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editor's letter

Thank you for joining us for another exciting issue of Die Cast X magazine. Sharing our love of die cast collecting with passionate readers like you has been an honor and a joy. This issue holds special significance for me, as it reflects on the incredible journey we've shared since I first helmed this magazine a little over three years ago. I hope you enjoy this issue as much as I've enjoyed contributing to it.

Working on Die Cast X has been an extraordinary privilege, and I'm endlessly grateful for the community we've built together. While every issue brings its own unique challenges and joys, this one feels like a milestone—a moment to pause and appreciate the stories, passion, and creativity that fuel our shared hobby.

This issue is packed with incredible features, and I can't wait for you to dive in. We've covered some of the most exciting die cast releases of the year so far in this issue—and the year has only just begun! From Jada's stunning Hyper-Spec Porsche Carrera GT to Auto World's American Muscle 1977 Pontiac Firebird Formula and 1962 Chevrolet Corvette, the lineup is sure to thrill collectors. We also explore Automodello's unique 1:43-scale Hesketh Racing GMC Motohome and the versatility of Johnny Lightning's

1:64-scale Tow & Go series vehicles with trailers.

For an insider's perspective, we had the privilege of going behind the scenes on the Hot Wheels Design Tour at Mattel's world headquarters. It's a fascinating glimpse into how these iconic miniature vehicles come to life. Plus, we take you along to the finale of the 2024 Hot Wheels Legends Tour, where creativity and craftsmanship collide to produce some of the most imaginative real-life builds inspired by Hot Wheels.

Before I go, I want to remind you to share your prized rides with us. Whether it's a custom creation or a rare collectible, submit your die cast models for a chance to be featured in an upcoming "Show & Tell" spotlight. Submit your ride at: <http://www.diecastxmagazine.com/dcx-readers-collection>.

Thank you for your support and enthusiasm. It's been an incredible journey, and I hope to be back with you again soon. In the meantime, follow us on Instagram @diecastx for updates and behind-the-scenes fun.

Until next time,
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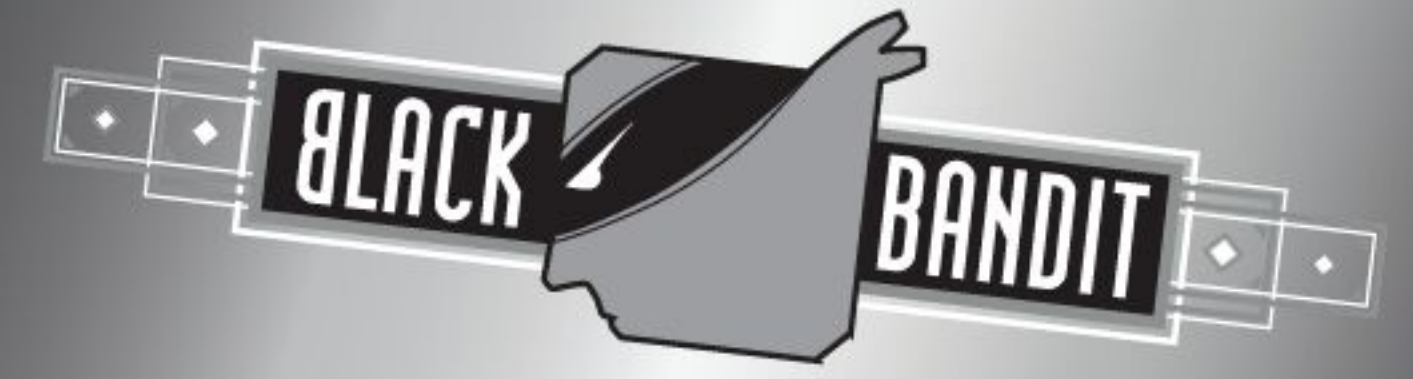
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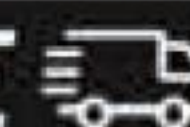


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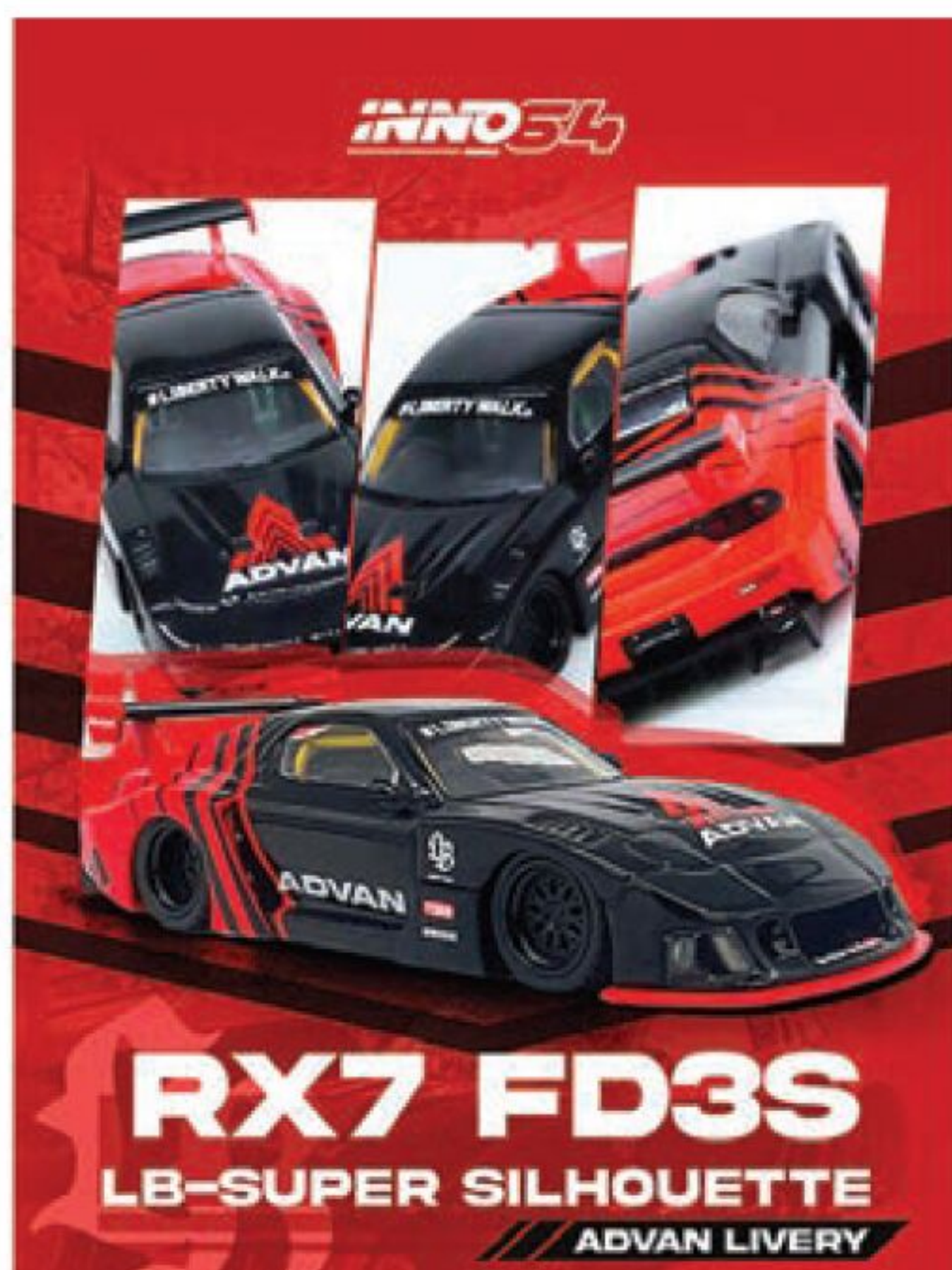
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Welcome to the latest installment of Show & Tell! We welcome our readers to share their favorite vehicles from their personal collections with us so that we can help show them off to fellow Die Cast X readers. Let's see what our readers have to show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



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Location: Yardley, Pennsylvania

Brand: Unknown

Series: Unknown

Model: 1932 Duesenberg

Dual Cowl Phaeton

Scale: 1:12

From the Owner: "I purchased this model on a website from Germany. I never saw a Duesenberg in this scale before."



JOHN BUFORD

Location: Rockford, Illinois

Brand: Johnny Lightning

Series: Muscle Cars U.S.A.

Model: 1972 Pontiac GTO

Scale: 1:64

From the Owner: "The GTO is by far my favorite muscle car. When I saw this Johnny Lightning at the store, I knew I had to grab it. With its rubber tires, it's one of smoothest die casts I roll around on my desk."

ROBERT CHANG

Location: Flushing, New York

Brand: Muscle Machines

Series: SSTuner

Model: Pacific Rim Nissan Silvia S15

Scale: 1:64

From the Owner: "I've been into tuner-style cars for years, and back when Muscle Machines first came out with JDM cars, I was floored. This is one of my favorites from back in the day. It looks like the cars Signal used to build and has a classic Pacific Rim logo on the side."



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HOT WHEELS BEHIND THE SCENES

THE HOT WHEELS DESIGN TOUR AT MATTEL HEADQUARTERS

TEXT & IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI

For any die cast enthusiast, Hot Wheels represents the pinnacle of miniature car culture. As collectors, we marvel at their craftsmanship and detail, but have you ever wondered about the journey these tiny masterpieces take from concept to collector's shelf?

This question led us to the Hot Wheels Design Tour at Mattel headquarters in El Segundo, California. In being invited to this exclusive event, we were granted an insider's look at how the world's biggest die cast maker operates. It was an eye-opening experience that showcased the magic behind the scenes.

A LEGACY OF SPEED & INNOVATION

The day began with an engaging history lesson about the Hot Wheels brand. Launched in 1968, Hot Wheels revolutionized the toy car market with its bold designs, blazing-fast wheels, and dedication to realism.

Mattel headquarters in California might be described as the epicenter of all things die cast.

“WITH MORE THAN 50 YEARS OF INNOVATION, HOT WHEELS HAS BECOME A CULTURAL ICON AND HAS PRODUCED MORE THAN 8 BILLION CARS—AND COUNTING.”





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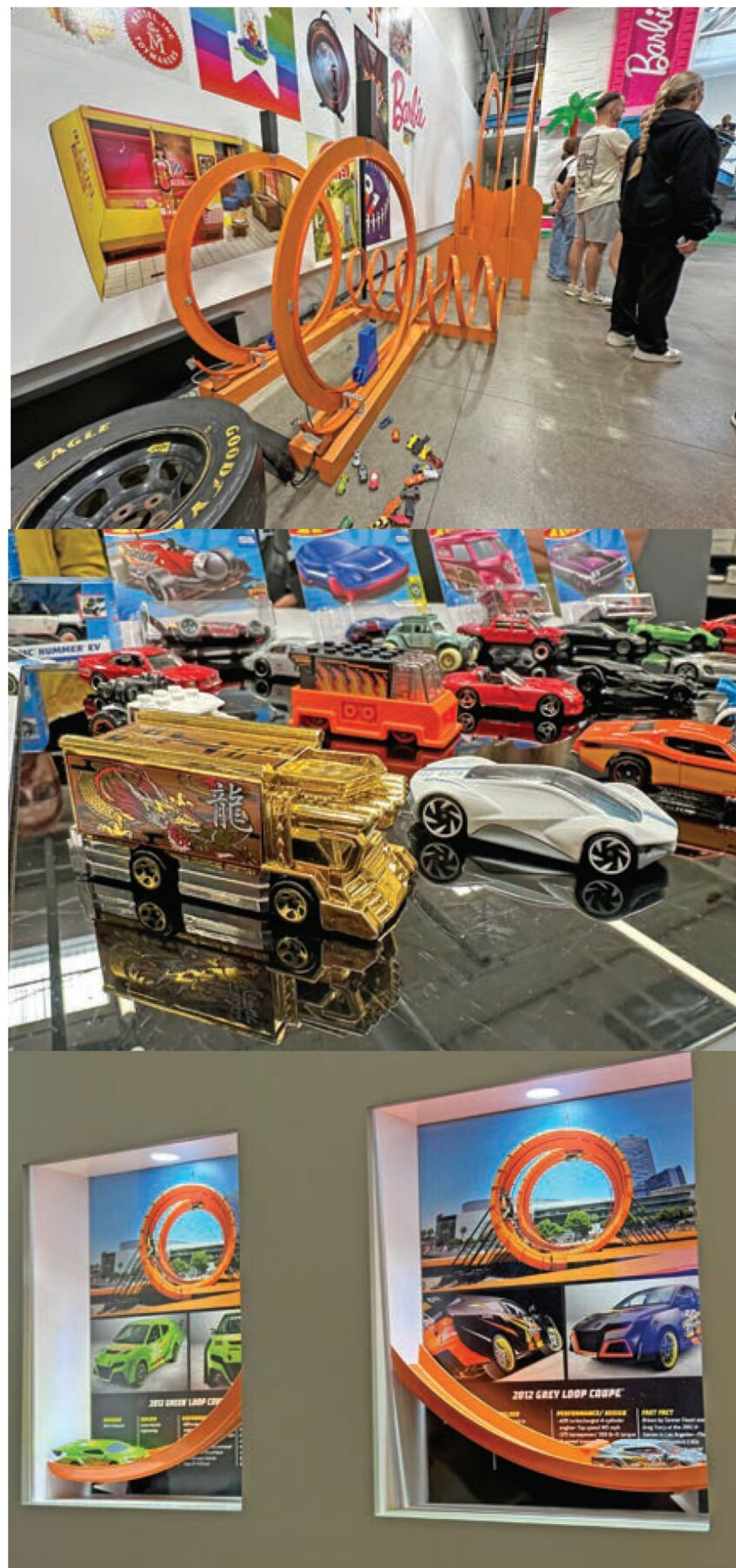
With over 50 years of innovation, the brand has become a cultural icon, producing more than 8 billion cars and counting. It was inspiring to hear how Hot Wheels continues to push boundaries, evolving with trends while staying true to its roots.

FROM SKETCH TO SHELF

One of the highlights of the tour was an in-depth explanation of Hot Wheels’ product development process. This journey begins with brainstorming sessions where designers draw inspiration from various sources, including automotive history, pop culture, and the latest trends. Ted Wu, Senior Vice President, Global Head of Design, Vehicles and Building Sets, emphasized the importance of collaboration and creativity in these initial stages.

Once an idea is approved, it moves into the concept design phase. We met Bryan Benedict, Key Principal Designer for Collabs & Partnerships, who shared insights into his process of creating iconic collaborations. From designing Batmobiles to limited-edition partnerships with luxury carmakers, Bryan’s work blends automotive artistry with pop culture flair.

There were so many cool things to look at, from dioramas and playset displays to concept vehicles in various states of development, that you could easily spend a week here and still not see it all.



Shown here are just a couple of the many displays that show legendary Hot Wheels releases from over the years.

ENGINEERING THE PERFECT RIDE

After the concept is solidified, the engineering team takes over. Charlie Angulo, Product Designer for Vehicles, walked us through the technical challenges of scaling down real-world cars while retaining their authenticity. Every detail, from the curvature of the fenders to the texture of the tires, is meticulously crafted.

We also had the privilege of visiting the Model



Left: Bryan Benedict, Key Principal Designer for Col-labs & Partnerships, shares Hot Wheels' production process from concept to final product.



From concept to design to finished product, a Hot Wheels model goes through many departments before it's ready to end up in a collector's hands.

Shop, where Robert Coleman, Senior Team Lead, explained the rapid prototyping process. Using cutting-edge 3D printing technology, the team creates physical models to evaluate proportions and functionality. This phase is crucial for ironing out potential issues before mass production.

PACKAGING THE DREAM

A Hot Wheels car isn't just a toy; it's a collector's item, and the packaging plays a significant role in

its appeal. Matt Gabe, Manager of Package Design for Vehicles, shared how packaging evolves alongside the car design. Whether it's a retro blister pack or a premium collector's box, the goal is to make each piece feel special. Seeing the thought and effort behind these designs gave us a new appreciation for the finished product.

MEETING THE VISIONARIES

Throughout the day, we were fortunate to meet

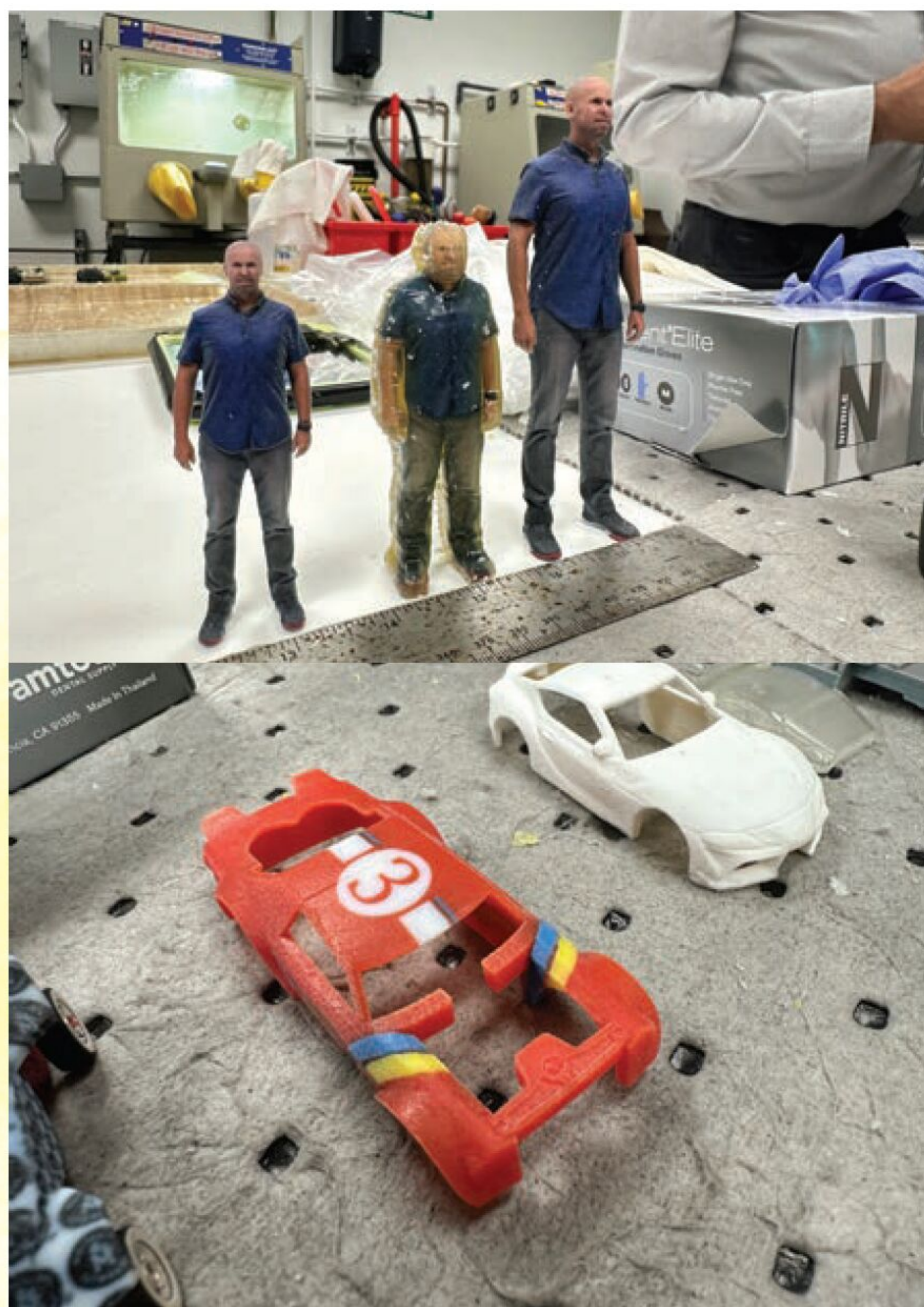
Not only did the tour cover design, but the rich history of Hot Wheels as well.



Above: Beyond this doorway lies the heart of the Hot Wheels design team area. The wall is autographed with many famous visitors' signatures and sketches.

Right: Mattel's Model Department uses 3D printers that are capable of rapidly printing full-color models. This gives designers better insights into their designs—in three dimensions.

Robert Coleman, Senior Team Lead at Mattel's Model Shop, explains the rapid prototyping process and showed us the many 3D printing machines the department uses.



the visionaries behind Hot Wheels. Roberto Stanichi, Executive Vice President and Head of Vehicles and Building Sets, spoke passionately about the brand's global impact and commitment to innovation. His enthusiasm was contagious, setting the tone for the entire tour.

Paul Schmid, Key Lead Product Designer for Vehicles, provided fascinating insights into balancing

creativity with market demands. His ability to merge cutting-edge designs with Hot Wheels' signature style left us in awe.

THE COLLECTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

As we walked through the halls filled with Hot Wheels memorabilia and prototypes, it was clear that the team's dedication goes beyond just creating toys. They're crafting memories and fueling



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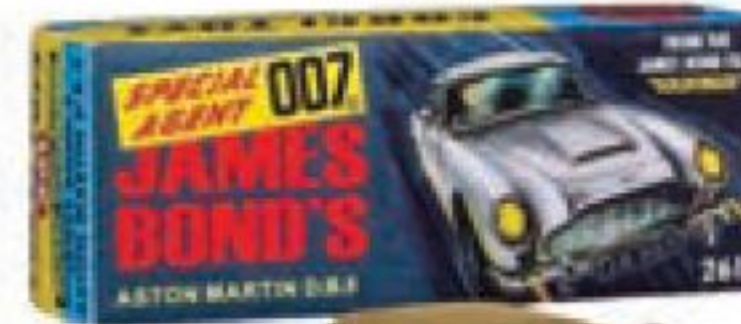
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passions for collectors of all ages. Each car tells a story, whether it's a childhood favorite or a limited-edition model that completes a set.

AN EYE-OPENING EXPERIENCE

The Hot Wheels Design Tour was an eye-opening experience at the artistry, engineering, and passion that drive the brand. It gave us a newfound appreciation for the tiny cars that bring us so much

joy. To be able to meet the people who pour their creativity and expertise into making Hot Wheels was such a treat.

From the initial spark of an idea to the finished product sitting in our hands, every step is a labor of love. As we left Mattel headquarters, we carried a deeper appreciation for the brand that has captured our imaginations for generations.

“THE TEAM’S DEDICATION GOES BEYOND SIMPLY CREATING TOYS; THEY’RE FUELING PASSIONS.”

Another of the highlights of the tour was seeing how Hot Wheels tracks are created. It's a fun department to be in for sure.



Above: Matt Gabe, Manager of Package Design for Vehicles, shared how packaging evolves alongside the car design.

Left: Paul Schmid, Key Lead Product Designer, showed us how Hot Wheels racetracks are developed.

BABA YAGA



JOHN WICK

In the masterful “John Wick” series, Mr. Wick’s 1969 Ford Mustang isn’t merely a car; it’s a roaring emblem of past tranquility. Linked to memories of a life with his late wife, the Mustang catapults into the limelight when it becomes the target of a heartless act. Ripped away and violated, it evolves from a cherished relic to a symbol of vengeance. The electrifying loss of his beloved Mustang and the tragic death of his dog propel John Wick into an exhilarating pursuit of retribution, transforming the car into a dynamic and pivotal force in the film’s gripping narrative. The stage is set for an action-packed tale of redemption. “Baba Yaga” is back.

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JOHN WICK '69 Ford Mustang
#AWSS145 (1:18 SCALE)

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HYPERCAR ELEGANCE

**JADA'S HYPER-SPEC
PORSCHE CARRERA GT**

TEXT & IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI





“ATTENTION TO DETAIL IS EVIDENT IN THE MODEL’S FINELY CRAFTED LINES, MAKING THIS A FAITHFUL REPRESENTATION OF THE PORSCHE HYPERCAR.”

Features like the opening doors, frunk, and engine cover allow a more intimate look at the GT’s hidden details.



apparent in the finely crafted lines, making this replica a faithful representation of the original hypercar.

The positionable rear wing, an iconic feature of the Carrera GT, adds a dynamic element to the model, while the real rubber tires ensure an authentic feel. Whether displayed on a shelf or used as a hands-on collectible, this Porsche commands attention.

FUNCTIONAL FEATURES

Collectors will appreciate the functional elements that bring this die cast model to life. The opening doors, front trunk (frunk), and rear engine cover offer an intimate look at the Carrera GT’s hidden details.

For die cast collectors, few things compare to the thrill of adding an exotic supercar to their display. With Jada Toys’ Hyper-Spec Porsche Carrera GT, enthusiasts can now own a 1:24-scale version of one of the most iconic hypercars ever produced.

Jada’s Hyper-Spec series is known for replicating the most eye-catching, high-performance vehicles, and their Porsche Carrera GT stands out as a prime example of their craftsmanship. The Carrera GT, a mid-engine marvel revered for its groundbreaking performance and timeless design, is brought to life in this 1:24-scale model with stunning accuracy.

The model’s satin-black exterior is highlighted with white graphics that enhance its sleek, aerodynamic profile. The attention to detail is

The satin-black paint finish with high-contrast white swept elements make this model look like it’s moving at speed even while it’s sitting still.





The Carrera GT's rear view instantly lets you know this is not your ordinary Porsche.



SPECS

BRAND
JADA

MODEL
PORSCHE CARRERA GT

SERIES
HYPER-SPEC

SCALE
1:24

P/N
35490

URL
JADATOYS.COM

Massive five-spoke wheels reveal equally massive brake assemblies re-created in fine detail. Considering it is a Porsche replica, this is a detail we especially enjoy.

The Jada Carrera GT features a moving rear wing that can be posed at varying heights, much like the real 1:1 vehicle.

The interior replicates the real car's minimalist yet luxurious cabin, including the unique gear shifter placement and bucket seats. These elements capture the essence of Porsche's commitment to combining high performance with sophisticated design.

The engine cover reveals a detailed representation of the Carrera GT's legendary V10 engine, itself a nod to the car's track-inspired engineering. This level of precision makes the Jada Hyper-Spec model more than just a display piece; it's a miniature window into the





THE REAL PORSCHE CARRERA GT

The Porsche Carrera GT, introduced in 2003, is a masterpiece of engineering and design. Powered by a 5.7-liter V10 engine, it delivers an astonishing 603 horsepower and can sprint from 0 to 60 mph in just 3.5 seconds, topping out at a speed of 205 mph. Its carbon fiber monocoque chassis and racing-inspired technology have made it one of the most sought-after hypercars in history. Limited to just 1,270 units, the Carrera GT remains a symbol of Porsche's commitment to pushing the boundaries of performance and innovation.



“IT’S MORE THAN JUST A MODEL; IT’S A WINDOW INTO THE ENGINEERING MARVEL THAT IS THE PORSCHE CARRERA GT.”

engineering marvel that is the Porsche Carrera GT.

FINAL WORD

Jada’s Hyper-Spec line has consistently impressed us with its ability to capture the spirit of exotic cars in die cast form, and the Porsche Carrera GT is no exception. The combination of realism, functionality, and sleek design makes this model a standout in any display.

Swing the driver’s door open to more fully appreciate the exacting nature of the replica interior, from its one-piece racing seats to the uniquely mounted gear shifter.

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ICONIC MUSCLE

**AMERICAN MUSCLE 1:18-SCALE
1977 PONTIAC FIREBIRD FORMULA**

TEXT BY JAMES YORK, IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI





SPECS

BRAND
AUTO WORLD

MODEL
1977 PONTIAC
FIREBIRD FORMULA

SERIES
AMERICAN MUSCLE

SCALE
1:18

P/N
AMM1318

MSRP:
\$104.99

URL
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The Pontiac Firebird might be considered the quintessential American muscle car of the 1970s, and the Formula might be the quintessential Firebird.

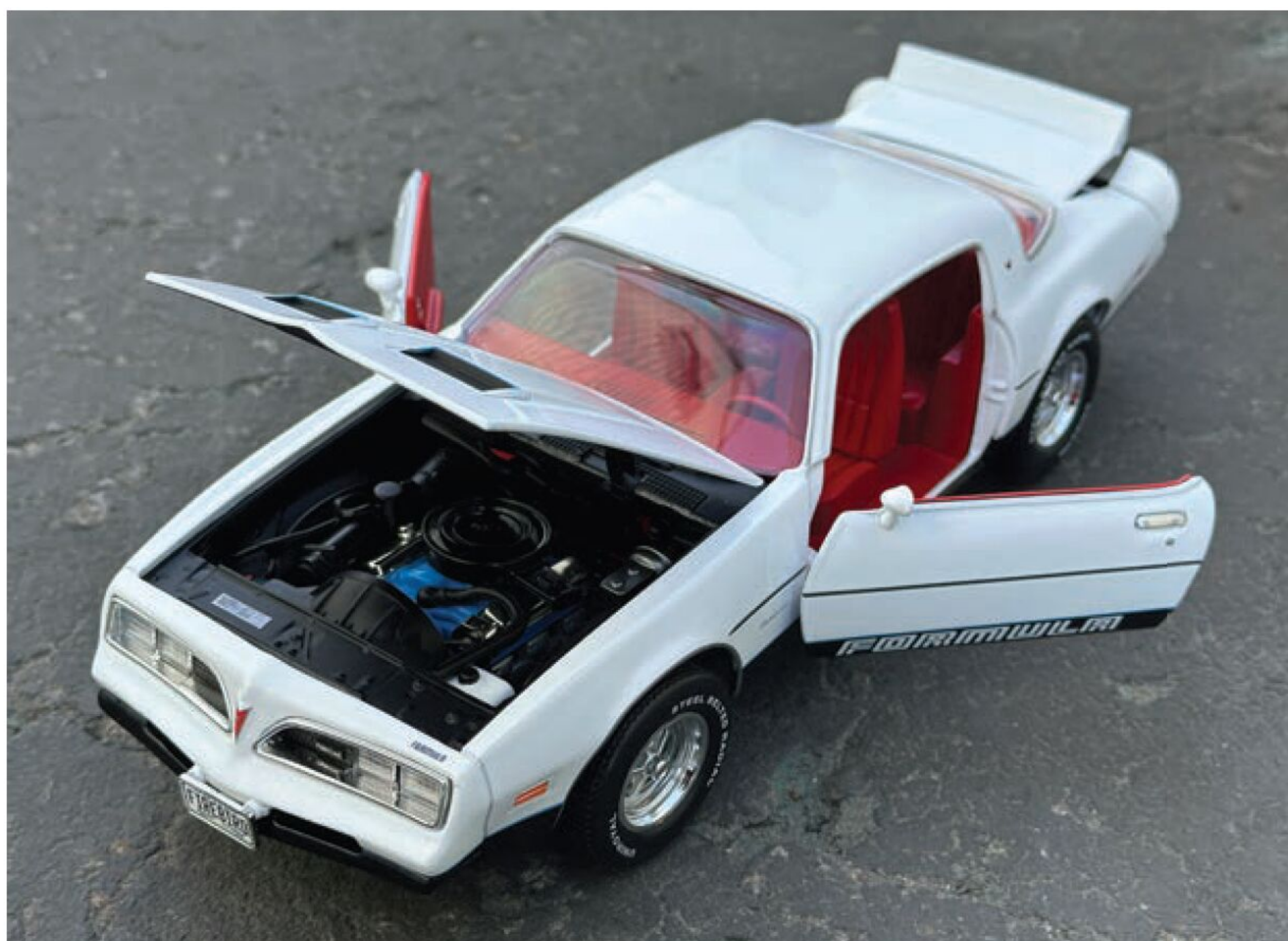
Few cars encapsulate the golden age of American muscle as perfectly as the Pontiac Firebird. Auto World's 1:18-scale replica of this iconic vehicle brings the raw power and striking design of the Firebird Formula to collectors' shelves for the enjoyment of muscle

car and die cast fans alike.

A CLASSIC BROUGHT TO LIFE

The 1977 Pontiac Firebird Formula is a standout in the lineage of American muscle cars, combining performance and style in a way that defined





Lift the functioning hood to gaze upon the replica 400ci V8; swing the doors open to more closely inspect the precisely replicated Formula cockpit.

“THE ’77 FIREBIRD FORMULA IS A STANDOUT IN THE LINEAGE OF AMERICAN MUSCLE CARS, COMBINING PERFORMANCE AND STYLE IN A WAY THAT DEFINED ITS ERA.”

its era. This die cast replica by Auto World accurately captures the essence of the original, from its muscular stance to its high-performance features.

The model is finished in a glossy and factory-accurate Cameo White paint that mirrors the real car’s bold aesthetic. Complementing the vibrant exterior is the iconic twin-scoop hood, a signature feature of the Formula trim. Detailed Firebird graphics and Formula badging add authenticity, making the model a faithful reproduction of the 1977 classic.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

One of the most impressive aspects of this die

cast replica is its incredible level of detail. The opening doors, hood, and trunk allow collectors to truly explore the model’s intricacies. Beneath the hood lies a highly detailed engine bay that showcases the Firebird’s legendary powerplant, accurately depicting the car’s Pontiac V8 engine complete with painted components and realistic cabling.

Inside, the model features a finely crafted all-red interior. From the dashboard to the bucket seats, every element has been re-created with precision. Collectors will appreciate the attention to period-correct details, such as the three-spoke steering wheel and the authentic

In addition to the doors and hood, the trunk also opens up to reveal more detail. The model’s underside features a detailed suspension, exhaust system, and transmission bell housing.





“WITH ITS AGGRESSIVE DESIGN AND POWERFUL ENGINE, THE FIREBIRD FORMULA BECAME AN ENDURING SYMBOL OF AMERICAN CAR CULTURE, AND AUTOWORLD’S REPLICA IS A TRIBUTE TO THIS LEGACY.”

upholstery pattern.

The undercarriage is equally impressive, with a fully detailed suspension system and exhaust components that replicate the original car’s engineering. Real rubber tires and accurately scaled wheels complete the package, ensuring the model captures the essence of the Firebird Formula in every way.

A TRIBUTE TO AN ERA

The 1977 Pontiac Firebird Formula represents Pontiac’s mid-range muscle car lineup during a challenging time for performance cars. With its



PONTIAC FIREBIRD FORMULA

The 1977 Pontiac Firebird Formula was a high-performance variant of the Firebird lineup, known for its distinctive twin-scoop hood and optional Pontiac 400-cubic-inch V8 engine. Available with a variety of powertrain configurations, the Firebird Formula balanced raw performance with stylish design, making it a favorite among muscle car enthusiasts. This model year gained further recognition thanks to Firebird's sibling, the Trans Am, which starred in the blockbuster movie "Smokey and the Bandit." The Formula, however, retained its unique identity as a refined yet powerful road machine, cementing its place in American car culture.



aggressive design and powerful engine options, the Firebird Formula became an enduring symbol of American car culture. Auto World's 1:18-scale replica pays tribute to this legacy, offering collectors a piece of automotive history in a format that's as stunning as the real car.

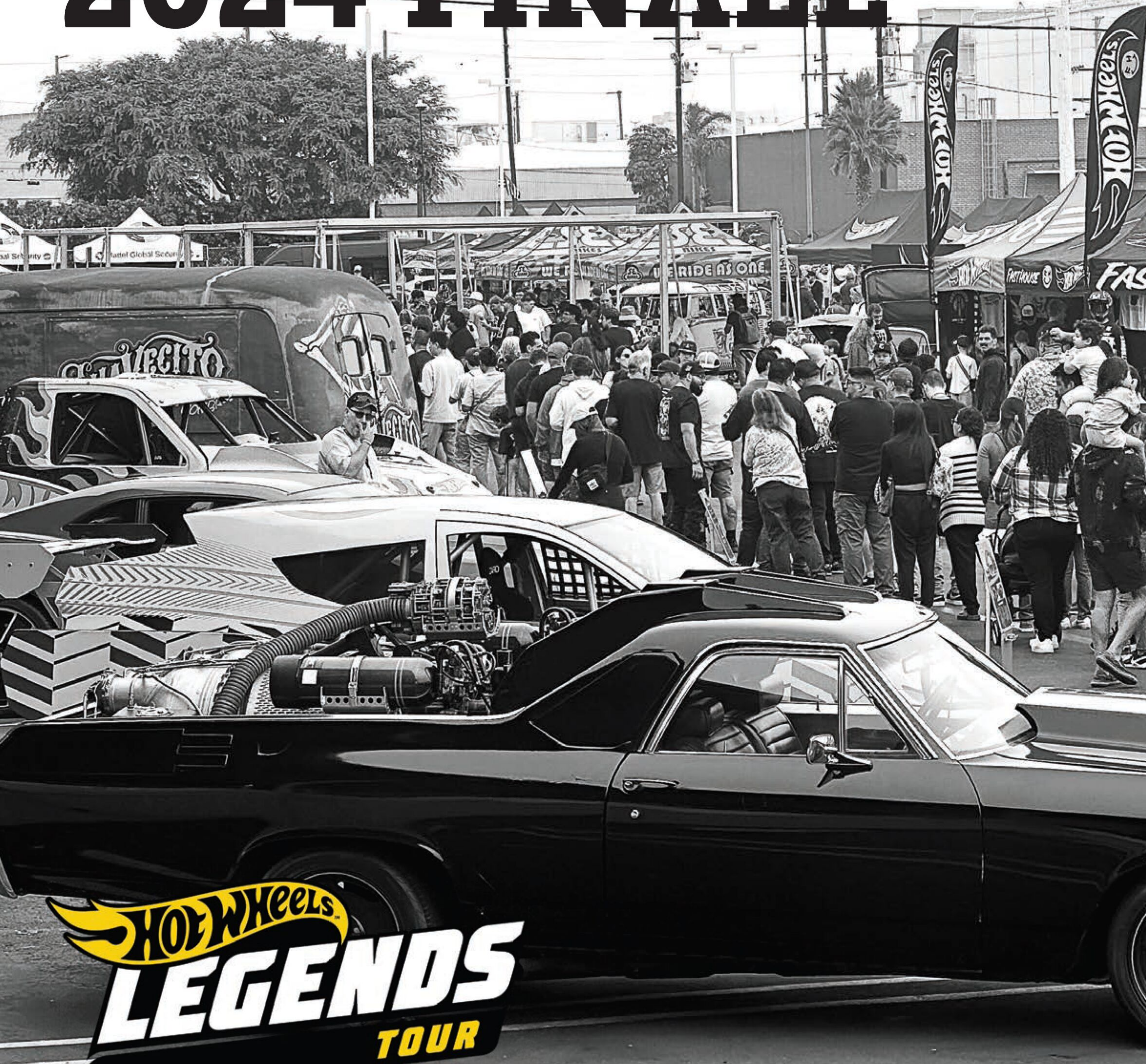
FINAL WORD

Whether you're a long-time Firebird enthusiast or a die cast collector looking to add an iconic muscle car to your collection, this model would be a nice addition. Its combination of authenticity, craftsmanship, and style makes it a standout piece that will be enjoyed for years to come.

Real rubber tires with white sidewall lettering. Firebird insignia and license plate, fully detailed, oh-so-red interior... this die cast has all that and then some.

events

HOT WHEELS LEGENDS TOUR 2024 FINALE



Hot Wheels
LEGENDS
TOUR

A CELEBRATION OF CUSTOM CARS & DIE CAST DREAMS

TEXT & IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI



This past November marked the finale of 2024's Hot Wheels Legends Tour, but you can bet we're already looking forward to the 2025 edition. We can't wait... can you?

The Tour's final stop was Mattel HQ in El Segundo under sunny Southern California skies, drawing thousands of die cast faithful from all over the world.

The Hot Wheels Legends Tour 2024 finale was nothing short of spectacular. Held at Mattel headquarters in El Segundo, California, the event marked the culmination of a global search for the ultimate custom car—one worthy of being immortalized as a Hot Wheels die cast replica.

Thousands of fans flocked to the open-to-the-public event for a day packed with jaw-dropping cars, thrilling activities, and the infectious energy of the Hot Wheels community.

A GATHERING OF LEGENDS

The finale brought together car enthusiasts and customizers from around the world, all eager to

see which vehicle would take home the top honor. The event's centerpiece was the car show, which featured some of the wildest, most creatively crafted custom vehicles to ever hit the show circuit. Hot Wheels itself even had a few legends of its own on display.

From low-slung rat rods and heavily modified muscle cars to futuristic concepts and off-road beasts, the variety on display was staggering. Each car told a unique story, reflecting its creator's vision and dedication.

FAMILY FUN & FAN FAVORITES

The event wasn't just about the cars. Families

You never know what you'll see at a Hot Wheels Legends Tour stop, from pristine blown Vettes to time-traveling DeLoreans and everything in between.





Many of the 1:1-scale vehicles on display have been turned into 1:64-scale Hot Wheels—or vice versa, because many miniatures have been upsized to become real vehicles, too.

Hot Wheels designers love pushing the envelope of automotive design. You'll find all kinds of interesting vehicles on display, each worthy of the Hot Wheels name.



Anytime the Hot Wheels Legends Tour arrives into town, there's going to be exclusive collectibles offered too. Collectors braved long lines to bring home cool Hot Wheels items.



As well as being a full-scale car show with some of the wildest rides imaginable on display, the Tour includes interactive elements for all to enjoy, including many wild racetracks set up for attendees of all ages to play with.



enjoyed a variety of interactive activities, including a number of Hot Wheels track builds as well as photo opportunities with life-sized Hot Wheels models.

Exclusive merchandise and limited-edition die cast models were also available, giving fans the chance to take home a piece of the excitement. As collectors ourselves, we were more than happy to brave the long lines to get in on some of the exclusive merch.

A FITTING FINALE

The Hot Wheels Legends Tour 2024 finale was a celebration of creativity, craftsmanship, and community. It showcased the power of Hot Wheels to bring together people of all ages and backgrounds, united by a shared love for cars and the thrill of collecting.



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A PERFECT PAIR

JADA'S LEGACY SERIES: A TRIBUTE
TO FAST & FURIOUS ICONS

TEXT BY JAMES YORK
IMAGES BY MICHAEL GREY



Jada's Fast & Furious Legacy Series celebrates the energy and creativity of the beloved cinematic franchise.

SPECS

BRAND
JADA

SERIES
FAST & FURIOUS
LEGACY SERIES

MODEL
MAZDA TRIBUTE /
TOYOTA TRIBUTE

P/N
35398 / 35401

SCALE
1:32

URL
JADATOYS.COM

Jada Toys' Legacy Series is a fitting tribute to the legendary vehicles from the Fast & Furious franchise—with those that came before it, as well as after.

The 1:32-scale Legacy Series delivers a perfect blend of nostalgia and authenticity by pairing iconic cars from the films with their historical or conceptual counterparts, creating sets that are as dynamic as the movies themselves.

ROTARY LEGENDS

One of the standout sets in the Legacy Series features Dom Toretto's Mazda RX-7 from the first

Fast & Furious film alongside the 1974 Mazda RX-3, both with rotary-powered engines and matching livery schemes.

Dom's RX-7 is a fan favorite, known for its sleek, aggressive styling and the rotary engine that epitomizes the tuner culture that the franchise celebrates. The inclusion of the RX-3, a classic rotary-powered predecessor to the RX-7, makes this pairing a tribute to Mazda's racing heritage and rotary innovation.

Both 1:32-scale die cast models are detailed with high-quality interiors, opening doors, and

We recently got our hands on two Legacy packs: Dom's Mazda RX-7 from the first film, paired with a 1974 RX-3, and the orange Toyota GR Supra from F9, paired with the Toyota FT-1 Concept.

premium rubber tires, capturing the essence of the real cars. The RX-7's design mirrors its cinematic counterpart with its aerodynamic body and street-racing flair, while the RX-3 stands out with retro styling and vintage appeal.

SUPRA LEGACY

Another remarkable set in the Legacy Series features the Toyota GR Supra paired with its conceptual prototype, the Toyota FT-1 Concept, both painted in custom shades of orange reminiscent of the iconic Fast & Furious Supra. The GR Supra, which reignited Toyota's sports car legacy, reflects a modern take on performance and design, while the FT-1 showcases the bold vision that inspired it.

This pairing bridges the gap between past, present, and future in a way that resonates with Fast & Furious fans. Both cars feature stunning details, from the fully functional doors to the finely crafted interiors, making them a joy to collect and display.

COLLECTOR-GRADE CRAFTSMANSHIP

Jada Toys elevates the collector experience with high-gloss packaging and 100% die cast metal construction. Each set celebrates the energy and creativity of Fast & Furious while delivering on the quality and realism that die cast enthusiasts expect.

FINAL WORD

For collectors who love street racing culture and cinema, Jada's Legacy Series offers a unique way to own a piece of Fast & Furious history while honoring the cars that defined the franchise. It's good to know that other vehicle sets are also available from this Legacy Series, and we're excited to hunt them down for our own collection.





THE FAST & FURIOUS EFFECT

Since its debut in 2001, Fast & Furious has reshaped car enthusiasm by spotlighting street racing and custom car culture. The franchise has inspired a global community of tuners, collectors, and fans who embrace its high-octane energy and unique car builds. From introducing many to Mazda's rotary engines to further elevating the Toyota Supra's already-legendary status, the films have left an indelible mark on automotive passion. Today, Fast & Furious continues to fuel car culture with creativity, speed, and style.



GOING TOPILESS

**AUTO WORLD'S AMERICAN MUSCLE 1962
CHEVROLET CORVETTE**

TEXT BY JERRY TSAI
IMAGES BY MICHAEL GREY



SPECS

BRAND
AUTO WORLD

MODEL
1962 CHEVY
CORVETTE

SERIES
AMERICAN MUSCLE
(HEMMINGS MOTOR
NEWS)

SCALE
1:18

P/N
AMM1338

MSRP
\$104.99

URL
AUTOWORLDSTORE.
COM

Modeled after the September 2022 Hemmings Motor News cover car, Auto World's American Muscle 1962 Chevrolet Corvette pays tribute to the final year of the first-generation Corvette (C1). With its impeccable detailing and historical significance, this 1:18-scale model is well-suited for die cast collectors who admire the elegance and performance of vintage American sports cars.

ICONIC DESIGN

The 1962 Corvette marked the end of an era, as

Chevrolet prepared to launch the groundbreaking Sting Ray in 1963. This model year retained the iconic dual headlights and sleek body lines but introduced key upgrades, including the larger 327-cubic-inch V8 engine that could produce up to 360 horsepower. Its refined design and impressive performance ensured the Corvette remained at the forefront of the American sports car market.

Auto World's replica embodies the spirit of this classic car with exacting accuracy. The facto-



Auto World's C1 features functioning elements like the doors and the hood.

Flip the hood up to get a look at a replica of the Corvette's 327ci fuel-injected V8.



Rich Honduras Maroon Metallic paintwork helps accurately replicate the Vette on the September 2022 cover of Hemmings Motor News.

The open-top design allows you to really appreciate the interior, which features accurate gauges and authentic upholstery patterns.

“THE MODEL’S PROPORTIONS AND DESIGN DETAILS CAPTURE THE CORVETTE’S TIMELESS APPEAL, MAKING IT A STANDOUT PIECE IN ANY COLLECTION.”



ry-correct Honduras Maroon Metallic paint finish replicates the real-life vehicle featured on the Hemmings Motor News cover, while the black interior and red accents on the wheel covers provide an authentic touch of mid-century flair. The model's proportions and design details capture the Corvette's timeless appeal, making it a standout piece in any collection.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

Collectors will appreciate the high level of craftsmanship that went into this die cast replica. The opening doors and hood allow for an up-close look at the intricate interior and

detailed engine bay. The fuel-injected Chevy 327 engine is faithfully reproduced with realistic components, cabling, and paintwork that bring it to life.

The interior, showcasing the Corvette's iconic dashboard layout, is complete with accurate gauges, a detailed steering wheel, and authentic upholstery patterns. The chassis and undercarriage are equally impressive, featuring a meticulously crafted suspension system and exhaust pipes that reflect the car's engineering.

The steerable front wheels add a layer of

THE FINAL C1 CORVETTE

The 1962 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible was the final iteration of the C1 generation, and it marked the end of a design era. Powered by the 327-cubic-inch V8, it offered top-tier performance with up to 360 horsepower in its fuel-injected variant. The clean rear deck design and removal of the trunk's chrome trim hinted at the modern styling that would debut with the C2 Sting Ray. A total of 14,531 units were produced in 1962, making it a sought-after classic for restorations and collections. The Honduras Maroon Metallic color remains one of the most iconic finishes for this final C1 Corvette.

interactivity, allowing collectors to position the model dynamically. This attention to functionality and realism is what makes Auto World's American Muscle series so beloved by die cast enthusiasts.

FINAL WORD

For fans of vintage American muscle cars, this American Muscle 1962 Chevrolet Corvette convertible is a stunning addition to any die cast display. Its combination of historical significance, precise detailing, and aesthetic appeal makes it a great addition to any collection.



The bird's eye view lets you really take in those classic Corvette body lines, replicated by Auto World in painstaking detail.

A billet-look three-spoke steering wheel and color-matched wheel rims are just some of the small but significant design details we appreciated.

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A BUNDLE FOR THE AGES

CMC BUNDLE FERRARI BARTOLETTI + D50 LONG NOSE

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For die cast enthusiasts, CMC has consistently set the gold standard for craftsmanship and detail. The CMC Bundle Ferrari Bartoletti Race Transporter + Ferrari D50 Long Nose in 1:18 scale is a prime example of their commitment to excellence.

This exceptional bundle combines two icons of motorsport history: the Bartoletti transporter and the 1956 Ferrari D50 long nose. Together, they tell a story of Ferra-



ri's dominance in Formula One and the logistical prowess behind their success.

FERRARI D50 LONG NOSE

The Ferrari D50 has a storied legacy. Originally designed by Lancia, the D50 was later adopted by Ferrari after Lancia withdrew from Formula One. The long-nose D50 played a pivotal role in the 1956 season, particularly at the German Grand Prix at Nürburgring, where it was driven by the legendary Juan Manuel Fangio and Peter Collins. That year, Fangio clinched his fourth World Drivers' Champion-

ship, solidifying the D50's place in racing history.

CMC's replica of the Ferrari D50 long nose is itself a marvel of engineering. With 1,161 individual parts, this model is crafted to the highest standards. Every element, from the V8 engine to the accurately replicated suspension system, reflects the precision and complexity of the real car.

The hinged engine hood, flip-open ventilation lids, and functional fuel and oil filler caps demonstrate CMC's dedication to functionality. Even the wheels, with their stainless-steel spokes and alloy rims, are works of art.

It's not often that CMC offers bundled pairs. This Italian-inspired die cast offering is the perfect set to add to any Ferrari enthusiast's collection—if you can afford it.



“THIS BUNDLE COMBINES TWO ICONS OF MOTORSPORT HISTORY; TOGETHER, THEY TELL A STORY OF FERRARI'S DOMINANCE IN F1 & THE LOGISTICAL PROWESS BEHIND THEIR SUCCESS.”

SPECS

BRAND
CMC

MODEL
BUNDLE FERRARI
BARTOLETTI + D50
LONG NOSE

SCALE
1:18

P/N
BU-006

MSRP
\$1,815

URL
CMC-MODELCARS.DE



The Bartoletti transporter was a staple of Ferrari logistics in the 1950s; this replica is constructed of an astounding 2,877 individual parts.

The transporter features a functional auto hoist that can lift cars onto two loading decks. Other details include period decals, an operable stowage hatch, and doors that open to reveal the exquisitely detailed cab.



“THE PAIR OFFERS COLLECTORS A CHANCE TO CELEBRATE THE ENGINEERING BRILLIANCE OF FERRARI RACECARS AND THE INGENUITY OF THEIR SUPPORT VEHICLES.”

The D50's leather-upholstered driver's seat and perfectly replicated central locking nuts with right- and left-handed threads are further testaments to the model's authenticity. Finished in Ferrari's signature hue, this long-nose D50 is a collector's centerpiece.

BARTOLETTI RACE TRANSPORTER

The Bartoletti race transporter, a staple of Ferrari's logistics in the 1950s, was designed to carry up to three racecars across Europe. This 1:18-scale replica by CMC, composed of an astounding 2,877 individual parts, is a tour de force in model-making. The transporter's functional auto hoist, guided by a rope mechanism with rollers, can lift cars onto two loading decks. Every





The D50's hinged engine cover flips aside to reveal a detailed rendition of the race-car's quad-carbureted V8.

Not to be outdone by the racecar, the transporter's six-cylinder diesel power-plant is also replicated in exquisite detail.

detail, from the six-cylinder diesel engine to the operable hatch revealing a spare wheel, has been replicated with precision.

The cab interior features genuine leather seats, an intricately detailed dashboard, and adjustable sun visors. The two-tone paintwork and vintage decals add a touch of historical authenticity, while the storage compartments, inspection bays, and functional locking mechanisms elevate the model's practicality.

A BUNDLE WORTHY OF FERRARI'S LEGACY

Pairing CMC's Ferrari D50 long nose with the Bartoletti transporter replica offers collectors a chance to celebrate both the engineering brilliance of Ferrari's racecars and the ingenuity of their support vehicles. Together, these models create a dynamic display that honors a pivotal moment in motorsport history.



Further D50 details include a leather-upholstered driver seat and central wheel locking nuts with both right- and left-handed threads.

The Ferrari D50 Long Nose

The Ferrari D50 long nose debuted during the 1956 Formula One season, a transitional time for Ferrari after acquiring Lancia's racing assets. Driven by icons like Juan Manuel Fangio, the car's powerful V8 engine and streamlined long-nose design made it a force on the track. Fangio's victory at Nürburgring in the D50 helped secure his fourth World Drivers' Championship and cemented the car's legendary status.





TRACKSIDE SUPPORT

**AUTOMODELLO'S HESKETH RACING GMC
MOTORHOME IN 1:43 SCALE**

TEXT & IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI



For die cast collectors and motorsport enthusiasts, the 1973-1978 GMC Motorhome in Hesketh Racing livery is a captivating addition to any collection.

This highly detailed, 1:43-scale replica captures the ingenuity of the GMC Motorhome and the audacity of Lord Hesketh's iconic racing team, combining cutting-edge engineering with the bold personality of Formula One's most flamboyant underdog.

A REVOLUTIONARY MOTORHOME

The 1973 GMC Motorhome was a trailblazer in the recreational vehicle (RV) industry, offering

a groundbreaking approach to design and functionality. Unlike its competitors, which were built on conventional truck or bus chassis, the GMC Motorhome utilized a unique front-wheel-drive platform derived from the Oldsmobile Toronado.

Powered by a 455-cubic-inch V8 engine producing 265 horsepower mated to the Turbo-Hydramatic 425 transaxle, this innovative drivetrain allowed for a smooth, torque-rich driving experience.

The front-wheel-drive system eliminated the need for a driveshaft and rear axle, enabling

Hesketh's GMC, complete with the iconic bear mascot, was used as a mobile base during the team's F1 campaigns.

Details like the streamlined body and bogie-style rear suspension are reproduced by Automodello in exacting detail.



“DECKED OUT IN TEAM LIVERY, THE GMC BECAME A SYMBOL OF HESKETH’S ECCENTRIC APPROACH TO MOTORSPORT.”





SPECS

BRAND
AUTOMODELLO

MODEL
1973-1978 GMC MOTORHOME WHITE WITH RED
AND BLUE STRIPES

SERIES
ONE43

SCALE
1:43

P/N
43G073

MSRP
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As part of Automodello's ONE43 line, only 143 Team Hesketh GMC Motorhomes will be produced. Best lock yours in now!

engineers to create a lower floor and streamlined body. The bogie-style rear suspension, similar to those found on tracked military vehicles, added to the motorhome's stability and ride comfort. Additionally, an airbag suspension system allowed for leveling adjustments, a rare feature in the 1970s.

The innovation didn't stop at the chassis. The GMC Motorhome featured a lightweight aluminum and fiberglass body available in 23- or 26-foot lengths. Its aerodynamic design improved fuel efficiency, while the spacious interior provided unprecedented comfort. Buyers could choose from 15 different layouts, ensuring a customized experience that stood out in the RV market.

HESKETH'S ICONIC MOTORHOME

The Hesketh Racing team adopted the GMC Motorhome as a mobile base during their Formula One campaigns and added their unmistakable flair to an already extraordinary vehicle. Decked out in the team's livery, complete with the iconic Hesketh bear mascot graphic, the motorhome became a symbol of Lord Hesketh's eccentric approach to motorsport. It served as both a practical support vehicle and a rolling statement of the team's commitment to doing things their own way.

The 1:43-scale replica by Automodello accurately reproduces this legendary vehicle, combining precision engineering with an eye for historical accuracy. The Hesketh Racing livery is faithfully

THE SPIRIT OF HESKETH RACING

Hesketh Racing, founded in 1972 by Lord Alexander Hesketh, brought a unique spirit to Formula One. Fielding drivers like James Hunt, the team earned a reputation for boldness and unpredictability. Against all odds, they achieved a remarkable victory at the 1975 Dutch Grand Prix. Known for their extravagant parties and a maverick attitude, Hesketh Racing remains one of the most colorful and memorable teams in motorsport history. Their use of the GMC Motorhome added to their legend, showcasing their blend of style and practicality.



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From the intricate interior to the polished exterior, this collectible RV is as exclusive as it is detailed.

re-created, from the bold graphics to the vibrant colors. Details like the streamlined body shape and bogie-style rear suspension are all present, making this model a must-have for collectors who appreciate both engineering innovation and motorsport history.

FINAL WORD

This replica is part of Automodello's ONE43 line, a series known for its high-quality, limited-edition models. With only 143 pieces produced for each version, this collectible is as exclusive as it is detailed. From the intricate interior to the polished exterior, every aspect of the Hesketh Racing GMC Motorhome is crafted to perfection, ensuring it will stand out in any die cast collection.

The Automodello Hesketh GMC Motorhome comes with a decorative base to enhance your display of this iconic vehicle.

FAST LANE

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**JOHNNY LIGHTNING
1:64-SCALE TOW & GO
SERIES 1993 FORD F-150
WITH MAYFLOWER
TOW DOLLY**



Johnny Lightning's Tow & Go Series continues to delight die cast enthusiasts with its clever pairings of vehicles and trailers, bringing functional fun and authentic details to the 1:64 scale. Here we take a look at the 1993 Ford F-150 Pickup Truck in green and yellow "Mayflower" livery, complete with a matching tow dolly.

NOSTALGIC NOD TO THE '90S

The 1993 Ford F-150 represents a pivotal era for Ford trucks, as the ninth-generation model cemented the F-Series' place as a reliable and durable workhorse. Johnny Lightning captures the F-150's iconic design with a die cast metal body



and chassis, complete with two-tone green and yellow Mayflower livery that evokes the classic moving and hauling aesthetic of the 1990s.

Even at just 3 inches long, the truck is packed with detail. The hood and tailgate open, revealing a peek at the engine bay and cargo bed for added realism. While the doors do not open, the model's intricate exterior detailing, from its signature grille to its realistic door handles, ensures it feels true to scale and rich in authenticity.

A FUNCTIONAL TOW DOLLY

The set's tow dolly, measuring about 1.25 inches

long, pairs perfectly with the F-150. It includes removable metal ramps that enhance play and display possibilities, making it a functional and fun addition to the series. The tow dolly is outfitted with a functional trailer jack, adding to its visual appeal. The combined dimensions of truck and dolly reach approximately 4.25 inches long.

QUALITY CRAFTSMANSHIP

Johnny Lightning is known for its attention to detail, and this set is no exception. The real rubber tires give the model a premium feel, while the authentic scale and intricate exterior features elevate its collectability. Packaged in a manufacturer's

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Packaged in attractive manufacturer blister packs with relevant trivia printed on the card, Johnny Lightning's Tow & Go offerings are collector-worthy whether you open them up or keep them sealed.



In addition to the F-150/Mayflower tow dolly, a 1970 Chevelle with V-nose trailer and '79 International Scout II with open trailer round out the Tow & Go first release.

“THE 1993 F-150 AND MAYFLOWER TOW DOLLY SET EMBODIES A BALANCE OF NOSTALGIA, CRAFTSMANSHIP AND INTERACTIVITY.”

original blister pack, this officially licensed product is as collector-friendly as it is display-worthy.

This Johnny Lightning Tow & Go first release collection includes three sets in total; the other two feature a 1970 Chevy Chevelle with a V-nose trailer and a 1979 International Scout II with an open utility trailer, respectively.

FINAL WORD

Whether you're a fan of vintage trucks, a Johnny Lightning enthusiast, or a die cast collector who appreciates scale functionality, the 1993 Ford F-150 with Mayflower Tow Dolly is a standout addition. It embodies a balance of nostalgia, craftsmanship, and interactive features that make it a joy to own and display.



HW x F1

HOT WHEELS TEAMS UP WITH FORMULA ONE FOR AN EXCITING 2025 PRODUCT LINE

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Hot Wheels and Formula One are joining forces for the first time in a groundbreaking partnership that promises to thrill racing fans and die cast collectors alike. Announced in late 2024, this collaboration will bring the adrenaline-fueled world of Formula One to the iconic 1:64-scale Hot Wheels cars, launching with a limited-edition collector's die cast now available on Mattel Creations.

The first release in this exciting lineup is a Formula One car featuring a bespoke Hot Wheels racing livery. This collector's piece showcases Real Rider wheels with interchangeable tires, a full-metal body and chassis, and an all-new F1 casting.

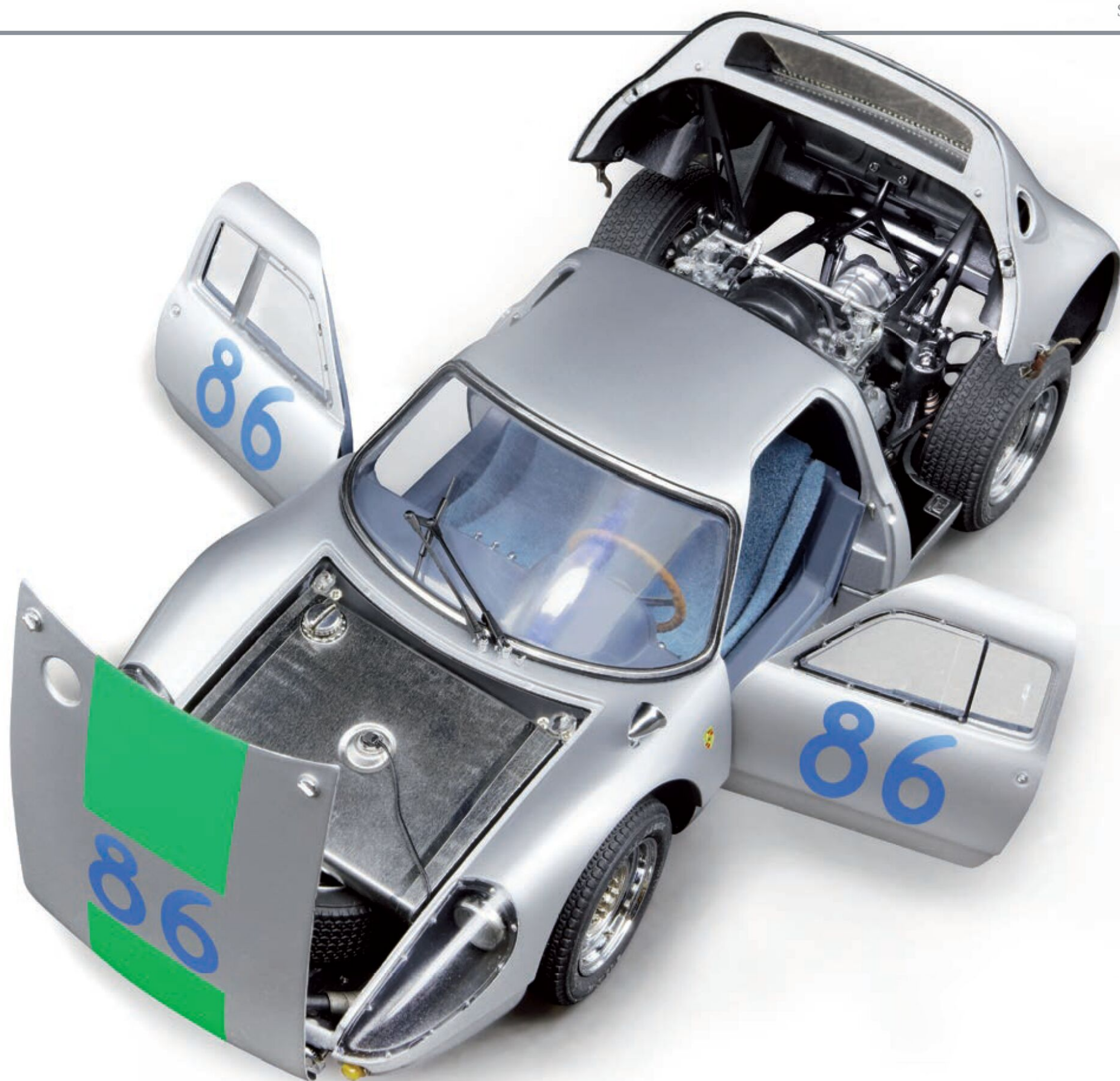
As a nod to Hot Wheels' origins, the car proudly displays the number 68 on its nose, paying homage to the brand's debut year. To complete

the premium experience, the die cast comes encased in a collector's "Kar Keepers" clamshell case, ensuring it stands out in any collection.

This partnership brings together two global icons: Hot Wheels and Formula One. The broader Hot Wheels x F1 line will feature die casts inspired by real F1 teams and drivers, offering fans a unique way to celebrate their love of speed and precision engineering.

With Formula One's 75th anniversary on the horizon, this collaboration arrives at the perfect time, merging the worlds of motorsport innovation and collectible die casts. Stay tuned for more releases that promise to elevate F1 fandom to new heights!

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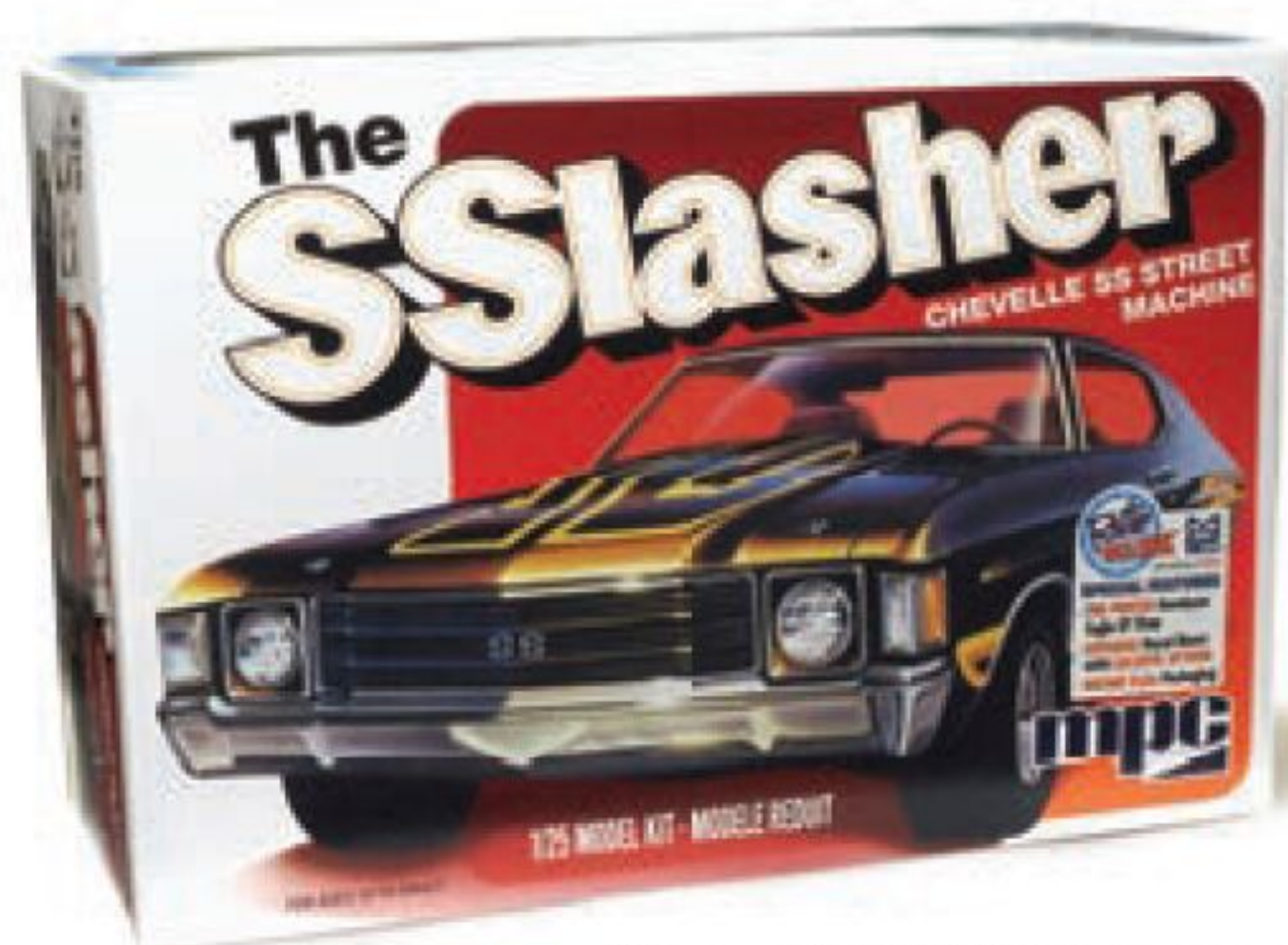


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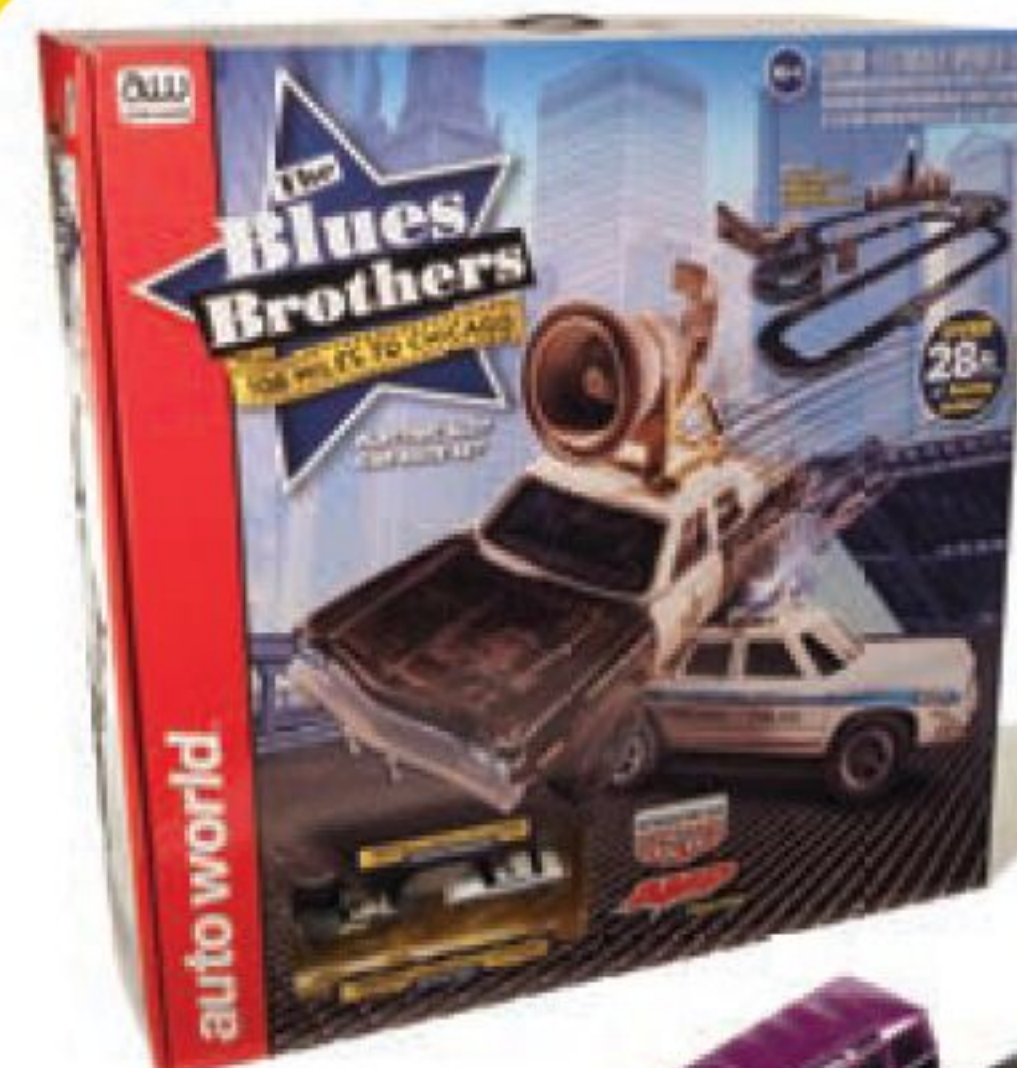
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