die cast sellers like this one at Frank & Son Collectible Show, located in City of Industry, California.



Plenty of Tomica 1:64 die casts were on display at Akihabara Radio Kaikan in Tokyo, Japan.

A Tomica train and playset is displayed at Kiddy Land in Tokyo, Japan.



GLOBAL EXPLORATION

If you're as lucky as we were, you'll take your die cast pilgrimage over the border and overseas. Our quest for die cast treasures knows no bounds. The journey took us across the Pacific to the die cast wonderland of Japan, where collectors revel in the artistry of models reflecting the nation's rich automotive history. In Europe, we delved into the cultural melting pot of die cast enthusiasts,

discovering unique stores that cater to the diverse tastes of collectors across the continent. You don't quite know how heavy 1:64-scale die casts can be until your full-size luggage is chock full of them.

CAPTURING THE ESSENCE

To share the essence of our global die cast pilgrimage, we've curated a collection of images capturing the magic of the stores we visited

from all over. From shelves lined with gleaming miniature classics to enthusiasts huddled around tables at collector shows, these visuals provide a glimpse into the diverse and dynamic world of die cast hunting.

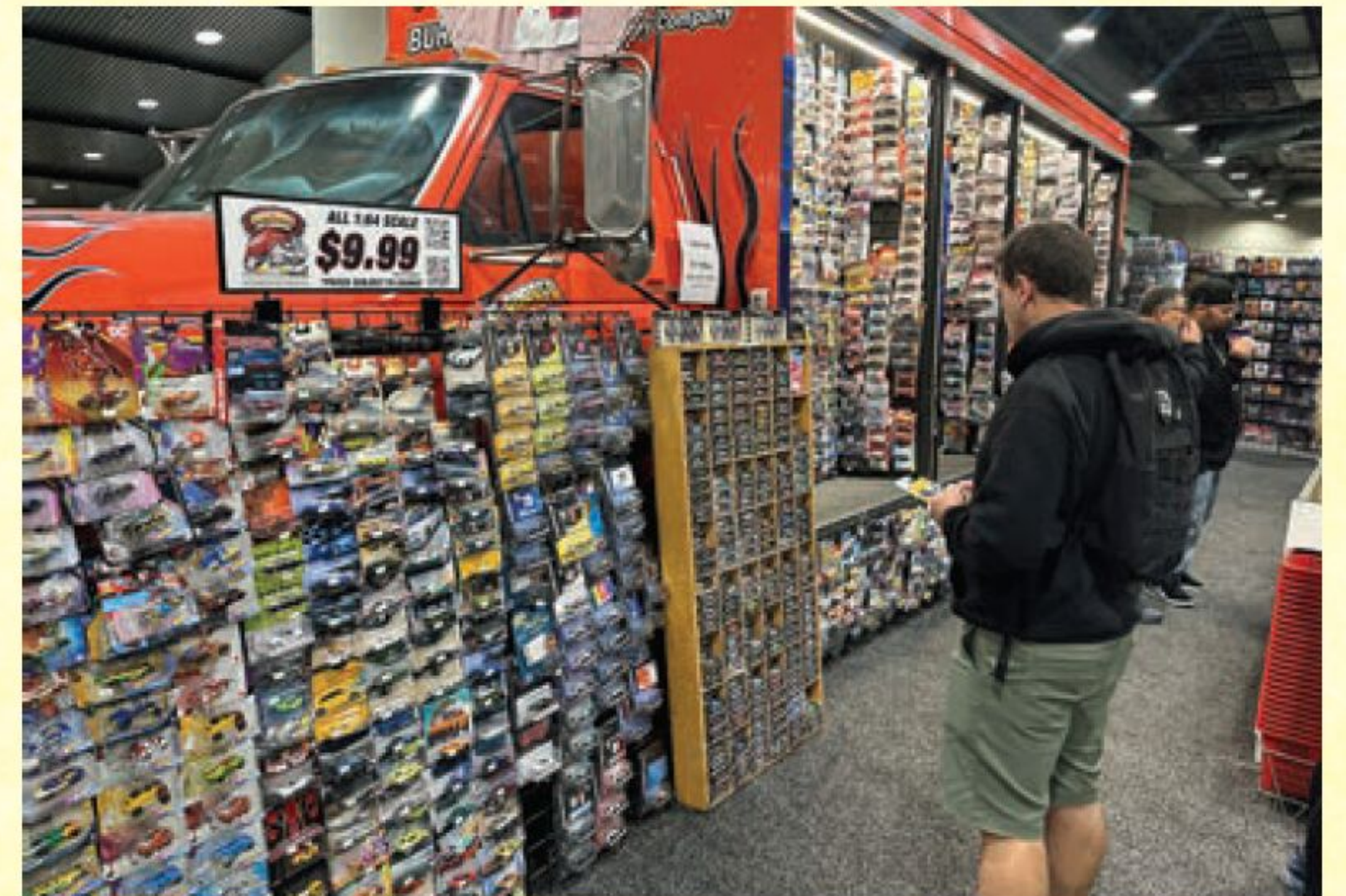
As you flip through the pages of this issue, let the images transport you to the vibrant stores and shows we explored, igniting the same

passion that fuels our die cast odyssey. Whether you're a seasoned collector or a newcomer to the world of die cast, join us in celebrating the thrill of the hunt for scale treasures from around the world. The adventure awaits, and the next addition to your collection may be just around the corner.

Happy hunting!

“IF YOU’RE LUCKY, YOU’LL BE ABLE TO TAKE YOUR DIE CAST PILGRIMAGE OVER THE BORDER AND OVERSEAS.”

Never give up the hunt! You never know where you'll find that elusive die cast you're looking for.



Patience is key when sifting through large amounts of die cast inventory.

Die cast shopping at events held in convention centers has an extra energy about it.

CONQUERING NEW TERRAIN

**FMS MODEL'S 1:24 FCX24 K5 BLAZER
RTR MESHES SCALE DETAIL WITH RC
CAPABILITY**

TEXT BY JAMES YORK
IMAGES COURTESY OF FMS



There's no question that we've got a soft spot for static die casts, but let's be real—driving scale vehicles around adds a whole new level of fun. FMS Model is the game-changer here, stepping into the arena between the toy-like radio-controlled offerings from die-cast-based companies and the full-throttle RC beasts tearing up dedicated racetracks.

With “model” right there in the company name,

you better believe they're serious about nailing those scale details. Trust us, we got behind the wheel and saw it first-hand. Follow us into the world of radio-controlled replicas, where the “X” in DCX stands for the unEXpected.

FMS is known amongst RC enthusiasts as a brand that makes the most scale-accurate radio-controlled vehicles. With door handles and headlights that work, removable tops and even replica



engine belts that rotate, in many ways they go beyond the detail found even in die cast replicas. FMS Model's highly detailed, drivable models are in fact known to rival their die cast and plastic counterparts.

For die cast collectors, FMS's FCX24 K5 Blazer RTR offers a unique opportunity to extend their passion for precision and detail into the dynamic world of RC vehicles. With its striking resem-

blance to the real deal and an array of features that elevate the RC experience, this model is not just a toy—it's a homage to the enduring legacy of the Chevrolet K5 Blazer, downsized for your enjoyment.

In the expansive realm of iconic vehicles, the Chevrolet K5 Blazer stands as a testament to American ingenuity and off-road prowess. Now, the spirit of this legendary SUV has been meticu-

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1:24

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The FMS K5 Blazer looks great from any angle.



At 1:24 scale, this truck is easily transported from display shelf to off-road trail.



“FMS IS KNOWN AMONGST RC ENTHUSIASTS AS A BRAND THAT MAKES THE MOST SCALE-ACCURATE RADIO-CONTROLLED VEHICLES.”

lously captured in the 1:24-scale FCX24 K5 Blazer RTR, a radio-controlled model that promises to ignite the passion of both RC enthusiasts and die cast collectors alike.

Hailing from Chevrolet’s distinguished line of K5 Blazers, the first-generation model emerged in 1969 as the epitome of the compact full-size SUV. It swiftly became a trailblazer in the SUV segment, combining off-road capabilities with the convenience of an automatic transmission. This innovation not only eased the difficulty of operation but also enhanced the sheer joy of adventure. With the K5 Blazer, even those new to off-road driving could effortlessly navigate uncharted territories.

The FCX24 pays homage to this iconic vehicle, licensed by General Motors, delivering static and dynamic value in a compact package. Boasting



The Blazer comes with parts that allow you to convert it from SUV to pickup truck.



FMS's K5 Blazer is available in your choice of three different colors.

electroplated front and rear bumpers, grille, and chrome-plated lines, this RC model authentically captures the essence of the K5 Blazer's unmistakable American pickup characteristics.

What sets the FCX24 apart is its versatility. Packaged with both a rear roof and a roll cage (complete with dome lights), this RC marvel transforms seamlessly from an SUV to a pickup, allowing enthusiasts to tailor their experience to their liking. The FCX24 chassis, equipped with a

two-speed mechanical transmission, allows users to switch gears using the third channel on the remote control. Switch to low gear for extreme climbs and high gear when you hit pavement.

This ready-to-run model requires no assembly and is available in three color choices. It includes everything you need to run it, including controller, battery and charger. Get ready to conquer new terrains, whether it's on your shelf or in the great outdoors, with the FMS FCX24 K5 Blazer.



PACKAGED PERFECTION

**AUTO WORLD'S 1:64-SCALE PREMIUM
SERIES 2023**

TEXT BY JAMES YORK
IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI



Auto World's Premium Series backing card is full of great features, including "premium facts" that cover interesting information about the actual car.

SPECS

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SCALE
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In the past, a major reason to collect 1:64-scale die casts was due to their small size. You might have a parking-lot's worth of them and you could still fit them into a shoe-box. These pocket-sized die cast vehicles, while compact, did however lack in detail. But that was then and this is now. 1:64s made by the likes of Auto World and Johnny Lightning, for example, now boast levels of detail that rival and even beat larger-scale replica vehicles.

Auto World harnesses cutting-edge manufacturing technology to redefine the standards of precision and detail in 1:64-scale die casts.

The Auto World Premium Series goes beyond the ordinary to deliver a level of detail that is nothing short of extraordinary.

What sets Auto World apart is their dedication to "True 1:64," a philosophy that ensures each miniature masterpiece authentically mirrors the lines and proportions of its real-life counterpart.

Looking at the 2023 Release 3, Version A series, we noticed that not only are the individual vehicle castings and decorations on point, but the packaging they come in is worth ad-



We really dig the artwork that accompanies each vehicle.

Note that each vehicle package also features paint chips with vehicle paint color codes.

ming, too. Each card includes stunning artwork along with facts about the real-life vehicles and even a paint code with paint sample. Now that's going above and beyond, if you ask us.

Available individually or as a set, this six-piece collection includes gems like the 2023 Nissan Z, 2021 Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat Redeye, 2021 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500, 2022 Chevrolet Corvette, 2022 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 and the 2021 Dodge Challenger SRT Super Stock, with the Z and Charger boasting all-new tooling.

The attention to detail in these rides is nothing short of impressive. Each car captures the spirit of its full-sized counterpart, maintaining true scale despite its 3-inch stature. With die cast metal bodies, authentic factory colors, replicated stock wheels and rubber tires, these miniaturized wonders are a testament to quality craftsmanship.

For those seeking pocket-sized perfection packed with detail, Auto World's Premium Series is an obvious choice to collect—and if you ask us, we'd pick them up for the packaging alone.

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WE VISIT THE LA AUTO SHOW 2023

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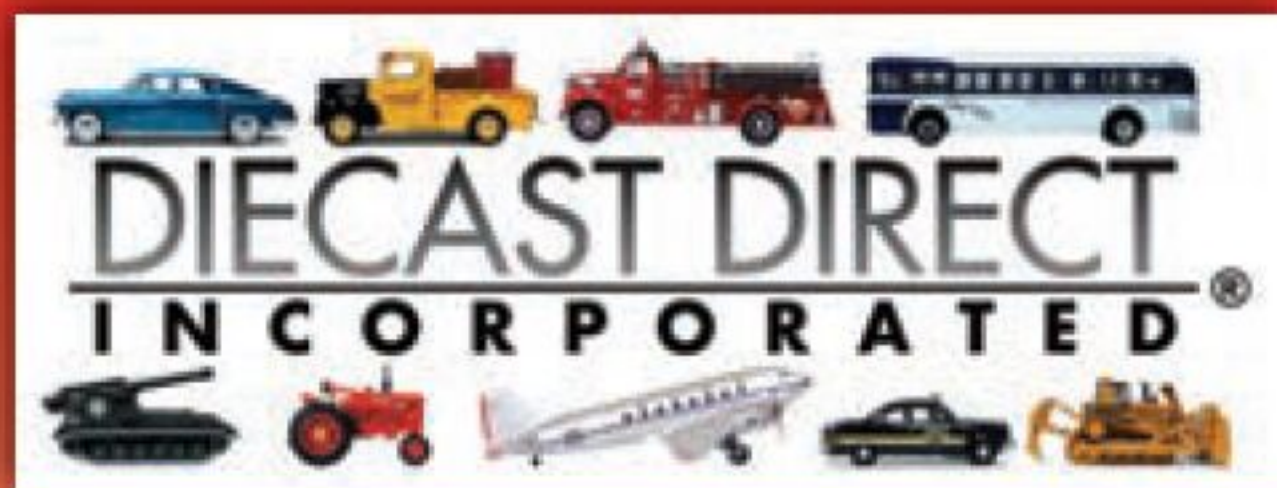
The latest tech, sleek curves, the intoxicating scent of fresh leather—the Los Angeles Auto Show is an annual automotive playground where we go to revel in the symphony of the latest vehicles that will hit the market in the coming months. Heading into its 116th year, the show is the centerpiece of a genuinely car-crazy region of the country.

Every year it's a pilgrimage for us enthusiasts, an opportunity to witness the automotive industry's cutting-edge innovations first-hand. From the thunderous growl of high-performance supercars to the eco-whisper of electric marvels, the LA Auto Show is a sensory feast that leaves us yearning for the open road. It's not just a showcase; it's a celebration of horsepower,

design prowess and the relentless pursuit of automotive excellence.

This year, aside from electric cars and hybrids, it looks like trucks and other off-road vehicles were also the talk of the convention center. It's always nice to see where the automotive trends are headed. It's also a place where we can conjure up images of future die cast models. Hot Wheels already has a Lucid and a Rivian, but who will make these other latest vehicles in die cast form?

The LA Auto Show is more than an event; it's a testament to our collective love affair with the artistry of the automobile, and we're happy to have been able to attend.



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Richard Lee Petty, also known as "the King", is a legend in the world of stock car racing. He competed in NASCAR for 35 years, winning a record 200 races and seven championships, earning him the title of one of NASCAR's greatest drivers of all time. After retiring from racing, Petty continued his passion for cars by transforming Petty Enterprises into Petty's Garage in 2008. Petty's Garage is a performance shop specializing in parts, restorations, and custom builds for car enthusiasts around the world.

In 2015, Petty's Garage built 300 King Mustangs, adding custom paint, a rear spoiler, and 2 supercharger options unlocking 670-727 horses. Auto World has replicated the Petty's Garage Mustang in 1:18 scale, adding a newly-tooled supercharger, rear spoiler, and airbox for added accuracy. This particular die-cast is based on the Mecum Auctions car, presented by Richard Petty himself with all proceeds going to the Paralyzed Veterans of America organization. This car sold for a whopping \$330,000 and then was regifted back to the PVA by the buyer. It went across the block again an hour later for an additional \$205,000. Now that's a stallion fit for a King!

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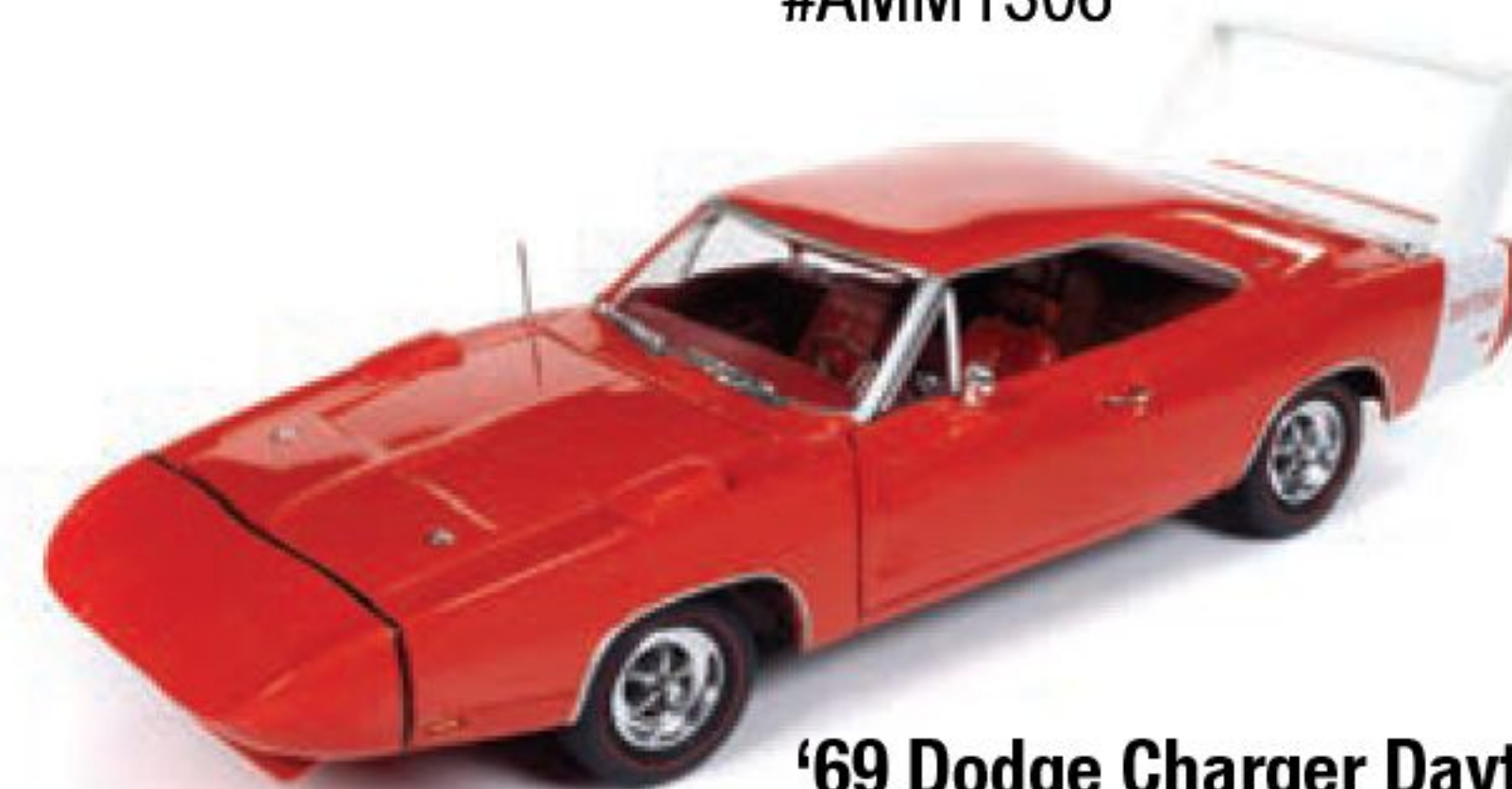
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