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editor's letter

elcome back to Die Cast X, your go-to destination for all things die cast. In this issue, we've collected a varying array of die cast collectibles with the goal of tempting you to add them to your collection.

Join us as we take detailed looks at the latest replicas made by Jada Next Level, Auto World American Muscle, Automodello, Johnny Lighting, CMC and NZG. From vintage classics to modern models and even battle-hardened military vehicles, each model tells a unique story.

Also take a journey with yours truly in this issue as I tell the tale of finding a die cast replica of a car that I own. I found the Tomica die cast thousands of miles away and brought it back to share with you in these pages. I was surprised to find it, as it's an unlikely vehicle to create a die cast out of; you'll have to read about it later on in this issue to find out why.

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 see in 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





Auto World concocts a powerful blend of style and performance.

The 1977 Pontiac Firebird Formula was a unique offering in the Firebird lineup filling the demand for a model between the base Firebird and the T/A. The Formula came standard with a Pontiac 301 V8 engine, but could also be upgraded to the 350. The most desirable option, however, was the 400ci Pontiac V8, also used in the T/A and delivering up to 220hp. The Formula also had a distinctive look, featuring a menacing dual-scoop hood and Formula graphics package. The Formula was rare and underrated, with only about 1000 cars produced with the 400 engine and four-speed manual in 1977.

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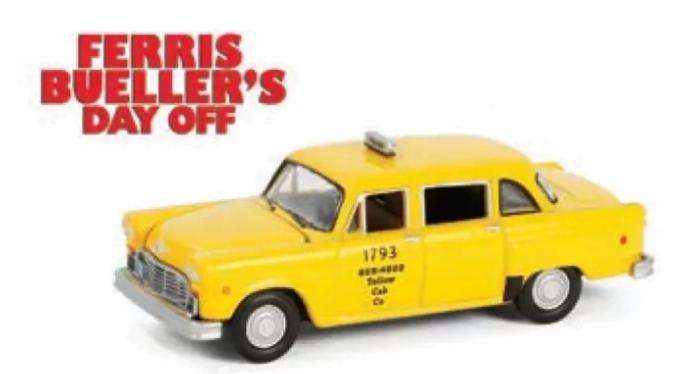
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62030-A - 1:64 2013 Ram 1500 - County Sheriff Yellowstone (2018 – Current TV Series)



62030-B - 1:64 1970 Ford Club Wagon Ambulance Airplane! (1980)



62030-C - 1:64 11980 Checker Taxicab Yellow Cab #1793 Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986)



62030-D - 1:64 1947 Dodge Power Wagon Pawn Stars (2009-Current TV Series)



62030-E - 1:64 1967 Ford Bronco (Season 4 – E 16) Counting Cars (2012-Current TV Series)



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This 1:18-scale replica of the 1977
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O3SOLIDO 51967 SHELBY GT 500

From Solido comes a 1:18-scale Shelby Mustang GT 500. Finished in gray and black, this one is as iconic as Mustangs can get. Diecast Direct reports that there are only a few of these available, so don't sleep on it.

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O4MINI GT TSM NISSAN GT-R NISMO SUPER GT GT500

This Nissan GT-R Nismo Super GT GT500 #12 Team IMPUL 2021 is a "Japan Exclusive" die cast created by True Scale Miniatures. It features real rubber tires and a very detailed wheel design.

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CMC has created the Ferrari racecar transporter, a 1957 Fiat 642 RN2 Bartoletti, as a high-end replica. This die cast features superlative craftsmanship that takes model-making to completely new heights. Available for pre-order now.

Scale: 1:18 P/N: M-084 MSRP: \$1,268

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O7GT SPIRIT 1984 FER-RARI 288 GTO

Looking for something unique to add to your die cast collection? Park GT Spirit's beautiful example of a 1984 Ferrari 288 GTO in your scale garage. It features plenty of details including gorgeous red and green racing stripes and black-faced, step-lipped rims.

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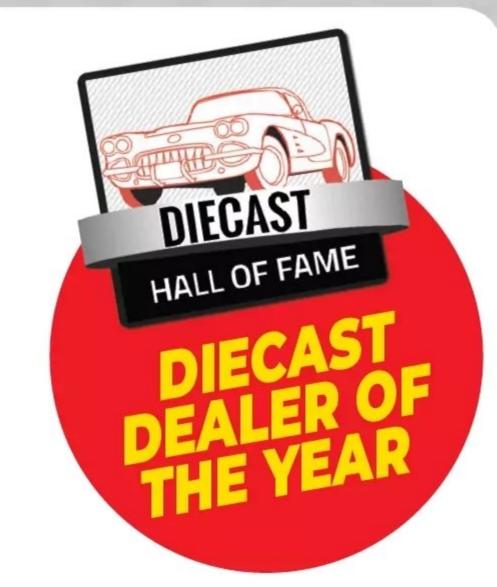
OS DRAKE HOGAN KENWORTH K200 2.8 FAT CABIN

Drake's model of the Hogan Kenworth K200 features realistic engine, suspension and hose details, along with wire mirrors, rubber tires, bogie drive, metal rims and rubber mud flaps. It also includes a detailed interior, a right-hand-drive layout, and photo-etched heat shields for added authenticity.

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RICHARD GARCIA

Location: Houston, Texas

Brand: Matchbox

Model: Ford Expedition Police

Scale: 1:64

From the Owner: "I found this recently in a box I had put away in the garage. It's not a collector's die cast, but it's a sentimental piece for me. When I saw it, it brought back memories from when I bought it back in 2000. I had just bought my first new vehicle, a 2000 Ford Expedition, and found this Matchbox the same day. I snapped it up because I was so excited about my full-size Expedition. I'm glad I found this Matchbox; I'm now going to display it with my other 1:64s."



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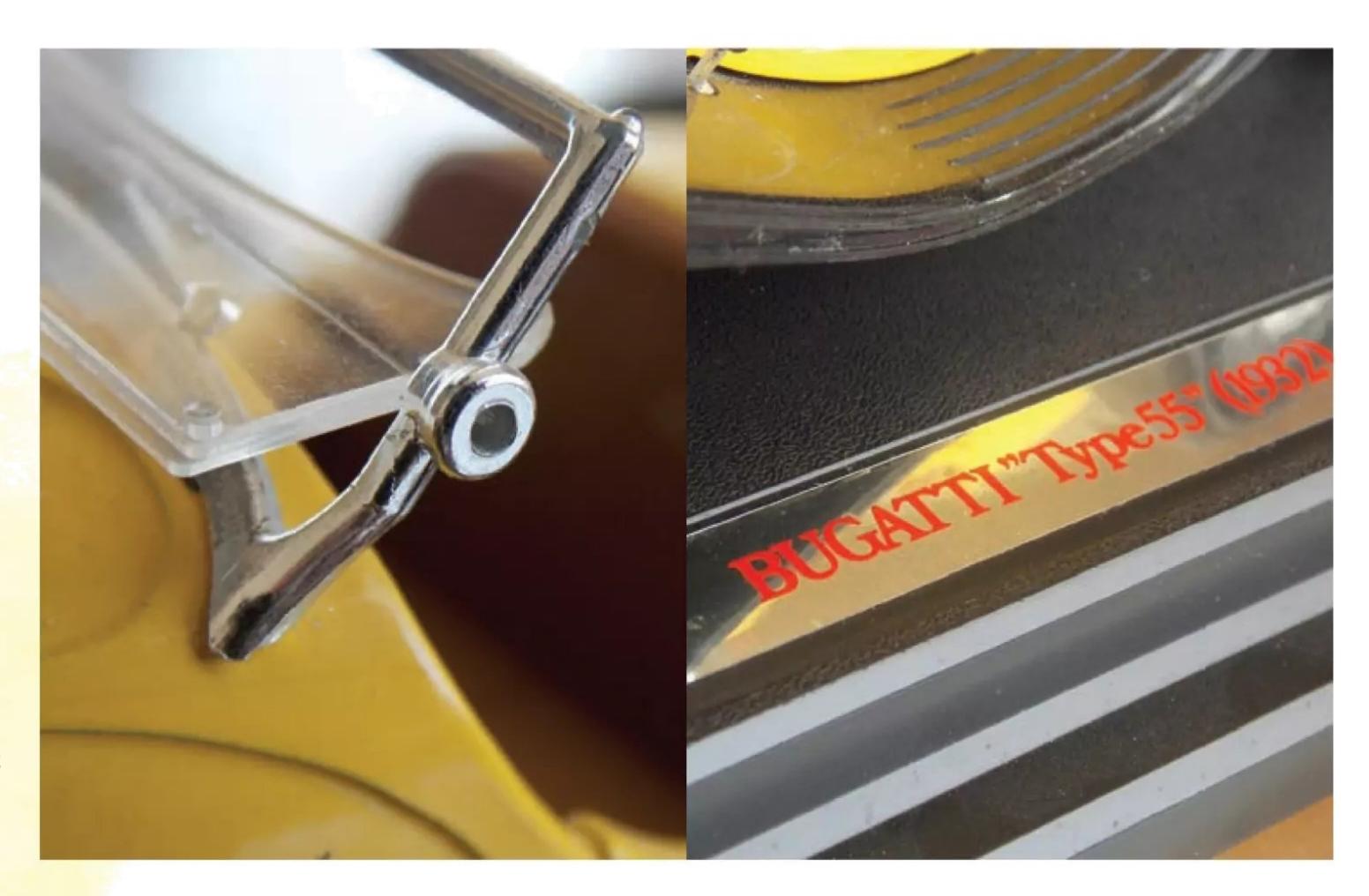
Location: Gabrovo, Bulgaria

Brand: Bburago **Series:** VIP

Model: 1932 Bugatti Type 55

Scale: 1:24

From the Owner: "I bought my favorite model in February 1996 after I got caught in a bet about which car brand would win the Paris-Moscow-Beijing rally. The bet started on New Year's Eve and the sum was small. But many times I increased it to be able to buy the die cast model. Naturally, I won the bet because my favorite car brand then was Citroën, and they won the rally. I chose this Bugatti because it's an exotic, classic sports car I saw in my Bburago catalog from 1995."







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STEPPING INTO THE WORLD OF AUTOMOTIVE EXCELLENCE WITH CMC'S FERRARI 250 GTO



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he Ferrari 250 GTO is not just a car; it's a legend. Produced by Ferrari from 1962 to 1964 for homologation into the FIA's Group 3 Grand Touring Car category, the 250 GTO is a symbol of automotive excellence and racing pedigree.

"GTO" stands for Gran Turismo Omologato, Italian for "Grand Touring Homologated." With its powerful Tipo 168/62 Colombo V12 engine, the 250 GTO was a force to be reckoned with on the track, dominating races and capturing the hearts of enthusiasts around the world. Now, CMC brings this legendary car to life in stunning detail with their replica Ferrari 250 GTO die cast model. CMC is renowned for its commitment to realism and attention to detail, and their approach to creating die cast models is second to none. Each CMC Ferrari 250 GTO replica is meticulously crafted to exacting standards, with every detail faithfully reproduced from historical drawings and using the highest-quality materials.

Made in as many as ten variations, each limitedproduction CMC Ferrari 250 GTO replica is based MODEL FERRARI 250 GTO

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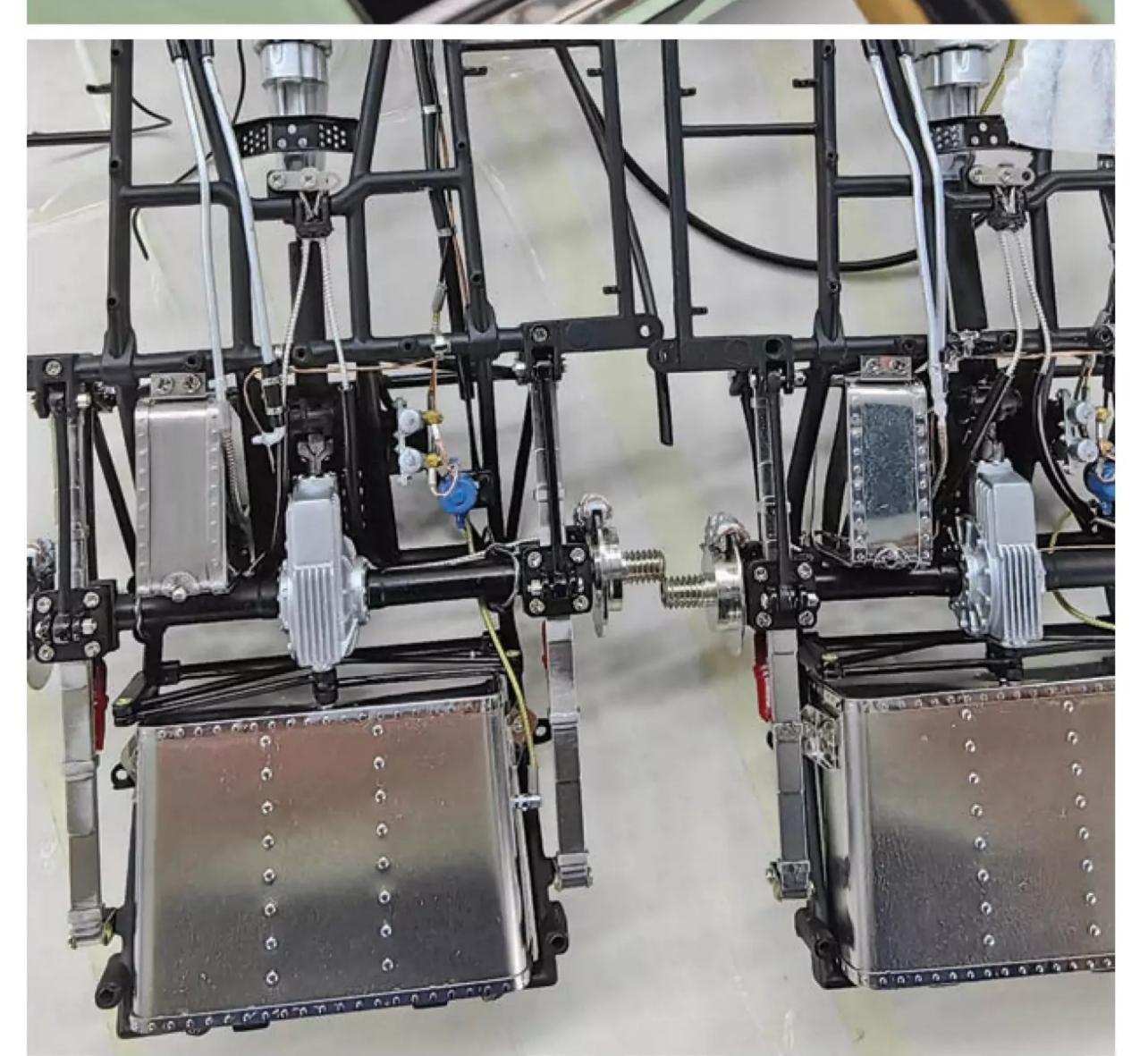
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The interior is just as impressive as the exterior, with upholstered seats and full instrumentation.

Even the oil and fuel tanks are meticulously replicated from high-quality stainless steel.

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on a real-life model, each with its own unique history. From the hand-crafted metal precision model to the functional hood, doors and trunk lid, every aspect of the CMC Ferrari 250 GTO is designed to impress.

One of the standout features of the CMC Ferrari 250 GTO replica is its highly detailed 12-cylinder V-type engine, complete with all aggregates, pipes and cabling. The 1:18-scale model of the engine is an engineer's dream to look at. In fact, the engine is also available by itself as a free-standing model that comes on its own display stand—a perfect companion to place next to your model of the 250 GTO.

The racecar's interior is equally impressive, with seats upholstered in textile covers with leather trimmings, a well-integrated dashboard with a full array of instruments and controls, and meticulous replication of the roll cage and safety belts.

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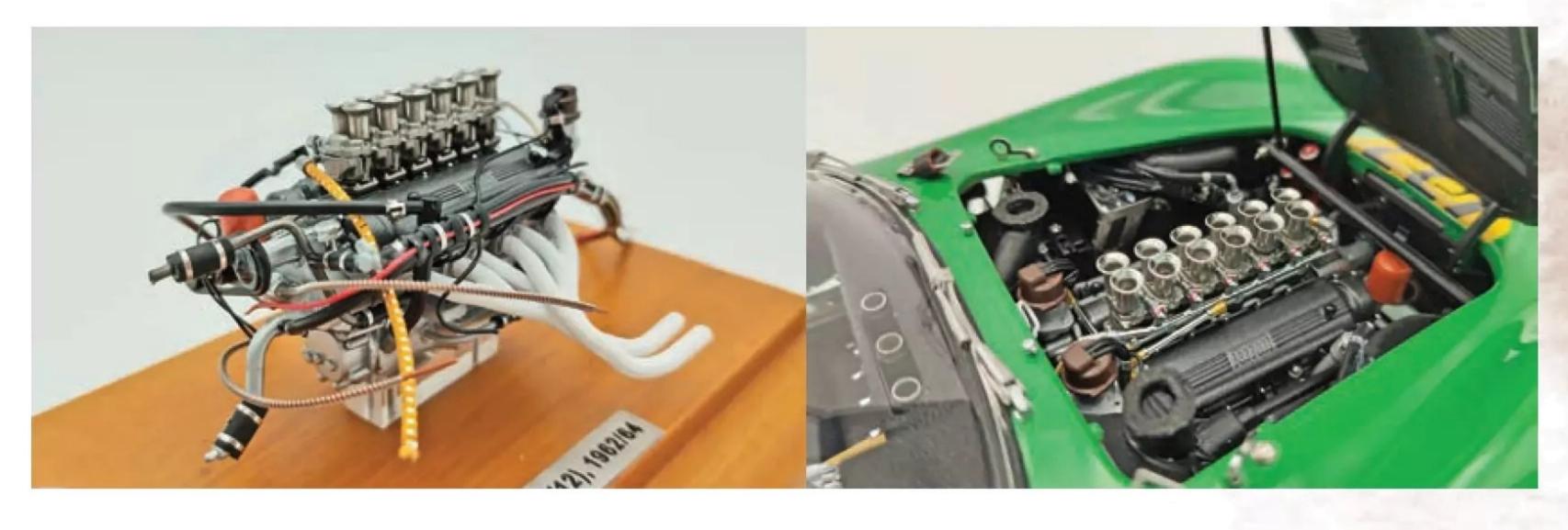


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The V12 engine is available by itself as a free-standing model (with its own display stand)—the perfect companion for your GTO.

The undercarriage, front and rear suspensions, oil and fuel tank (all made of stainless steel), and racing-style tailpipe of the exhaust system are all meticulously replicated, adding to the model's realism and authenticity. Special features such as removable and lockable covers for the three air intakes above the radiator grille further enhance the model's appeal.

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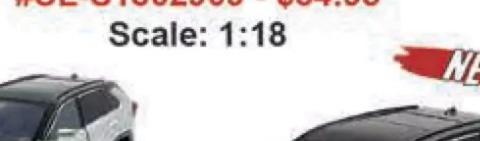
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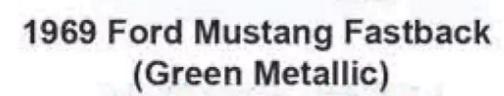
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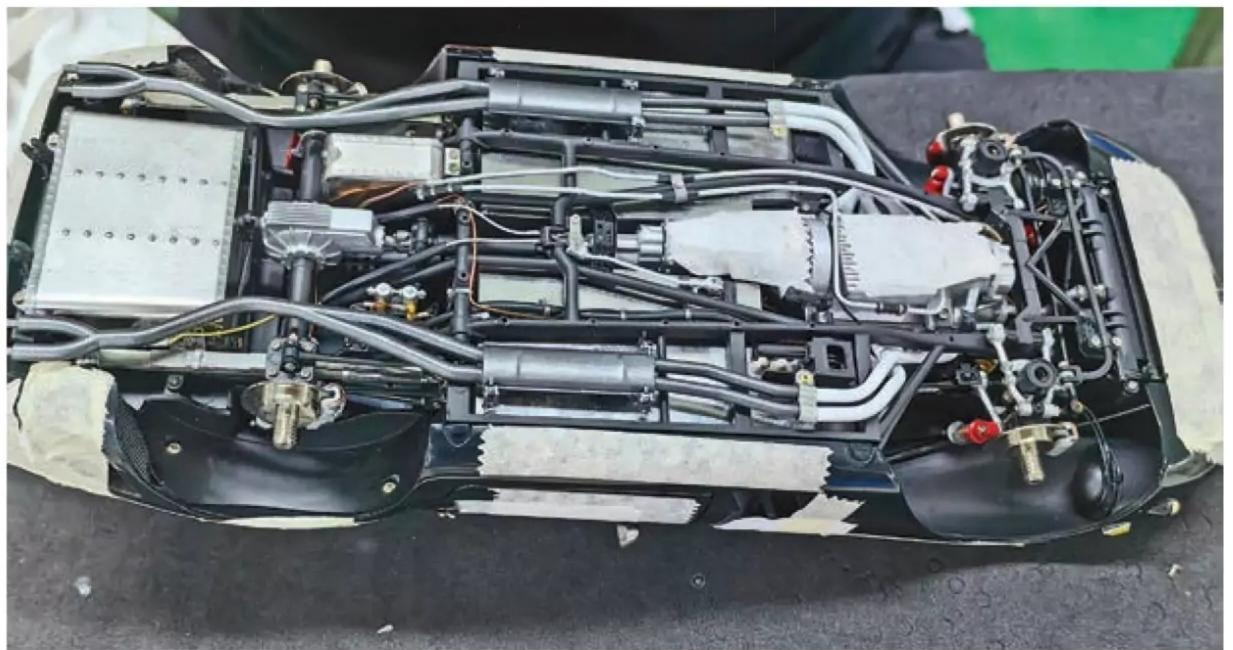
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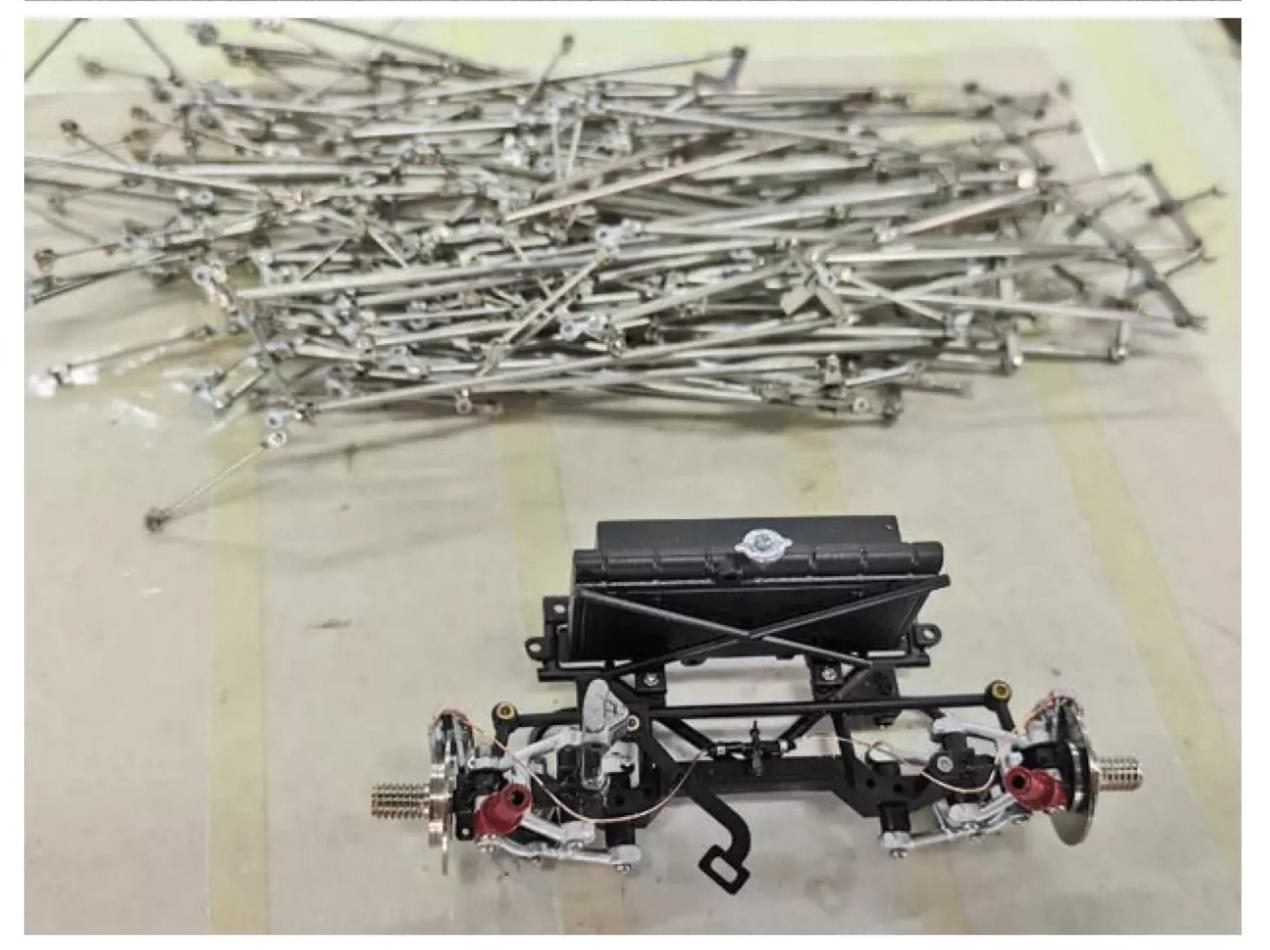
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This model, as with the rest of CMC's collection, is truly an awe-inspiring die cast to behold. If you get the chance to welcome it into your scale garage, we're sure it'll be the centerpiece of your collection.

It's worth noting that each Ferrari 250 GTO variant is produced in either 2,000 or 2,200 pieces worldwide, so they are very limited. In fact, when we last checked CMC's website, a couple of the styles are listed as sold out. If you're interested in an allocation, be sure to reserve a model for yourself before they're all spoken for.

The CMC Ferrari 250 GTO die cast model is a masterpiece of craftsmanship and engineering, capturing the essence of one of the most iconic cars in automotive history. Whether you're a die cast collector or a Ferrari enthusiast, this replica is sure to impress with its incredible detail and exacting realism.









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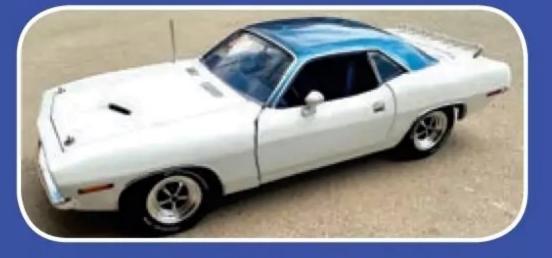
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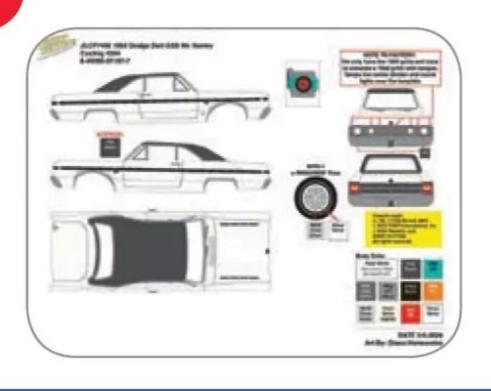




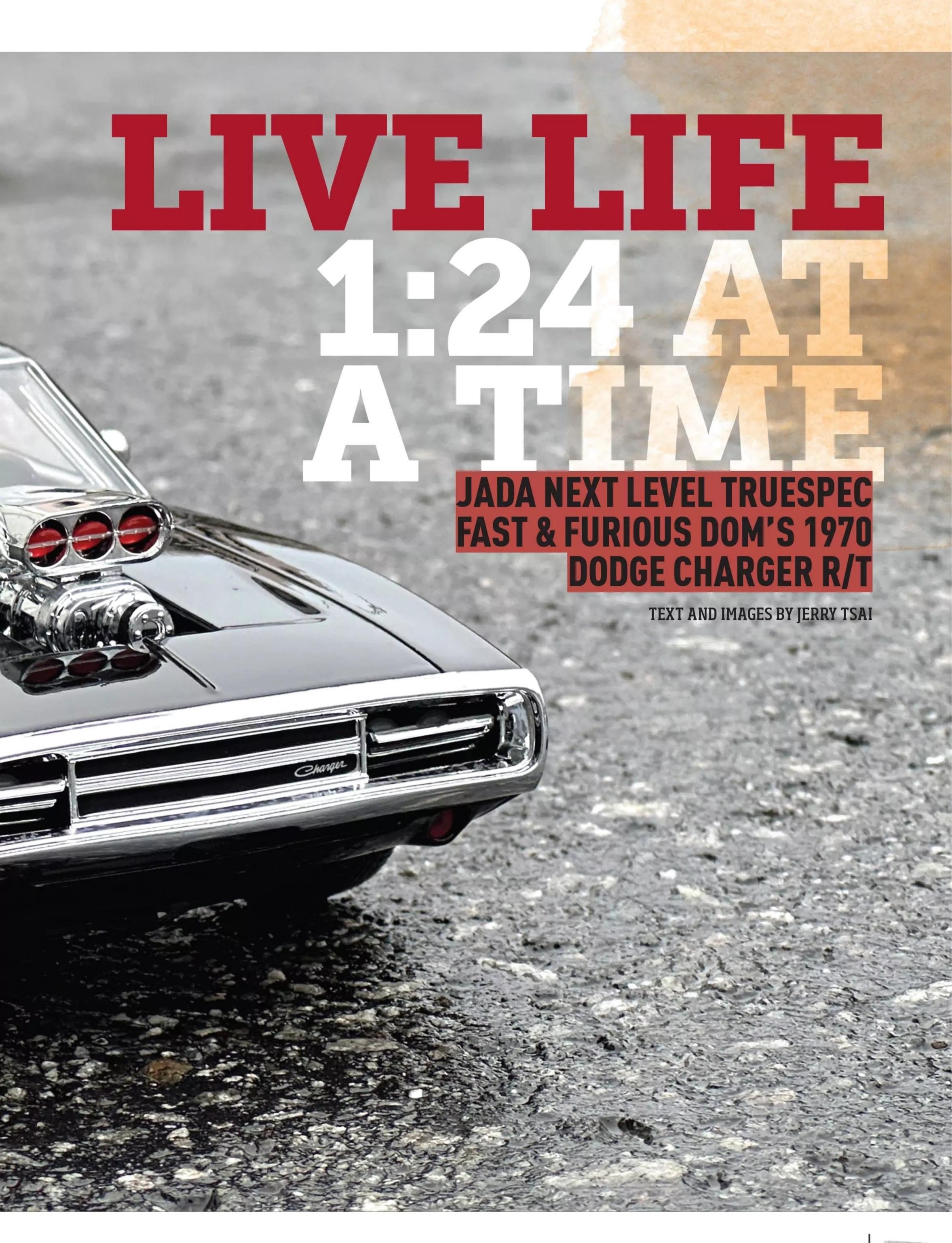
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features that add to its realism. The working steering wheel allows you to navigate the Charger with ease, while the opening and closing doors with realistic hinges give you a glimpse inside the detailed interior. The opening and concealing headlights are a nod to the Charger's on-screen counterpart, adding an extra layer of authenticity to this stunning replica.

Under the hood, you'll find a detailed engine complete with chrome accents, while the interior features a single seat for the ultimate driver experience. A fire extinguisher is included, just in case things get a little too hot on the road. Chrome bars underneath the car add a touch of shine, while NOS tanks in the

ada TrueSpec is the popular brand's upscale line of highly detailed die cast collectibles. We were excited to get our hands on the first TrueSpec release, which is a 1:24-scale replica of Dom's Dodge Charger from the Fast & Furious franchise.

Like many collectors we've seen many Fast & Furious Chargers, but this version showcases next-level detail and craftsmanship that was clearly designed to capture the iconic muscle car in stunning accuracy.

First impressions are important, and we could tell that Jada went all out with this Next Level release. The car comes boxed in upscale collector packaging, itself suitable for display. The die cast model features highly accurate proportions for ultimate realism as well as a flawless paint job.

It may look great on the exterior, but the TrueSpec Charger is also loaded with functional





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Dom's Charger is reproduced in highly accurate 1:24 scale detail. You should expect nothing less from a Jada TrueSpec release.



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A fire extinguisher is included in the highly detailed interior... just in case things get a little hot.



"ITS ACCURATE PROPORTIONS, HIGH-QUALITY PAINT EXECUTION, AND DETAILED ENGINE AND INTERIOR MAKE IT A STANDOUT PIECE IN ANY COLLECTION."

trunk await their moment to shine.

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Naturally, this TrueSpec replica features opening doors, hood and trunk.





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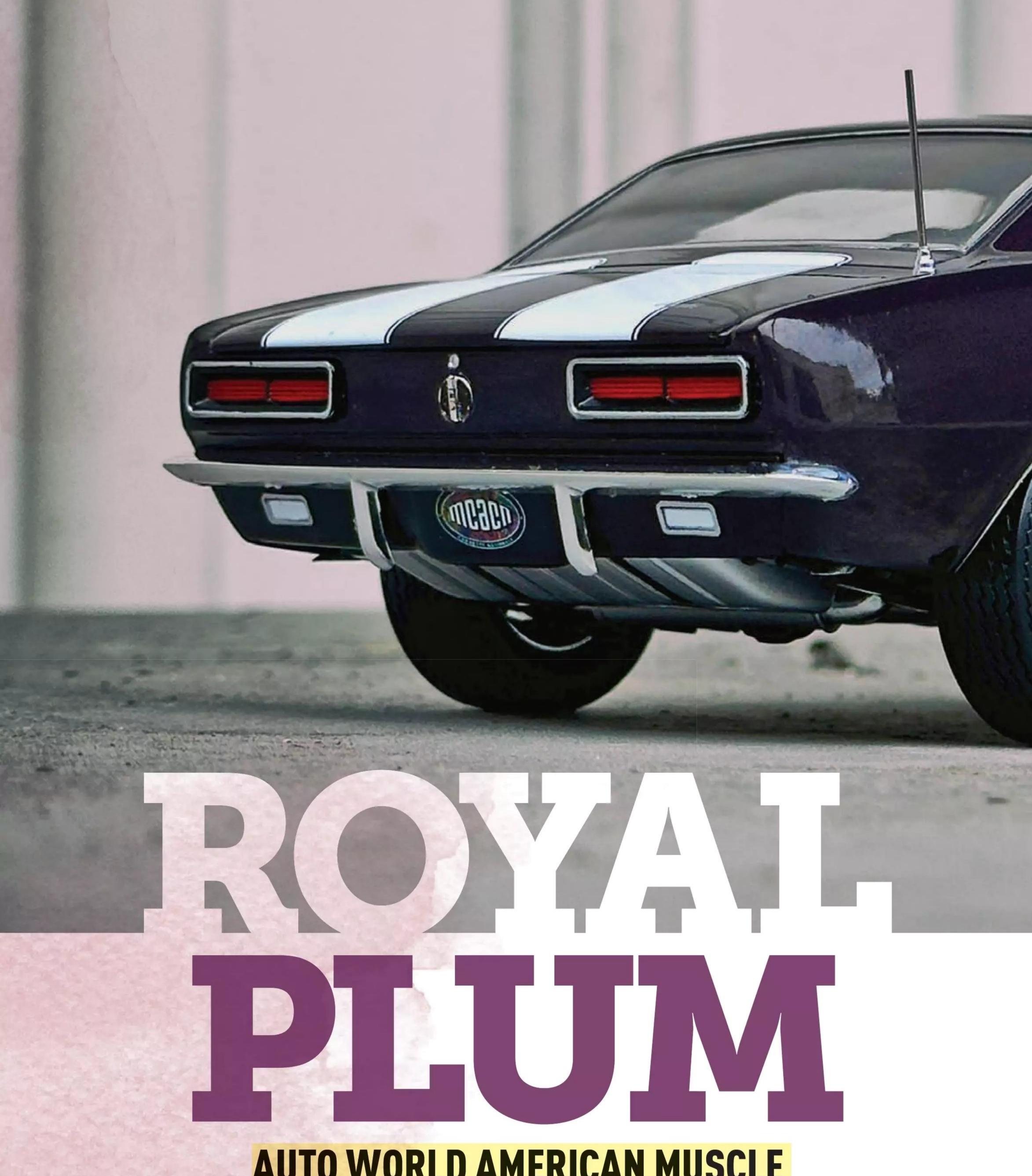
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AUTO WORLD AMERICAN MUSCLE 1:18 1967 CHEVY CAMARO Z/28 RS (MCACN)

TEXT BY JAMES YORK IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI



have left a mark as lasting as the 1967 Chevy Camaro Z/28. A true icon of American performance, the Z/28 was a force to be reckoned with on both the street and the track. Now, Auto World has captured the essence of this legendary machine in remarkable detail with their 1:18-scale American Muscle die cast replica.

1967 was a pivotal year for Chevrolet, marking the debut of the first-generation Camaro. The Z/28 variant in particular was designed to compete in the SCCA Trans-Am racing series, and its performance on the track quickly earned it a

reputation as a street-legal racecar.

Under the hood, the 1967 Chevy Camaro Z/28 was powered by a high-revving 302 cubic-inch V8 engine specially designed to meet the Trans-Am series' engine competition size limit. This engine, coupled with a close-ratio four-speed manual transmission, made the Z/28 a formidable competitor on the track and a thrilling ride on the street. Auto World's replica captures the essence of this powerhouse, with intricate detailing of the scale engine bay and drivetrain.

The Auto World American Muscle die cast faith-

MODEL 1967 CHEVY CAMARO Z/28 RS (MCACN)

SCALE 1:18

P/N AMM1297

MSRP \$119.99

URL AUTOWORLDSTORE. COM



White racing stripes, redline tires, and chrome brightwork to include the windshield wipers, side mirror and window trim all contribute to this die cast's outstanding realism.

A spare wheel and redline tire are stored in the trunk, and the hood swings upward to reveal a detailed rendition of the 302 Turbo Fire V8 engine.

Swing either of the doors open to reveal a highly detailed interior complete with simulated wood steering wheel.

"THIS MODEL IS A REPLICA OF AN ACTUAL CAMARO Z/28 RS FEATURED AT THE 2017 MCACN SHOW, ONE OF ONLY 602 PRODUCED AND THE ONLY ONE KNOWN TO STILL EXIST IN THIS COLOR AND CONFIGURATION."



fully re-creates the Z/28's iconic styling, from its aggressive front grille to its sleek, muscular lines, making it a must-have for collectors and enthusiasts alike.

Moreover, this model is a replica of an actual Camaro Z/28 RS, the only one known to still exist, that was featured at the 2017 MCACN show. This ultra-rare RS package Z/28 was one out of 602 produced. Of those, merely 200 are accounted for today and about 12 were painted Royal Plum accented with white sport stripes on the hood and decklid, like this die cast. It was powered by a 302 Turbo Fire engine, which also

appears in this replica's engine bay.

The attention to detail on the Auto World die cast is truly remarkable. From the accurate re-creation of the Z/28's distinctive interior—with simulated wood steering wheel—to the precise rendering of its chassis and suspension components, every aspect of this model is a testament to Auto World's commitment to quality and accuracy.

Steerable front wheels, redline tires, and opening doors, trunk and hood enhance the model's realism, inviting enthusiasts to explore its fea-

tures up-close. The Royal Plum paint is smooth and glossy, and its chrome brightwork, including detailed door handles, windshield wipers and single side mirror, look realistic and accurate.

For collectors and enthusiasts looking to own a piece of automotive history, the Auto World American Muscle 1:18 1967 Chevy Camaro Z/28 is a must-have addition to any collection. With its

attention to detail and faithful re-creation of the original, this die cast replica allows enthusiasts to experience the thrill of the $\mathbb{Z}/28$ first-hand.

As a symbol of American performance and innovation, the Z/28 continues to inspire awe and admiration, and this Auto World American Muscle die cast is a fitting tribute to this legendary car.

The Auto World Camaro features opening doors, hood and trunk, and every line and angle is faithfully reproduced in painstaking detail.



"A SYMBOL OF AMERICAN PERFORMANCE AND INNOVATION, THE Z/28 CONTINUES TO INSPIRE AWE AND ADMIRATION, AND THIS AUTO WORLD DIE CAST IS A FITTING TRIBUTE."





This die cast Camaro Z/28 looks amazing from any angle-even when it's upside down!









Muscular haunches and an aggressive front splitter make this release as visually stunning as its 1:1 counterpart.

"DARK HORSE IS POWERED BY A LB-FT OF TORQUE, POWERFUL NON-SHELBY MUSTANG EVER."



Supercar, and even NASCAR.

The Dark Horse family of Mustangs is more than just a collection of cars; it's concrete evidence of Ford's commitment to performance and innovation. Each Dark Horse model offers a selection of optional performance upgrades, allowing drivers to tailor their Mustang to suit their personal need for speed and style.

Now, let's turn our attention to Jada's 1:24-scale die cast replica of the 2024 Ford Mustang Dark Horse. Just like its full-sized counterpart, this model is a force to be reckoned with. Painted in a sleek, glossy finish that perfectly captures the essence

of the Dark Horse, this die cast features a detailed interior and opening doors, hood and trunk.

Underneath the die cast's hood lies a replica of the Dark Horse's potent 5.0-liter Coyote V8 powerplant, ready to unleash its full fury at a moment's notice. The attention to detail is impeccable, with every curve and contour of the Dark Horse faithfully re-created in miniature form. From the aggressive front fascia to the muscular rear haunches, this die cast is a true work of art.

Jada's Bigtime Muscle series is known for its exaggerated yet faithful replications of classic









SPECS

BRAND JADA

LINE

BIGTIME MUSCLE

MODEL 2024 FORD MUSTANG DARK HORSE

SCALE 1:24

URL JADATOYS.COM

muscle cars, and the 2024 Ford Mustang Dark Horse is no exception. The slightly exaggerated lines and proportions give this model a sense of dynamism and power that is truly inspired.

Whether you're a die-hard fan of the Ford

Mustang or simply appreciate the beauty of a well-crafted collectible, the Jada Bigtime Muscle 2024 Ford Mustang Dark Horse is sure to impress. With its combination of aggressive looks and impeccable detail, this die cast replica is a must-have for any collector or enthusiast.

The replica Dark Horse features functional doors, hood and trunk, which all swing open to reveal further detail.





TEXT AND IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI





NZG includes a white glove, a screwdriver, and a non-marring plastic tool with the EQS.



Opening doors and a panoramic roof allow the detailed interior to be admired from any angle.



ZG may be a lesser-known brand in this part of the world, but if our first encounter with their 1:18-scale die cast replica of the Mercedes-Benz EQS (V297) is any indication, it's obvious to us that the Nuremberg, Germany based brand holds realism and quality in the highest regard.

From the moment you lay eyes on this replica, you can tell it's something special. The sculpt, workmanship and paint quality are second to none, making it one of the most impressive models on the market that we've encountered in recent times. But what truly sets this replica apart is the sheer level of detail that NZG has managed to capture.

One of the standout features besides the NZG EQS replica itself is the inclusion of a white glove, a screwdriver, and a non-marring plastic tool to help open the heavy doors and trunk. The tight tolerances of the model mean that the body lines are incredibly fine, so the included tool is essential for avoiding any damage to the paintwork.

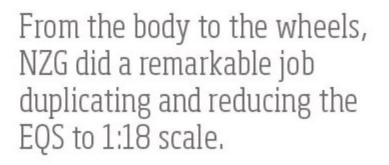
Speaking of weight, the NZG EQS replica is a heavyweight champion, tipping the scales at an impressive 45 ounces—just shy of three pounds. The replica's weightiness is a testament to the model's quality build and attention to detail, mirroring the solid construction of its real-life counterpart.

Every real-life EQS interior detail and option is precisely reproduced in this replica.





"THE SCULPT, WORKMANSHIP AND PAINT QUALITY ARE SECOND TO NONE, MAKING THIS ONE OF THE MOST IMPRESSIVE MODELS ON THE MARKET THAT WE'VE ENCOUNTERED IN RECENT TIMES."





SPECS

BRAND NZG

MODEL MERCEDES-BENZ EQS (V297) IN SELENITE GREY METALLIC

SCALE 1:18

P/N 1020-52

MSRP \$162.99

URL 3000TOYS.COM





Not only highly detailed, this die cast model is heavy in weight, which indicates to us that NZG didn't skimp on its metal content.

"THE REPLICA'S HEAVY
WEIGHT IS A TESTAMENT
TO THE MODEL'S QUALITY
BUILD AND ATTENTION
TO DETAIL, MIRRORING
THE SOLID CONSTRUCTION
OF ITS REAL-LIFE
COUNTERPART."

Finished in an accurate coat of Mercedes-Benz matte Selenite Grey Metallic paint, this replica is a sight to behold. The opening doors and trunk, functional steering system, and highly detailed interior are just a few of the features that make this model stand out. Even the front seats are slideable, adding to the realism and authenticity.

The NZG 1:18-scale Mercedes-Benz EQS (V297) die cast replica is a masterpiece in miniature. Its unparalleled realism, sculpt, workmanship, paint quality, and sheer attention to detail make it a must-have for any collector or enthusiast. If you're looking for a truly exceptional replica of this iconic electric car, look no further than NZG.







WINTER WARRIORS

JOHNNY LIGHTNING MILITARY 2023 RELEASE 1 SET A

TEXT BY JAMES YORK, IMAGES BY MICHAEL GREY



The vehicles in this set don't all roll on four wheels—two of them have wings and one of them has tank treads.

ohnny Lightning's Korean War-era military die cast collection stands as a poignant tribute to the brave individuals who served during this pivotal period in history.

This collection of six 1:64-scale battle-hardened vehicles showcases a remarkable attention to detail, replicating historic wheeled and winged vehicles with utmost precision. Among the iconic vehicles included are the M4 Sherman tank, a Dodge ambulance, GMC 6x6, a Willys Jeep, and two fighter planes, the F-51D Mustang and the renowned Vought F4U Corsair.

Crafted from die cast metal and plastic parts, each vehicle in this collection is not only expertly painted and detailed but also finished with realistic weathering, capturing the harsh winter conditions that soldiers faced on the battlefield. For fortunate collectors, there's the possibility of finding a White Lightning (Chase Version) of one of the vehicles, adding an element of rarity and excitement to the collection.

As we observe these 1:64-scale die casts, we note that Johnny Lighting's cutting-edge

SPECS

BRAND JOHNNY LIGHTNING

SERIES KOREA THE FORGOTTEN WAR

SET 2023 RELEASE 1

P/N JLML009

SCALE 1:64

MSRP \$65.99 (SET OF 6)

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Vehicles in the Johnny Lightning Korea collection offer remarkable detail, including accurate military markings and realistic weathering effects that reflect the harsh battlefield conditions in which they served.

manufacturing technology exudes precision and detail. This collection of military vehicles goes above and beyond to deliver a level of detail that is nothing short of remarkable.

Johnny Lightning's dedication to honoring the heroes of the Korean War is evident in the detailed craftsmanship of these vehicles. Aside from the die casts, we noticed that not only are the individual vehicle castings and decorations second to none, but the packaging they come in is worth admiring, too. Each card includes battle facts about the real-life vehicles. Now that's going above and beyond if you ask us.

Available individually or as a set, this 2023
Release 1 six-piece collection includes an M4A3
Sherman Tank (Protecting Pusan - Battle of
the Bowling Alley), MB Willys Jeep (Trapped in
the Chosin Reservoir), Dodge WC54 Ambulance
(Hungnam Evacuation - Miracle of Christmas),
WWII GMC CCKW 6x6 Truck (Task Force Faith Breaking out of the Chosin Reservoir), North
American Aviation F-51D Mustang (Protection
Pusan - Flying Out of Taegu Airbase), and
Vought F4U Corsair (Protecting Pusan - Battle of
Masan).

Each vehicle in this collection represents a chapter in history, reminding us of the sacrifices made by those who served. This series is limited to 2,000 pieces, so don't let them slip by.



TEXT BY JAMES YORK IMAGES COURTESY OF KYOSHO



KYOSHO 1/10-SCALE 1971
MERCEDES-BENZ 300 SEL 6.3 RC CAR

■ he Mercedes-Benz 300 SEL 6.3, manufactured from 1968 to 1971, served as the brand's flagship model during this period. It boasted a powerful 6.3-liter V8 engine, earning it the nickname "Dragster" for its impressive acceleration. This "Super Sedan" showcased remarkable power and performance.

For die cast collectors who crave the thrill of the open road, the Kyosho 1971 Mercedes-Benz 300

"WHAT'S AN RC CAR DOING IN DIE CAST X? THE 'X' STANDS FOR THE UNEXPECTED, AND IN THIS CASE, THIS DETAILED AND DRIVABLE REPLICA IS CERTAINLY UNEXPECTED."



SEL 6.3 Fazer Mk2 Readyset RC car is a must-have addition. What's an RC car doing in Die Cast X? The "X" stands for the uneXpected, and in this case, this detailed and drivable replica is certainly unexpected.

Appealing to our aesthetic sensibilities, we noticed that the attention to detail on this RC car is truly remarkable, with an ultra-scale body that faithfully recreates the iconic look of the 1971 Mer-

cedes-Benz 300 SEL 6.3. From the large front grille with the Mercedes-Benz emblem to the vertical twin-lamp headlights and rear combination lights, every aspect of the car's design has been accurately replicated. The body color, a luxurious Beige Grey, adds to the car's high-class appearance, making it a standout piece in any collection.

But this RC car isn't just about looks—it's also about performance. The full-time 4WD touring

300 SEL 6.3 BE GRAY

SCALE
1/10

P/N
34436T1

> MSRP \$245.99

URL KYOSHOAMERICA. COM





"FROM THE LARGE
FRONT GRILLE WITH
THE MERCEDESBENZ EMBLEM TO THE
VERTICAL TWIN-LAMP
HEADLIGHTS AND REAR
COMBINATION LIGHTS,
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chassis with shaft drive ensures that anyone can enjoy driving it, whether they're a seasoned RC enthusiast or a newcomer to the hobby. Full ball bearings throughout the drive system reduce drive loss, ensuring a smooth and efficient driving experience.

If you aren't a builder, fret not—Kyosho's Readyset package comes factory-assembled, requiring only four AA alkaline batteries for the transmitter and a battery with a charger for the chassis. Additionally, optional front and rear light buckets are compatible with the separately sold LED light unit series, allowing you to transform the car into a true scale model with realistic lighting effects.









Kyosho's 300 SEL is powerful luxury sedan that you can drive.

Even though the Kyosho 1/10-Scale 1971 Mercedes-Benz 300 SEL 6.3 is an RC car, we think it's a must-consider for any die cast collector who appreciates the beauty and performance

of classic Mercedes-Benz cars. With its stunning design and impressive performance, this RC car is sure to become a prized possession in any collection.





AUTOMODELLO'S ONE43 1954 PACKARD CARIBBEAN CONVERTIBLE

TEXT BY JAMES YORK IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI



SPECS

BRAND AUTOMODELLO

MODEL

1954 PACKARD CARIBBEAN CONVERTIBLE BLACK & SAHARA SAND

P/N 43P040

MSRP

\$119.99

URL

AUTOMODELLO.COM

Automodello packaging itself is suitable for display, but it's always satisfying to take the car out of the case to admire it in greater detail.





The ONE43 Packard Caribbean is exacting in detail and exudes sophistication and exclusivity-just like the 1:1 version.



"NOTE THAT THE LIMITED

143-PIECE RUN IS
LESS THAN HALF OF
THE ORIGINAL 1954
CARIBBEAN'S RUN, MAKING
THESE DIE CAST REPLICAS
EVEN MORE RARE."

Forgoing full rear wheel cutouts allowed for the use of two-tone paint schemes; here, it's Black and Sahara Sand.

The "finned" headlight housings helped set the Caribbean apart from more pedestrian Packard models.

n the golden era of automobiles, Packard stood as a symbol of American luxury and innovation. Renowned for their opulent designs and technological advancements, Packard cars offered a driving experience that rivaled the best from Detroit's premium marques. Among these creations, the 1954 Packard Caribbean Convertible holds a special place, representing the pinnacle of Packard's post-war automotive excellence.

During World War II, Packard, like its competitors, shifted focus to support the war effort. Post-war, as the automotive market surged with returning GIs, Packard found itself in need of a modernized lineup to compete with Cadillac and Lincoln. This led to the development of Packard's own fully automatic transmission, the Ultramatic, and a fresh design direction for its models.

Introduced in 1953, the Packard Caribbean Convertible was an instant hit. With bespoke styling and powered by Packard's most potent straight-eight engine mated to the Ultramatic transmission, it epitomized luxury and performance. The 1954 model year brought even more power, pushing 212 hp from its 359 cubic-inch engine. Design updates included revised rear quarters with semi-enclosed wheel arches and the availability of two-tone paint options.

Inside, the 1954 Caribbean offered a host of luxurious features, including power steering, power brakes, power windows, and leather-up-holstered power-adjustable seats. With only 400 examples produced, the 1954 Caribbean is among the rarest and most sought-after by collectors.

Automodello pays homage to this iconic model with their ONE43 series 1954 Packard Caribbean Convertible. Finished in striking two-tone Black with Sahara Sand paint and a black soft top, this precision 1:43-scale replica captures the elegance and sophistication of Packard's flagship convertible.

Limited to just 143 pieces, each model includes a removable convertible top and tonneau cover, ensuring lasting collector value. Note that the limited 143-piece run is less than half of the original 1954 Caribbean's run, making these die cast replicas even more rare.

This die cast replica includes a removable convertible top and a tonneau cover so you can run it top-up or top-down.



The interior is just as detailed as the exterior, and displaying it with the convertible top removed lets your eyes feast on every bit of it.

"FINISHED IN STRIKING
TWO-TONE BLACK WITH
SAHARA SAND PAINT
AND A BLACK SOFT
TOP, THIS PRECISION
1:43-SCALE REPLICA
CAPTURES THE ELEGANCE
AND SOPHISTICATION OF
PACKARD'S FLAGSHIP
CONVERTIBLE."

For enthusiasts and collectors alike, the Automodello ONE43 1954 Packard Caribbean Convertible is a timeless tribute to Packard's legacy of luxury and style, a must-have piece that encapsulates the essence of a bygone era of automotive excellence.





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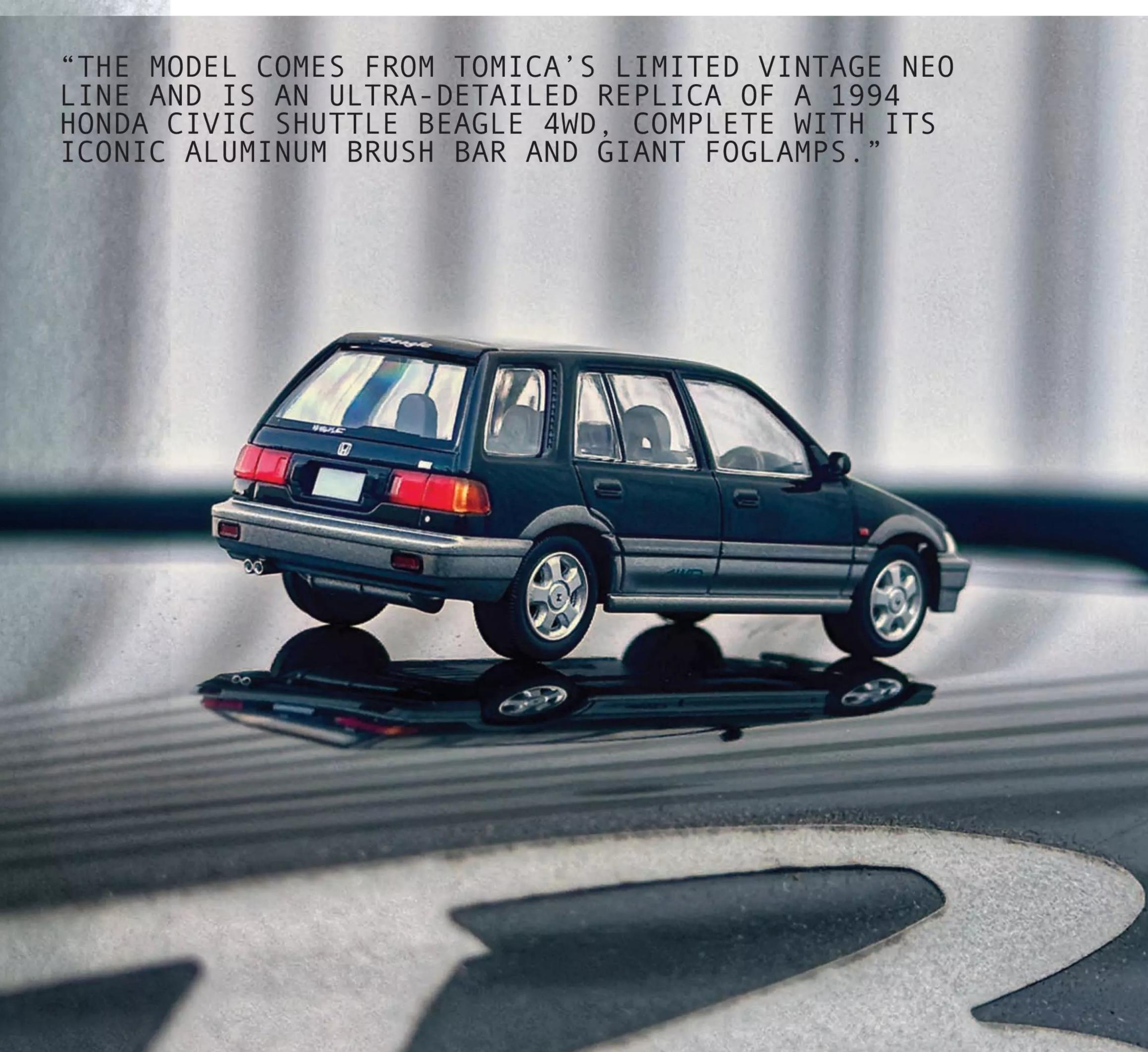


Tomica painstakingly replicated this rare Honda Civic in 1:64 scale. It looks correct from every angle.





The Tomica Vintage Neo collection includes many rare JDM vehicles in its lineup.













SPECS

BRAND TOMICA

SERIES LIMITED VINTAGE NEO

MODEL
1994 HONDA CIVIC SHUTTLE BEAGLE 4WD

SCALE 1:64

MSRP ¥3300 (JAPANESE YEN, APPROX. \$22 USD)

URL MINICAR.TOMYTEC.CO.JP

were also rarer five-door wagons. An even more rare model in the States was the 4WD, six-speed trim wagon called the Civic RT4WD. The Shuttle Beagle 4WD is basically a highly optioned-out RT4WD with features and accessories that the RT4WD was never offered with in the USA.

Suffice it to say the Civic Shuttle Beagle 4WD is as quirky as a Civic can get—as quirky as its Beagle moniker, I would say. The Beagle also features JDM accessories such as a front aluminum brush guard, oversized auxiliary lights, mud flaps and roof rails that came direct from the factory.

Imagine my surprise when I happened to stumble upon a die cast replica of a Beagle on my last trip to Japan. I was hunting for die casts, as any collector worth their salt would be doing in Japan, when I came across a display of Tomica models. Lo and behold, a 1:64-scale Civic Shuttle Beagle 4WD was staring right back at me. I had to do a triple-take; I didn't believe what I was seeing. Who would make a die cast of a Beagle? I thought. Of course, I quickly snapped it up.

Details such as the stainless steel brush bar and alloy wheels have been perfectly re-created.

"SUFFICE IT TO SAY THE CIVIC SHUTTLE BEAGLE AWD IS AS QUIRKY AS A CIVIC CAN GET... AS QUIRKY AS ITS BEAGLE MONIKER, I WOULD SAY."

The model comes from Tomica's Limited Vintage Neo line and is an ultra-detailed replica of a 1994 Honda Civic Shuttle Beagle 4WD, complete with its iconic aluminum brush bar and giant foglamps. It is finished in black and features the Beagle's famed two-tone paint job.

Although this Tomica is only 1:64 in size, it's exceptionally well-sculpted and crafted. The lines look virtually identical to the 1:1 Beagle's and the detailed interior, graphics and other details are spot-on.

The Tomica comes with accurate factory-issued wheels and roof rails that you have to glue on yourself. I didn't glue mine on yet. Being the collector that I am, I can't bring myself to alter the model as it comes out the box... but I may do that in time.

I applaud Tomica for going down the rabbit hole and offering replicas of JDM car models that have been mostly forgotten through its Limited Vintage Neo series. This Civic Shuttle Beagle 4WD owner appreciates the effort.

Although this collector's grade Tomica die cast is only 1:64 in size, it's exceptionally well-sculpted and crafted.





The Honda Civic Shuttle Beagle 4WD is a highly optioned-out five-door version of the late '80s, early '90s Honda Civic.





M-255 CMC Ferrari 250 GTO, Laguna Seca, 2004 Limited edition 2200 pieces

MI-253 CMC Ferrari 250 GTO, 24h France 1962, Beurlys/Eldé/Mason, #22 Limited edition 2200 pieces

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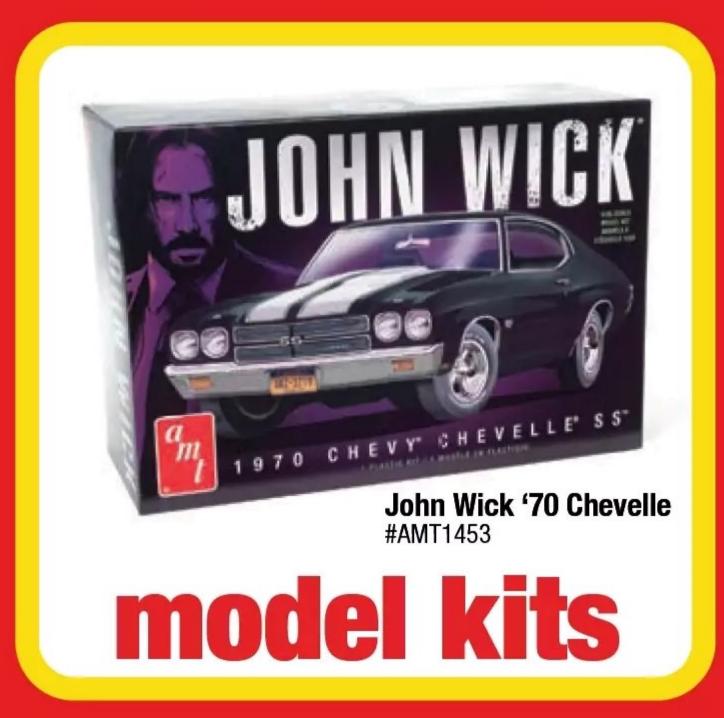




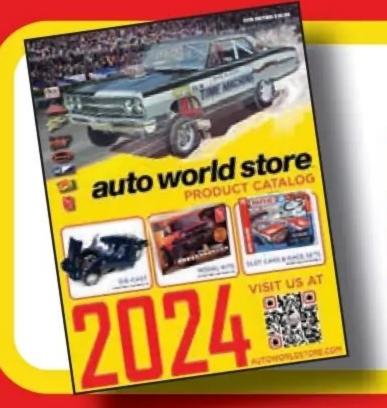


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