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hank you for joining us for another packed issue of Die Cast X magazine. As always, we aim to bring you an exciting mix of models, stories, and perspectives that highlight why this hobby continues to captivate collectors worldwide.

On the cover, we feature Jada's Just Trucks 1957 Chevrolet Suburban, complete with a retro gas pump—it's a nostalgic nod to classic American motoring you can't miss. Elsewhere in the issue, we take a deep dive into the precision craftsmanship of CMC's Porsche 904 Carrera GTS, the Rallye Monte Carlo 1965 edition, showcasing the intricate details that make it a standout in highend model collecting.

If modern performance cars are more your speed, Johnny Lightning's 2019 Corvette ZR1 offers a thrilling look at Chevrolet's supercharged power-house in 1:24 scale. Formula One fans won't want to miss our feature on Bburago's 1:43-scale F1 replicas of the Mercedes-AMG W14 and Red Bull RB19, capturing the essence of motorsport's most dominant teams in miniature form.

Beyond the models themselves, this issue also delves into what makes collecting truly special. The Thrill of the Hunt explores the excitement of the chase—whether it's tracking down a rare piece, scoring a long-awaited release, or simply sharing the joy of collecting with like-minded die cast fans. The camaraderie in this hobby is just as rewarding as the collectibles themselves.

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. Visit http://www.diecastxmagazine.com/dcx-readers-collection to submit your ride.

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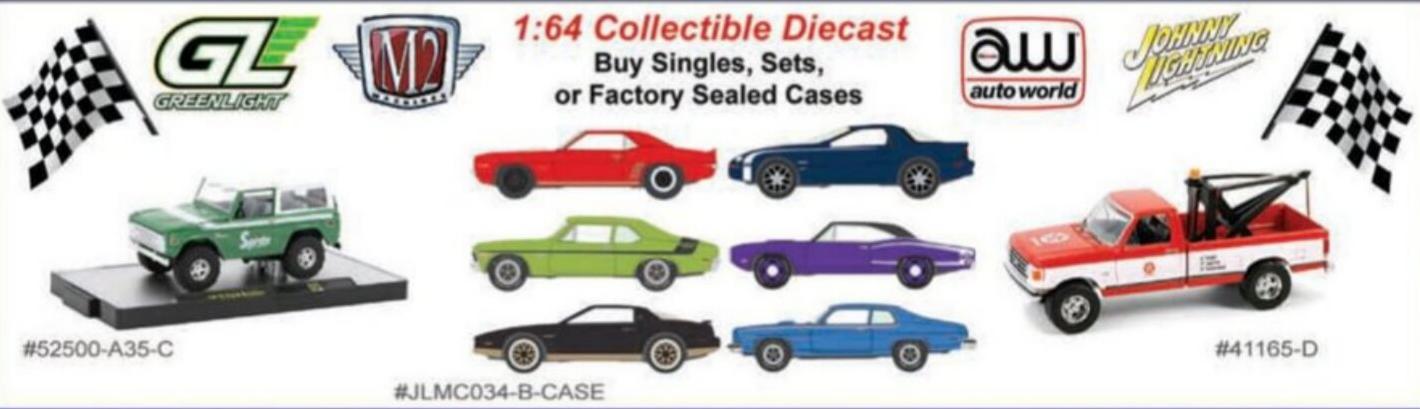


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Die Cast X loves to see our readers' rare and customized die cast rides. If you have a rare collectible or custom die cast that you'd like to "show and tell" in a future issue of DCX, submit your ride at: www.diecastxmagazine.com/dcxreaders-collection.



isn't a die cast, it is a scaled-down version of a Chevy pickup, which are my favorite trucks ever. Tamiya Mini 4WDs are battery-powered racecars that run on tracks, similar to slot cars. I customized this one and race it at a local hobby shop. I thought I'd share it since it's pretty unique."



ROBERT FELLOWS

Location: Salt Lake City, Utah

Brand: Hot Wheels **Series:** Mainline 2023

Model: Custom '68 Camaro &

Mazda REPU Scale: 1:64

From the Owner: "I found these two Hot Wheels at the supermarket. They stood out to me for their very JDM-ish liveries and colorways. I absolutely love them. I wish I'd picked up two of each so I could tear one set out of the packaging to play with. Until I find more, these will remain unopened on their cards."

MIKE GARCIA

Location: Plano, Texas

Brand: Era Car **Series:** none

Model: Suzuki Every Advan

Livery Scale: 1:64

From the Owner: "My friend brought this back for me when he went on a business trip to China. He said there are tons of die cast brands over there that we've never heard of, and he picked up this Advan livery 'Kei Van' for me as he figured that I'd like it. He was right! It looks super scale, has rubber tires and a bouncy suspension. Plus, it has the best racing livery ever designed in my book."





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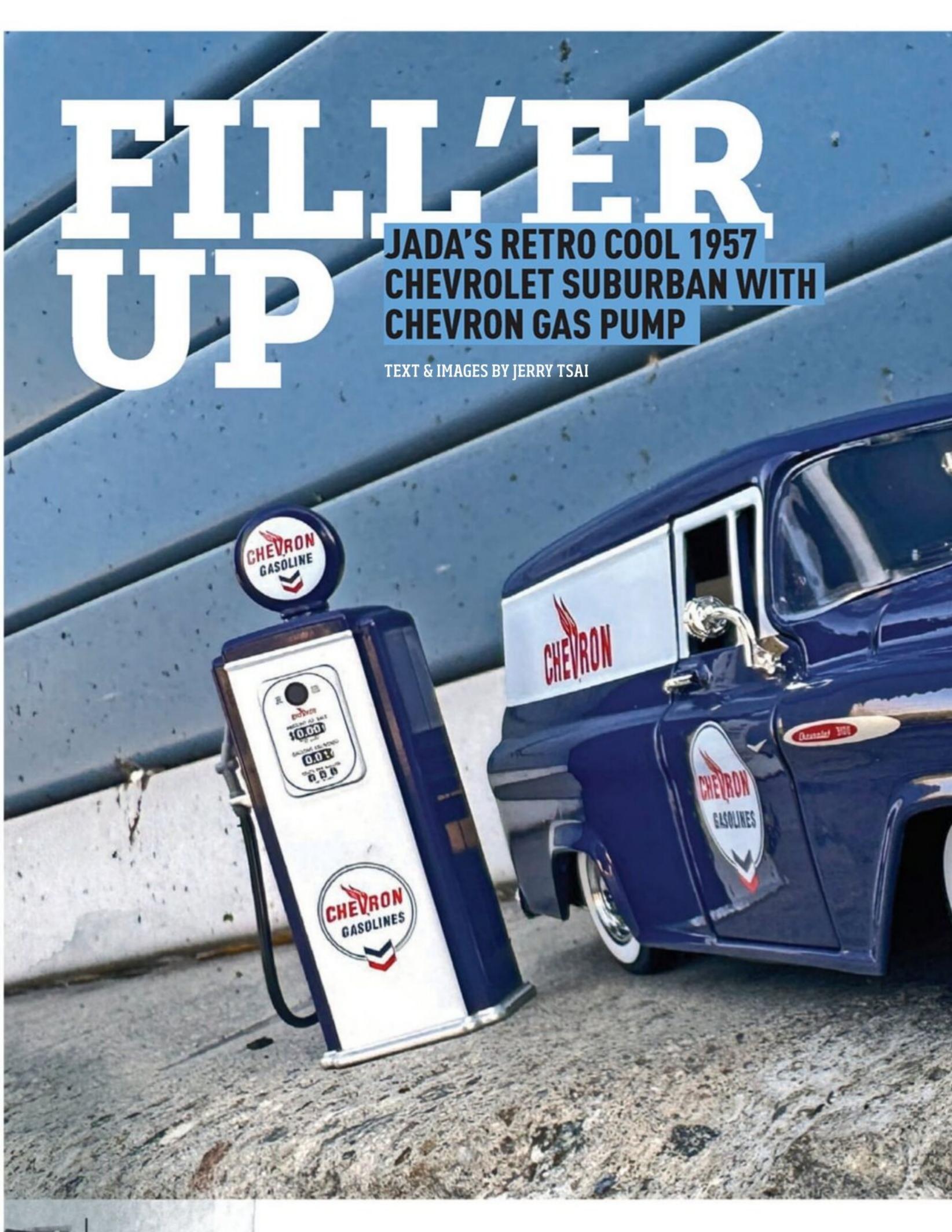




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The Suburban's hood, doors, tailgate, and hatch all open up to let you appreciate even more scale detail.





The sharp graphics accurately reproduce the era's Chevy and Chevron branding.

"THIS SET CAPTURES THE VINTAGE CHARM OF MID-CENTURY AMERICAN SERVICE STATIONS BY PAIRING A CLASSIC TRUCK & GAS PUMP FROM THE GOLDEN ERA OF ROAD TRIPS."









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BRAND JADA TOYS

SERIES JUST TRUCKS

MODEL 1957 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN

SCALE 1:24

P/N 35044

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Pop the hood open to reveal an accurately detailed, scaled-down engine.

ada Toys' Just Trucks lineup brings another standout to the world of 1:24-scale die cast collecting: the 1957 Chevrolet Suburban in retro Chevron livery. This set perfectly captures the vintage charm of mid-century American service stations by pairing a classic truck with a gas pump straight from the golden era of road trips.

The Suburban is finished in a striking two-tone gloss blue and white, a finish that's complemented by period-correct Chevron branding. The paint application is crisp, with accurate logos and detailing that give this model the authentic feel of a 1950s work vehicle. Chrome accents on the bumpers, grille, mirrors, and door handles provide

sharp contrast against the blue body, enhancing the truck's classic look.

Rolling on chrome wheels wrapped in white-wall rubber tires, the Suburban maintains its period-correct stance. The model features opening doors, a rear hatch, and an opening hood that reveals a scaled-down engine. Inside, the interior is molded with era-accurate bench seating, dashboard details, and a steering wheel that stays true to the original vehicle's design.

MID-CENTURY DETAILS

A standout aspect of this set is the included plastic gas pump. Modeled after a 1950s Chevron

THE REAL DEAL

The 1957 Chevrolet Suburban was a key player in the evolution of the American SUV. Featuring a robust body-on-frame design, it was built for both work and family travel. Equipped with a range of inline-six and V8 engines, it provided the power needed for hauling cargo or towing trailers. The 1957 model was part of the Task Force series, known for its bold grille and wraparound windshield that gave it a more modern appearance compared to earlier versions. With its distinctive styling and dependable performance, the '57 Suburban remains a beloved classic among truck enthusiasts and collectors today.

station pump, it features tampo-printed details that replicate the era's branding. The combination of the Suburban and the gas pump creates a small-scale diorama straight out of mid-century America, making this an ideal display piece for collectors.

Jada's die cast models are known for blending affordability with impressive detailing, and this release is no exception. The 1957 Suburban is a nostalgic nod to service station culture, where



The Chevron gas pump is a nice touch; pairing it with the Suburban lets you re-create a 1950s service station diorama.

The interior is molded with era-accurate bench seating, dashboard details and spoked steering wheel.

Nothing says 1950s automotive Americana like a bold chrome grille and wraparound windshield.





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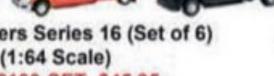
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The paint application is crisp and the accurate logos and detailing give this model an authentic 1950s feel.

full-service attendants would check oil levels, clean windshields, and fill up gas tanks.

Whether displayed by itself or alongside other vintage trucks and station-themed collectibles, this set is a great addition to any collection.

FINAL WORD

With its blend of nostalgia, sharp detailing, and functional opening parts, this 1957 Chevrolet Suburban with a Chevron gas pump is a must-have for collectors who appreciate classic automotive history in die cast form.

Nostalgia, sharp detailing, and functional opening parts. This Suburban has got it all.





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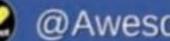


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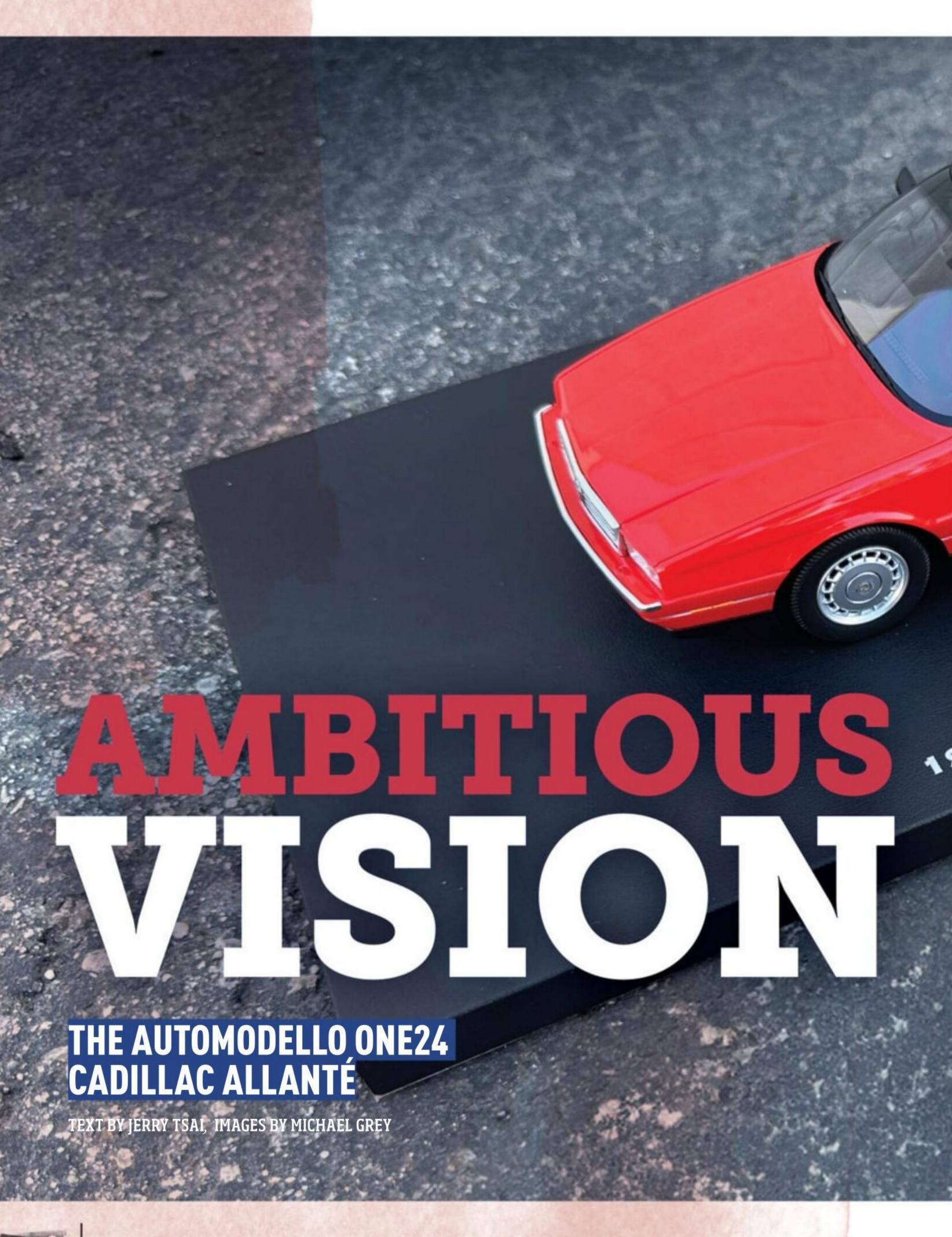














This Caddy's design was drawn by Pininfarina, which also designed some of Ferrari's most iconic sports cars, and Automodello has faithfully reproduced it here.

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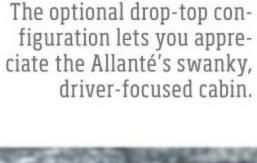
adillac's Allanté remains one of the brand's most unique and ambitious vehicles. A blend of American engineering and Italian design, the Allanté sought to challenge the best of European luxury convertibles. Now, Automodello brings collectors a 1:24-scale die cast replica of this distinctive Cadillac, capturing its elegant proportions and refined details in the ONE24 series.

The Allanté was Cadillac's answer to the high-end European convertible market, taking on models like the Mercedes SL and Jaguar XJS. Designed by Pininfarina, the same Italian design house responsible for some of the world's most iconic Ferraris, the Allanté featured a low, angular body with clean, uncluttered lines.

PININFARINA PERFECTION

To achieve this level of styling, Cadillac and Pininfarina implemented one of the most complex assembly processes of the era. The Allanté's bodies were built in Italy, then flown aboard specially outfitted Boeing 747s to Detroit, where they were fitted with their powertrains.

Under the hood, early Allantés featured a 4.1-liter V8, which was later upgraded to 4.5 liters with 200 horsepower by 1989. While front-wheel-drive luxury coupes were not uncommon for Cadillac, the Allanté's blend of high-performance tuning, touring suspension, and refined interior appointments made it a standout in the segment. With its









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BRAND AUTOMODELLO

SERIES ONE24

MODEL 1987-1992 CADILLAC ALLANTÉ

SCALE 1:24

P/N 24C020

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advanced digital dashboard, Recaro leather seats, and dual removable tops—one hard, one soft—the Allanté offered a level of customization that was rare for American cars of the time.

PRECISE REPLICA

Automodello has taken great care to honor the Allanté's heritage with their 1:24-scale replica. The

model features an accurately detailed exterior, from the sharp-edged fenders to the exclusive 15-inch-style wheels. The removable tops allow collectors to display the car in either coupe or convertible form, just as Cadillac intended. The interior is equally well-executed, capturing the digital instrumentation and luxurious seating that defined the real car.

This ONE24 model comes mounted on a decorative plinth for easy display, as well as a certificate of authenticity.





Whenever the mood strikes you, you can fasten on the Cadillac's color-matched hard top to let admirers fully appreciate the Allanté's uninterrupted Italian profile.

This model is available in two primary colors—Red and Pearl White—each limited to just 192 pieces. For collectors seeking something truly special, Automodello offers the Homage Edition in Black, with only 24 units produced. Given the Allanté's historical significance and its growing appreciation among enthusiasts, this die cast model serves as both a collectible and a tribute to Cadillac's forward-thinking luxury.

FINAL WORD

The Allanté may not have revolutionized the luxury market in its day, but it was an early sign of Cadillac's push toward world-class design and engineering. Automodello's ONE24 release ensures that this milestone vehicle is preserved in stunning detail for collectors who appreciate Cadillac's storied history.

CADILLAC'S ADVANCED ALLANTÉ

The Cadillac Allanté was Cadillac's first attempt at a high-end, two-seat luxury roadster. Developed to compete with European grand tourers, it combined Italian styling with American power. Pininfarina designed and built Allanté bodies in Turin, Italy, before shipping them to the U.S. for final assembly. Early models featured a 170-horsepower 4.1-liter V8, later upgraded to 200 hp in 1989 with a 4.5-liter engine. The Allanté was among the most technologically advanced Cadillacs of its time, featuring a digital dashboard, advanced suspension, and standard anti-lock brakes. Production ended in 1993 with just over 21,000 units built.





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cise detailing and authentic liveries.

HAMILTON'S MERCEDES

The Mercedes-AMG F1 W14 was Lewis Hamilton's 2023 challenger, built to compete at the pinnacle of motorsport. It features an aerodynamic design and carries the #44 numbering, a calling card for Hamilton's legendary career.

The black and silver livery, inspired by Mercedes' racing heritage, is accurately reproduced, making it a must-have for fans of the seven-time World Champion. This die cast model is constructed from metal and plastic, ensuring durability while maintaining a high level of detail.





Precise detailing and authentic liveries are hallmarks of Bburago's F1 collection.

VERSTAPPEN'S RED BULL

Max Verstappen's Red Bull RB19 was the car to beat in the 2023 season, dominating the competition with its superior aerodynamics and power. The model features Verstappen's iconic #1, showcasing his reigning champion status.

The aggressive lines and intricate sponsor details are faithfully re-created, reflecting the car that delivered Red Bull's continued success on the track. Also made with a combination of ABS plastic and

metal, this model is built to last while maintaining a lightweight feel.

COLLECTING HISTORY

Both models offer fans a chance to own a piece of modern Formula One history. Whether you support Mercedes or Red Bull, Hamilton or Verstappen, these 1:43-scale Bburago replicas are excellent additions to any collection. Their combination of accuracy, durability, and affordability makes them accessible for both young enthu-

SPECS

BRAND BBURAGO

SERIES RACE

MODELS

MERCEDES AMG F1 W14 E PERFORMANCE #44 / RED BULL FORMULA 1 RB19 - #1 VERSTAPPEN

SCALE 1:43

URL BBURAGO.COM In addition to these two cars, more F1 cars and drivers are in the offing, and we can't wait for the next Bburago F1 drop.



siasts and seasoned collectors. If you cheer for other drivers or teams other than Mercedes-AMG and Red Bull, you'll be glad to know that Bburago has more cars and drivers represented in their F1 lineup.

FINAL WORD

With their striking liveries and attention to detail, these models allow you to bring the thrill of the racetrack home. For those looking to relive the excitement of recent F1 seasons, Bburago's F1 range delivers an excellent way to celebrate the sport's most iconic teams and drivers.

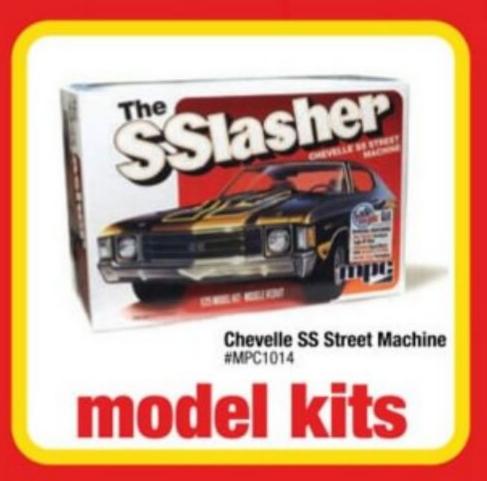


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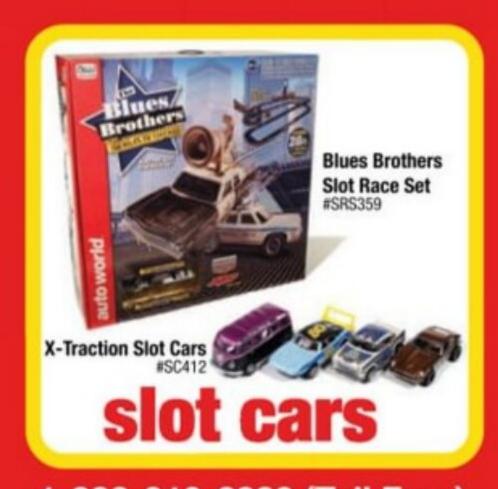


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JOHNNY LIGHTNING'S 2019 CORVETTE ZR1 DISPLAYS SCALE PRECISION WITH BIG PERFORMANCE PRESENCE

TEXT BY JAMES YORK IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI



Prash, beautiful, and brutal. The Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 has always been about pushing boundaries, and the 2019 model took it to another level. Now, Johnny Lightning brings that same energy to the collector's shelf with a 1:24-scale die cast replica of the supercharged beast.

Finished in OEM paint-accurate Sebring Orange, this miniature ZR1 captures the aggressive stance, aerodynamic enhancements, and high-performance details that make the fullsize car so striking. Johnny Lightning's attention to detail is evident from every angle. The opening doors reveal a highly detailed interior, replicating the real car's driver-focused cockpit with sculpted seats, instrument panel, and center console.

The large-diameter gloss-black wheels, wrapped in rubber tires, feature realistic silver brake rotors and red calipers visible through the spokes. The die cast metal body is complemented by detailed molded plastic parts to en-

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You could argue the C7 ZR1 was the culmination of nearly seven decades of front-engine Corvette evolution.

The model's doors swing open to reveal the driver-focused Corvette cockpit.



Functional heat-extracting vents, an aggressive front splitter, and wide rear wing are all replicated.

Johnny Lightning's replica features signature ZR1 badging and carefully applied trim details.

"THE ZR1 WAS DESIGNED TO DOMINATE, AND THIS MODEL DOESN'T MISS ANY SIGNATURE CUES."

sure accurate representation of the ZR1's sharp lines and functional aerodynamic elements.

The real 2019 Corvette ZR1 was designed to dominate both the street and the track, and this model doesn't miss any of the signature cues. The functional heat-extracting vents, aggressive

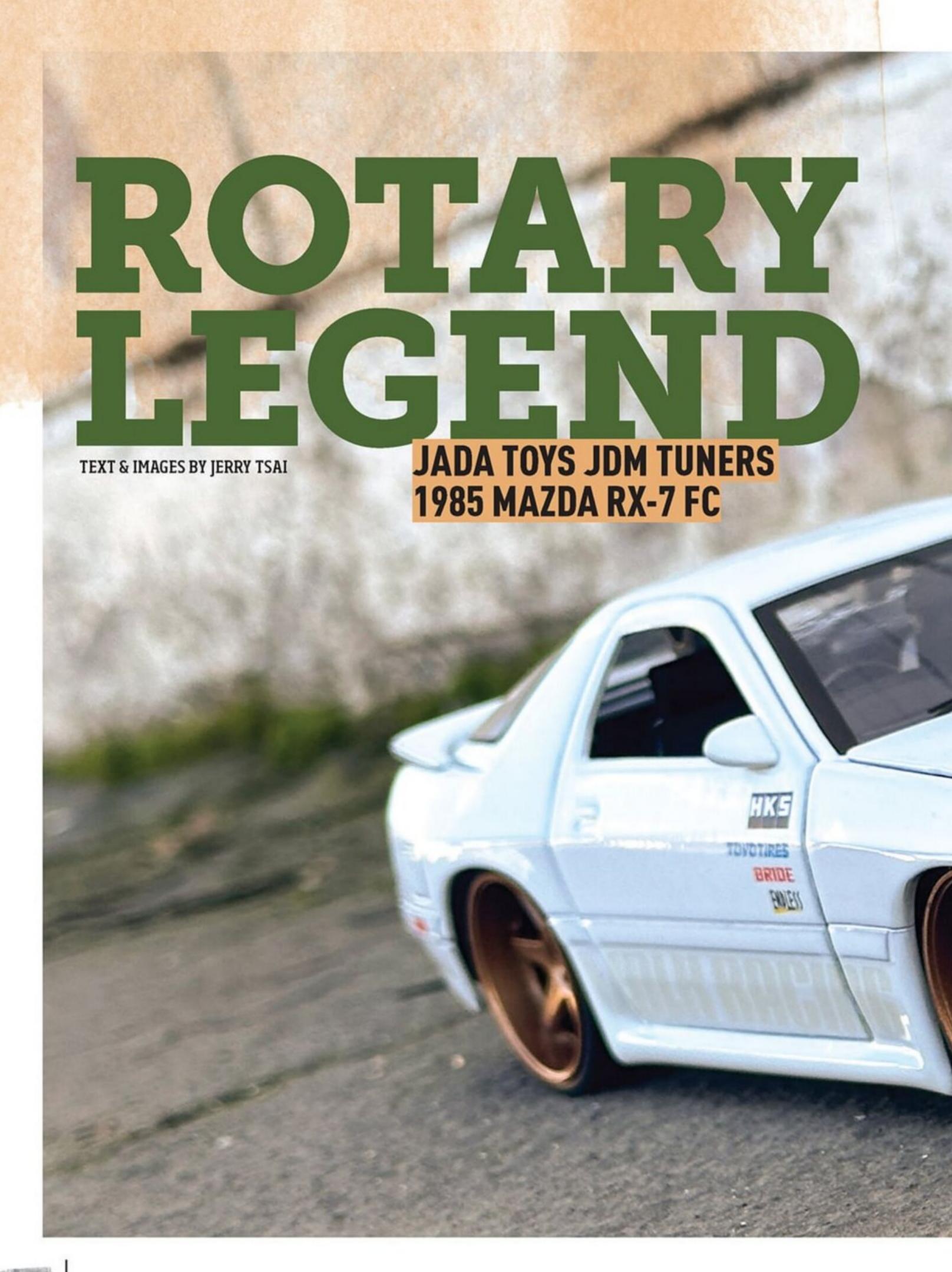


front splitter, and wide rear wing are faithfully re-created, enhancing the car's high-performance aesthetic. Signature ZR1 badging and carefully applied trim details complete the package, making this an eye-catching addition to any collection.

Johnny Lightning's execution of the Corvette ZR1 in 1:24 scale strikes the perfect balance between collectability and realism. The combination of a nicely finished die cast body, functional opening features, and authentic design elements make it a standout piece for Corvette enthusiasts and die cast collectors alike.

ZR1: A SUPERCHARGED LEGEND

The 2019 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 was the most powerful Corvette ever built at the time, producing 755 horsepower from a 6.2-liter supercharged LT5 V8 engine. It was capable of hitting 212 mph, also making it the fastest Corvette to date. The aerodynamic enhancements, including an adjustable high wing and front splitter, provided track-focused downforce while keeping the car planted at triple-digit speeds. With available carbon-ceramic brakes and a seven-speed manual or eight-speed automatic transmission, the ZR1 was built for serious performance. Whether running on the street or the track, it represented the pinnacle of front-engine Corvette engineering before Chevrolet switched to a mid-engine layout with the C8 generation.





SPECS

BRAND JADA TOYS

MODEL 1985 MAZDA RX-7 FC

> SERIES JDM TUNERS

> > SCALE 1:24

> > > P/N 35995

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Jada did a bang-up job in replicating the second-gen RX-7's sleek-yet-edgy 1980s styling. he sound of a rotary engine at full song is unmistakable. It's loud, powerful, and means business. Every generation of Mazda's cult-favorite line of twin-rotor sports cars was groundbreaking, and the second-gen FC3S is a good example. With its very '80s flip-up

headlights and sporty look, the RX-7 still turns heads everywhere it goes.

The Jada Toys 1:24-scale 1985 Mazda RX-7 FC from the brand's JDM Tuners line is a well-executed tribute to the golden era of Japanese





This model features JDM-inspired graphics from legendary Japanese performance brands like HKS, Toyo, Bride, and Endless.

"WITH ITS VERY '80s FLIP-UP HEADLIGHTS & SPORTY LOOK, THE SECOND-GEN RX-7 STILL TURNS HEADS."

sports cars. Featuring a gloss-white exterior complemented by a black right-hand-drive interior, this die cast model captures the essence of the second-generation RX-7.

DETAILS & FUNCTIONALITY

The functional details elevate this model beyond a static display piece—the opening doors, hood, and rear hatch add an interactive touch, while the engine bay reveals a detailed rotary powerplant.

Body-colored side mirrors and chrome twin exhaust tips maintain the clean, performance-focused aesthetic of the FC. The oversized bronze

Volk Racing wheels, wrapped in ultra-low-profile tires, add an aggressive stance that aligns with the tuning culture of the era.

JDM-inspired graphics featuring legendary performance brands such as HKS, Toyo Tires, Bride, and Endless make it clear this RX-7 is built for the streets of Japan. We really like the large tone-on-tone Volk Racing graphics on the lower part of RX-7's doors. It's a nice visual touch that sticks the landing for us.

FINAL WORD

This model pays homage to both real-world JDM culture and its presence in pop media, particu-

Flip up the functional hood for a peek at a scaleddown rendition of Mazda's twin-rotor Wankel engine. Open either door to reveal a right-hand-drive JDM cockpit.







The second-generation Mazda RX-7, known as the FC3S, was introduced in 1985 as a more refined and technologically advanced successor to the first-gen SA22C. Powered by a 1.3-liter twin-rotor 13B engine, the FC RX-7 produced up to 146 horsepower in naturally aspirated form and 182 horsepower in turbocharged variants. With a near-perfect 50/50 weight distribution and an independent rear suspension, the RX-7 was a well-balanced, capable sports car that rivaled European competitors. It became a favorite among tuners and racers, particularly in Japan's drift and touge scenes. The FC remains a significant part of JDM history, cemented in popular culture through "Initial D," where it was the signature car of Ryosuke Takahashi.

"THIS MODEL'S STREET-TUNED LOOK MAKES IT A MUST-HAVE FOR JDM COLLECTORS & ENTHUSIASTS."

larly in the cult anime "Initial D," where the FC RX-7 became an icon. The execution of the die cast version reflects the street-tuned look seen on Japanese roads in the mid-1980s, making it a must-have for collectors and JDM enthusiasts alike.







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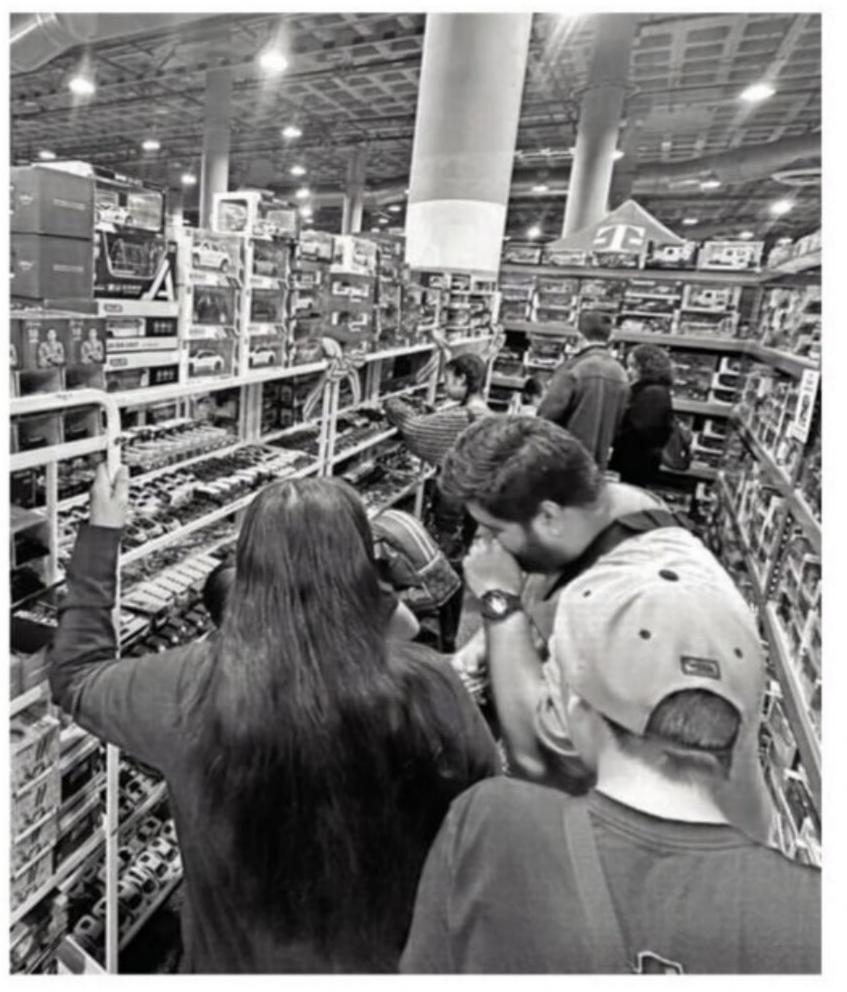
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A DIE CAST COLLECTOR'S OBSESSION

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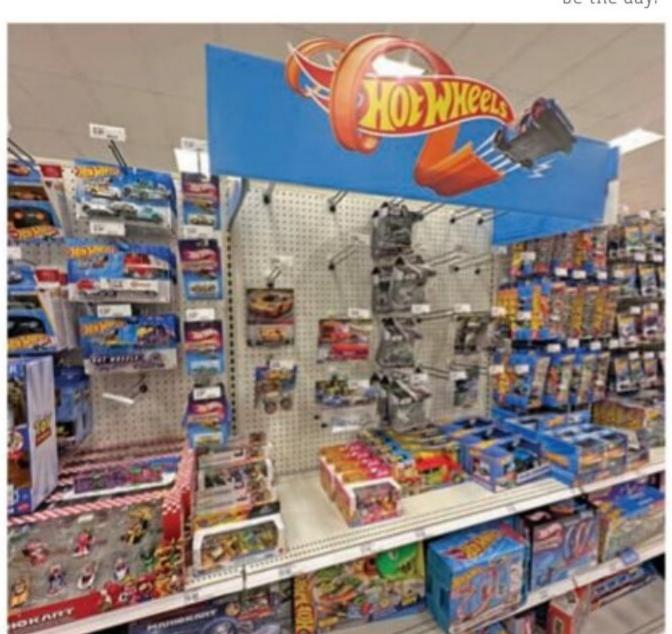
or die cast collectors, the chase is just as exhilarating as the acquisition. There's an undeniable thrill in walking into a store, scanning the pegs, and hoping that today will be the day. It's a ritual—a blend of patience, strategy, and sheer luck-that keeps us coming back for more.

But as any seasoned collector knows, the hunt is not always kind. We've all been there—standing in front of a barren section at the local big-box store, greeted only by remnants of what could have been. The frustration is real, but it's also what makes the victories even sweeter.

For many collectors, the thrill of walking into a store with the outcome of the hunt still unknown, scanning the pegs with anticipation, is just as exciting as a successful acquisition.

"FOR MANY OF US IT'S
THE SEARCH ITSELF—A
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There's an undeniable thrill in walking into a store or shop, scanning the pegs, and knowing that "today will be the day."



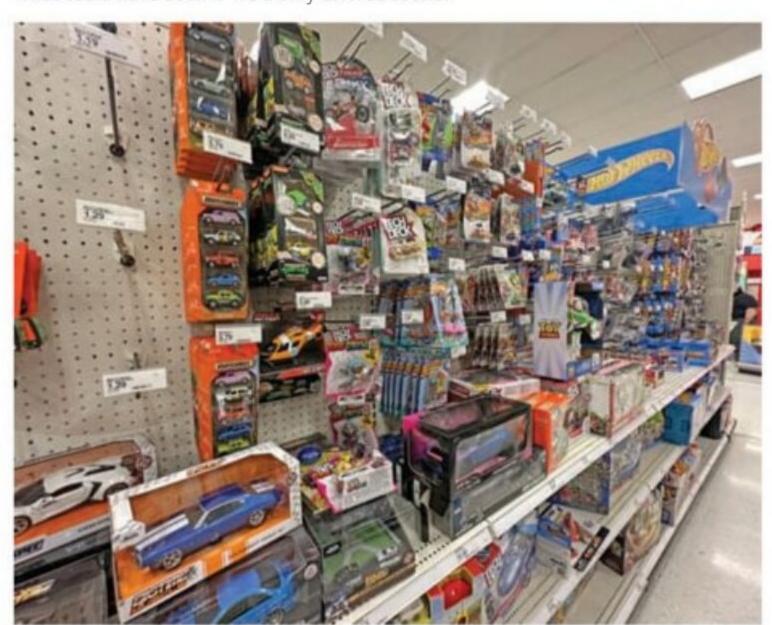


Only true die cast collectors will understand the heartbreak of finding a barren display section...

...or the thrill of finding an unexpected treasure tucked away among a trove of more common releases.

When that long-sought model finally appears, whether tucked behind a row of common releases or freshly stocked on the pegs, there's an undeniable rush. The heart races, the hands reach out, and for a moment, nothing else in the world matters. Finding that elusive piece—be it a Super Treasure Hunt, a limited edition, or a nostalgic casting from childhood—delivers an unexplainable satisfaction that only fellow

We've all been there–faced with an empty section at the big-box store, lamenting what could have been if we'd only arrived sooner.





collectors can truly appreciate.

For many of us, the hunt isn't limited to just our local stores. We drive across town, state lines, and sometimes even venture into other countries in pursuit of that next great find. Flea markets, swap meets, online groups—wherever there's a chance of discovering a coveted piece, we're there. It's a passion, an obsession, and

an insatiable appetite that keeps us moving forward, always searching for the next gem to add to our collection.

Beyond the cars themselves, it's also the camaraderie that makes collecting special. Only die cast collectors understand the heartbreak of just missing out on a rare piece and the elation of securing a long-sought model. We swap stories,

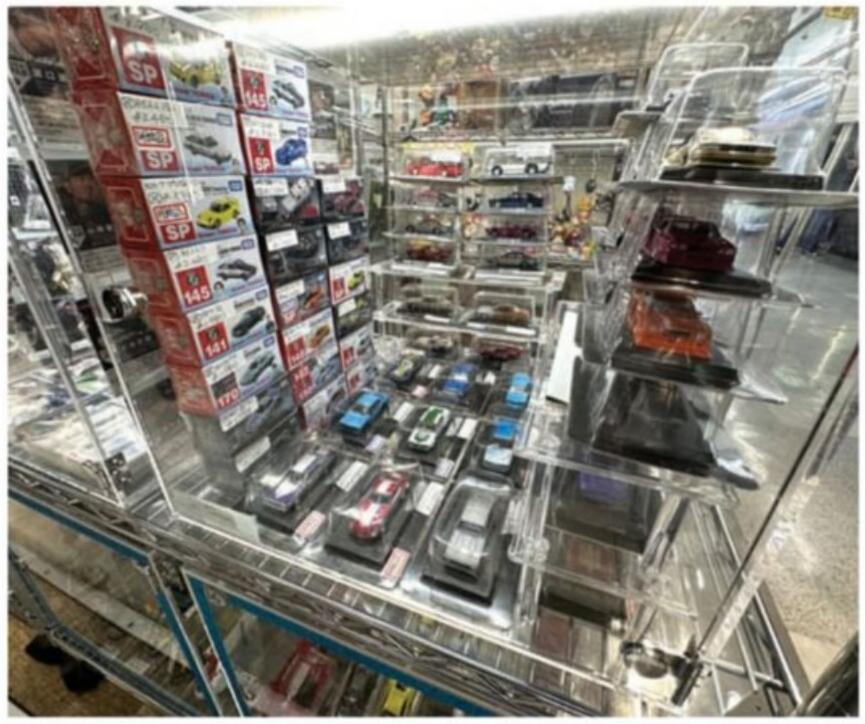
share leads, and celebrate each other's finds. In this community, we are more than just collectors—we are a fellowship bound by the shared thrill of the hunt.

So, to all the die cast enthusiasts out there, keep searching, keep collecting, and most importantly, enjoy the journey. Because only we know the joy of the hunt—and that's what makes us a family.

"WE'RE MORE THAN JUST COLLECTORS—WE ARE A FELLOWSHIP BOUND BY THE THRILL OF THE HUNT."

Swapping stories (and sometimes tall tales) with like-minded enthusiasts is often as engrossing as the hunt itself.









When you're really focused on the goal of laying hands on that most elusive of finds, city, county, state boundaries—heck, even international borders—are only obstacles to be overcome.

One of our recent trips took us as far away as Japan, where we uncovered a few finds we never could have had we stayed at home.



or die cast collectors who appreciate historically significant rally machines, CMC's 1:18-scale Porsche 904 Carrera GTS, Rallye Monte Carlo 1965, Böhringer/Wütherich, #150 is an exceptional addition.

Limited to just 1,500 pieces, this hand-assembled precision model celebrates one of Porsche's most remarkable rally entries. Using 922 individually crafted parts, CMC has once again delivered an exquisite reproduction—this time a bona-fide legend in endurance racing.

The Porsche 904 Carrera GTS was originally designed as a lightweight, high-performance racecar, but its versatility extended far beyond circuit racing. The 1965 Monte Carlo Rally put the 904's

durability and handling to the test in one of the most demanding endurance events of the era. Driven by Eugen Böhringer and Rolf Wütherich, car #150 competed against a formidable field of rally contenders and showcased Porsche's engineering prowess in extreme winter conditions.

INCREDIBLE DETAIL

CMC's 1:18-scale model brings the Rallye Monte Carlo 1965 edition to life with meticulous accuracy. The model features an opening rear deck that reveals a highly detailed four-cylinder "Fuhrmann" engine that is complete with intricate wiring and components. The front boot lifts up to expose the fuel tank and spare wheel-critical components for any endurance rally. Functional doors with true-to-original sliding windows



"THE 904 CARRERA GTS WAS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED AS A RACECAR, BUT ITS VERSATILITY EXTENDED BEYOND THE CIRCUIT."

SPECS

BRAND

SERIES PORSCHE

MODEL

RALLYE MONTE CARLO 1965, BÖHRINGER/ WÜTHERICH, #150

SCALE

P/N M-231

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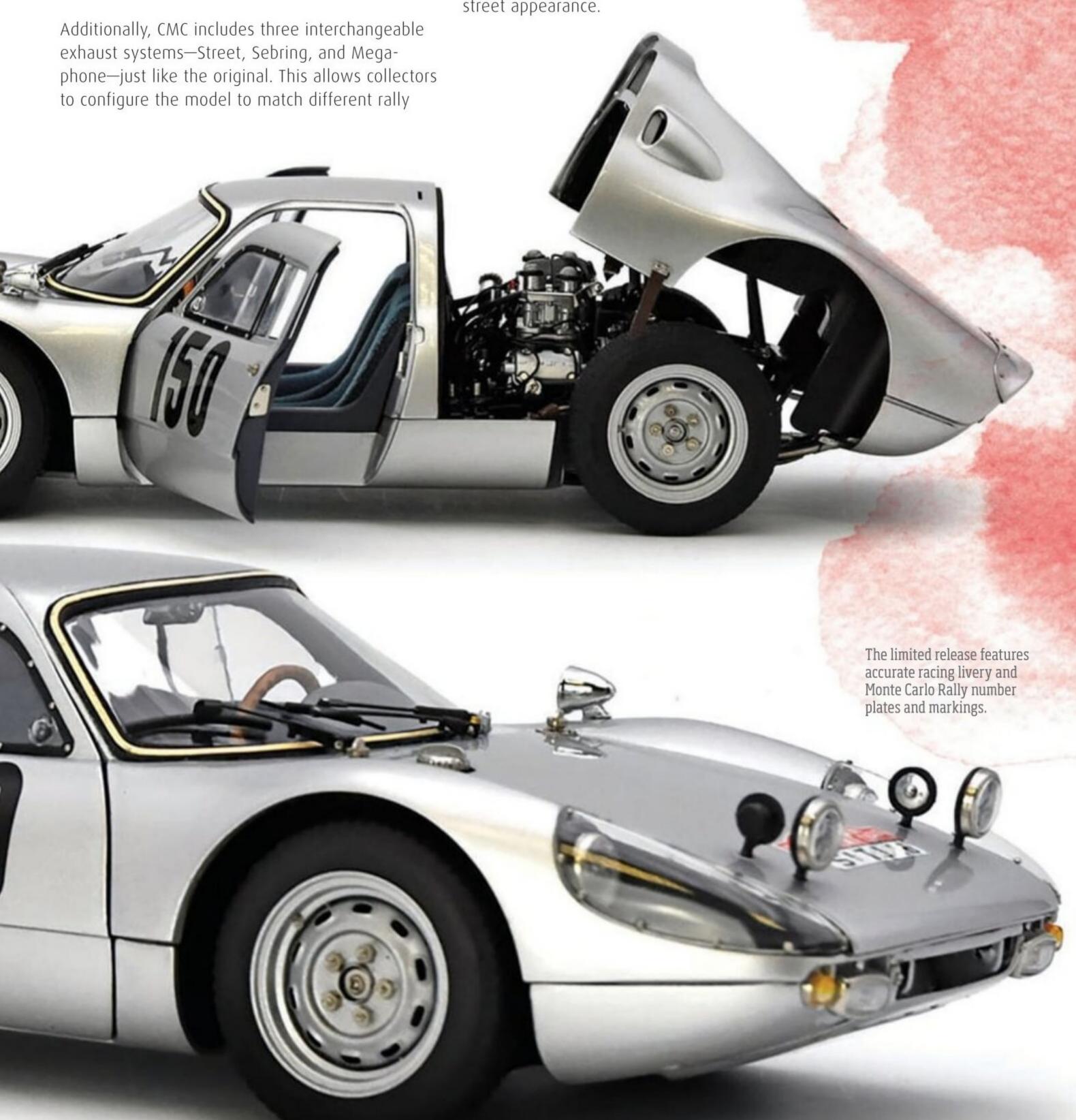




This limited release also features accurate rally livery, including the distinctive Monte Carlo Rally number plates and event markings. The snowready tire setup and authentic auxiliary lighting capture the rugged nature of the event, where cars had to navigate treacherous alpine roads in wintry conditions.

conditions or personal preferences.

Another historical detail that CMC faithfully reproduces is the availability of hubcaps, which were often fitted to road-going 904s. The model includes a miniature toolbox with the hubcaps and a tiny screwdriver, allowing collectors to switch between a rally-prepared look or a factory-correct street appearance.





The flat-four Fuhrmann powerplant is reproduced all the way down to its plumbing, wiring, and various ancillary components. It appears no detail was too small for CMC.

A TRIBUTE TO RALLY HISTORY

As a limited-edition release of just 1,500 pieces, this CMC Porsche 904 Carrera GTS Rallye Monte Carlo 1965 model is a must-have for serious collectors. It pays homage to Porsche's endurance racing and rallying heritage, and it celebrates a car that proved its worth not only on traditional circuits but also in one of the world's most grueling winter rallies.

FINAL WORD

For those who appreciate motorsport history and impeccable craftsmanship, this CMC model is more than just a collectible—it's a piece of rally history that captures the spirit of the Monte Carlo Rally's golden era.

Note the exhaust tip at left; this model comes with three different exhaust systems to tailor the car's look to a specific venue in which it ran.





The Porsche 904 Carrera GTS wasn't just a circuit racer—as we note here, it also tackled the grueling 1965 Monte Carlo Rally. Driven by Eugen Böhringer and Rolf Wütherich, car #150 faced icy mountain roads and harsh winter conditions. Its lightweight fiberglass body, mid-engine layout, and 180-horsepower, four-cylinder boxer engine provided exceptional handling, performance, and reliability. Although designed for endurance racing, the 904's showing in Monte Carlo proved Porsche's engineering excellence extended to rallying. The experience gained in this event influenced future Porsche rally cars, cementing the brand's reputation for producing highly adaptable, race-ready sports cars.





This Time Machine isn't a die cast per se, but Jada did an admirable job in replicating the DeLorean's lines and equipping it with all the sci-fi visual cues from the movie.

but every so often we'll run into something worthy of your attention that doesn't quite check the die cast box. We call these items "The X-Factor." It's what the X in Die Cast X stands for, after all. In this edition of The X-Factor, we're excited to highlight a fun movie car that you can actually drive.

Jada Toys' Back to the Future RC Time Machine offers die cast collectors a new way to enjoy one

of the most iconic movie cars ever made. While it may not have the fine detailing of a high-end static model, this motorized replica captures the essence of the DeLorean's cinematic legacy while delivering the pure fun of driving a classic movie car.

Measuring 11 inches in length and built to 1:16 scale, the RC DeLorean features working lights and a detachable lightning rod, faithfully replicating its appearance from "Back to the Future."



It's controlled via a 2.4GHz remote, reaching speeds of up to 6 mph with a range of approximately 100 feet.

The included rechargeable battery provides up to 45 minutes of driving time per charge, allowing for extended enjoyment before needing a recharge. A USB charger is included to get the time circuits quickly charged up for the next trip.

For die cast enthusiasts who prefer display piec-

es, this DeLorean still holds value as a collectible. Officially licensed by Universal, it serves as a unique addition to any movie-themed die cast collection. However, for those who enjoy modifying their models, this car presents an interesting opportunity.

While the plastic construction may lack the weight and feel of a traditional die cast, customizers might see potential in elevating its aesthetics. Adding additional paint details, weath-

MODEL BACK TO THE FUTURE TIME MACHINE

SCALE 1:16

P/N 34627

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This Time Machine is charged via USB, offering runtime of about 45 minutes at speeds up to 6 mph.

The transmitter isn't as cool as Doc Brown's Futaba controller, but it bears an admirable resemblance to the movie prop.





All the details are there, including a replica flux capacitor and OUTATIME license plate.



The Time Machine comes accented with blue lighting that activates with the push of a button.

ering effects, or even swapping certain plastic elements for metal components could transform this car into a one-of-a-kind showpiece.

Some collectors may even take their customization further, integrating the body into a more detailed diorama or reworking elements to match screen-accurate specifications. Whether displayed on a shelf alongside classic die cast models or taken for a spin on the living room

floor, this RC DeLorean delivers nostalgia in a new and interactive way.

Ultimately, Jada Toys' Back to the Future RC De-Lorean offers something different for die cast enthusiasts—a chance to experience their favorite model in motion. Whether left as-is or given a custom touch, it embodies the spirit of collecting: passion, creativity, and the thrill of bringing legendary cars to life in the real world.







censed Toyota replica, limited to just 1,400 pieces, with each model individually numbered. Additionally, 50 raw chase variants will be randomly distributed among buyers, making this an even more exciting release for collectors. The model's black paint job and detailed body lines evoke the unmistakable look of Marty McFly's dream truck from "Back to the Future," making it a must-have for die cast enthusiasts and movie fans alike.

FEATURE-PACKED MINIATURE

GCD has gone all-out with this new casting. The Hilux features an opening hood, functional tail-

gate, and even working suspension—details rarely seen at this scale. The steering is also functional, adding an extra level of realism. The full die cast body and chassis give it a solid feel, and the inclusion of a spare tire in the bed adds an extra touch of authenticity.

The truck comes housed in a clear acrylic case, ensuring it can be displayed safely while still being admired from all angles. The level of realism and articulation in this model makes it stand out in the world of 1:64-scale die cast, offering a premium feel in a segment where many models remain static.

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SCALE 1:64

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The black paint and detailed body lines evoke the look and feel of Marty McFly's dream truck in "Back to the Future."



The Hilux features an opening hood and tailgate, and even has a working suspension and steering–features rarely seen at this scale.



A COLLECTOR'S PIECE

With only 1,400 units produced, this Hilux is a true collector's item. The individually numbered pieces ensure exclusivity, while the possibility of receiving one of the 50 raw chase variants adds an extra thrill for buyers. Given the popularity of both Toyota trucks and Back to the Future memorabilia, demand for this release will be high.

FINAL WORD

For collectors who appreciate intricate detailing and working features in their die cast models, GCD's 1985 Hilux SR5 Xtracab is a dream come true. Whether displayed on its own, alongside other Toyota trucks, or as part of a Back to the Future-themed collection, this model is sure to be a highlight.



"THE 1985 TOYOTA HILUX SR5 XTRACAB WAS LEGENDARY FOR ITS OFF-ROAD CHOPS AND BULLETPROOF RELIABILITY. IT'S A TRUE CLASSIC IN THE WORLD OF PICKUP TRUCKS AND LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK IN THE WORLD OF POP CULTURE."



"WITH ITS APPEARANCE IN 'BACK TO THE FUTURE,' THE '85 HILUX SR5 BECAME THE DREAM TRUCK FOR AN ENTIRE GENERATION OVERNIGHT."

A TOUGH LEGEND: 1985 TOYOTA HILUX SR5 XTRACAB



The 1985 Toyota Hilux SR5 Xtracab is one of the most revered pickup trucks in automotive history. Equipped with Toyota's durable 22R-E 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine, solid front and rear axles, and a five-speed manual transmission, it was built for rugged terrain. This model marked the last year of the solid front axle before Toyota switched to independent front suspension, making it highly sought-after by off-road enthusiasts. Its pop culture fame skyrocketed when a black version appeared in "Back to the Future," cementing its status as the dream truck for an entire generation. Today, well-preserved examples remain highly collectible, prized for their durability and classic styling.

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HOT WHEELS & FERRARI REUNITE WITH EXCITING NEW DIE CAST COLLECTION

TEXT BY DCX STAFF

ot Wheels and Ferrari are rekindling their legendary partnership after more than a decade, much to the excitement of die cast collectors and automotive enthusiasts worldwide.

Announced at the Nuremberg International Toy Fair, Mattel confirmed that Hot Wheels will once again feature Ferrari models in an expansive new collection. This highly anticipated collaboration will include everything from ultra-premium limited editions to the classic Mainline Collection, along with remote-controlled models.

This marks the first time in more than ten years that the iconic Prancing Horse will grace Hot Wheels packaging, bringing with it a lineup of Ferrari's most celebrated road and race cars. The first release is slated for this spring, with the debut model available for pre-order through Mattel Creations. Additional product drops are planned throughout 2025 and beyond, ensuring a steady roll-out of Ferrari's most revered designs in die cast form.

Historically, Ferrari and Hot Wheels have had

a long and illustrious partnership, with 26 previous models becoming staples in many collectors' showcases. Some of these castings, now rare and highly sought-after, have already secured their place in die cast history. This new series aims to build upon that legacy, bringing fresh designs that celebrate Ferrari's past, present, and future.

With Ferrari's unparalleled success in motorsports—boasting over 5,000 race wins, 16 Constructors' Championships, and 15 Drivers' Championships in Formula 1—this collaboration is set to capture the essence of the brand's racing heritage and exotic appeal. Whether it's finely detailed premium models or more widely available 1:64-scale releases, this collection will cater to all levels of collectors.

We're excited about this news! The return of Ferrari to Hot Wheels is a momentous occasion in the die cast world, and enthusiasts can look forward to more details as 2025 unfolds. For updates and pre-order information, visit www. hotwheels.com/ferrari.









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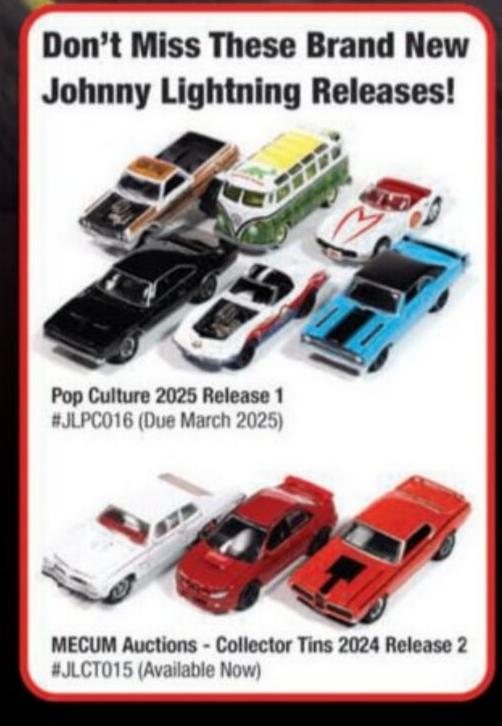
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