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THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT WITH THIS BUS FROM NORTHCORD

FOLLOWING the significant success in launching the brand new casting of the Alexander Dennis Enviro400 MMC model in the liveries of National Express West Midlands, Stagecoach in Oxfordshire, Bluestar, Stagecoach West Scotland, Southern Vectis, Stagecoach South, Ensign Bus and Xplore Dundee, Northcord Model Company is now releasing the thirteenth livery of its 10.9 metre long, single-door casting – No UK6526 in the livery of National Express West Midlands, with SmartVision camera mirrors in place of traditional driver rearview mirrors. UK6526 represents fleet number 6937 (SK68 MJE) and was new to National Express West Midlands in early 2019. In addition to being the first to have the innovative SmartVision camera mirrors bus in the fleet, 6937 carries a full and colourfully branded livery for Platinum X10.

The stand-out features on the branding are: "up to every 20 mins" frequency on all sides. The prominent route number "X10" is carried on both sides and the rear, whilst "FAST along Hagley Road" is carried on the top of the front destination glass, "Halesowen to city centre" and "FAST along Hagley Road" on the nearside above the entrance door and, on the rear, "Merry Hill | Halesowen | then FAST Quinton | Bearwood | city centre" is prominent. Fares details are carried on some windows on each lower deck side. Within the advert panels on each side and on the rear, lower window wording refers to the extra legroom available on board in addition to the comfy seats. The model also correctly portrays the name "Brooke Yvie", which is carried on the front, below the windscreen on the nearside, and on the rear, at the top of the engine cover on the offside. The Alexander Dennis Enviro400 MMC UK6526 is a one-piece casting whose clean lines accentuate the



square, gasket-mounted windows and the livery application on which all logos and lettering are clearly legible. Another main feature on the UK6526 model is its single tree protector at the front. The front dome on the model is significant, with curved windscreens on both upper deck and lower deck.

Northcord Model Company is also creating new design standards within the interior of both saloons. These features, inside the compartments, will represent the real, outstanding layout of the Enviro400 MMC, such as the extensive portrayal of handrails on upper deck and lower deck, etc. The brand new 10.9 metre Enviro400 MMC bus model is limited to 1,008 pieces worldwide.

For wholesale enquiries, contact John Ayrey's at **www.ayrey.co.uk**. And for retail purchases, contact your preferred Northward Model Company retailer.





NEW TRUCK RELEASED FROM SEARCH IMPEX

CUSTOMISED promotional model vehicle specialist, Search Impex, is delighted to announce the release of a 1/50 scale Volvo FH Globetrotter XL (6x2) tractor unit with 3 axle, skirted, curtain trailer, customised in the livery of long-established Scottish operator Drummond Distribution. The models have been produced exclusively for Search Impex by WSI Models as a certificated, limited edition of 175 pieces.

Established in 1927 and starting out making local coal deliveries, Drummond Distribution has successfully evolved to become one of Scotland's longest established and most reliable pallet and parcel delivery companies. Still very much an independent, family-owned and run business, the head office remains in Armadale, West Lothian (from where the Drummond family originate), but today's operation has grown enormously over the years. The business employs in excess of 100 people and now extends across a further three sites located throughout the Central Belt of Scotland, all of which offer substantial warehousing facilities. Operating throughout the UK and also offering a next day delivery service to Ireland, Drummond Distribution carries a diverse range of palletised products, concentrating on the manufacturing and industrial market sectors, as well as car and commercial vehicle tyres.

The Volvo FH, on which the model will be based, is one of the latest additions to a mixed fleet of around 80 vehicles (mostly Volvo & DAF) and which also includes rigid trucks and vans, and more than 50 curtain trailers. Drummond Distribution trucks, in their smart predominantly green, red & white livery, will be a familiar sight to collectors and truck enthusiasts alike. This is the first time Drummond Distribution has commissioned a run of models and many of these miniatures are expected to find themselves parked up in model truck collections.

Models, available from Search Impex, are priced at £150 each (including UK delivery & VAT). For details of availability of this and other models, collectors can visit the Search Impex website at www.search-impex.co.uk or call on 01332 873555. ■

OXFORD DIECAST FUTURE RELEASE UPDATE

NOBODY likes announcing delays, but in recent conversations with a few collectors, Oxford Diecast says it became apparent that it may be preferable for this information to be more public. During the Covid Pandemic period, Oxford has experienced some quite significant delays on items. The company has made the decision to not announce any future development and release a new catalogue until May 2022 to allow time to catch up.

Below are the items confirmed for imminent arrival. There are still plenty of new releases to follow later in the year, with more information available in the May 2022 catalogue. In addition to recent delays, Oxford has taken the difficult decision, due to many factors, to take a pause on a few items, so you will not see them listed in the immediate future. The affected newlytooled items are 72WD**** (1/72 scale Westland Dragonfly), 50HYD**** (JCB Hydradig, 1/50) and 50FST**** (JCB Fastrac, 1/50). ■

DUE IN MARCH:

1/72 Oxford Aviation

AC109 - Boulton Paul Defiant 264 Sqn. RAF Hornchurch 1940 AC110 - Douglas Dauntless VMSB-233 Sister Guadalcanal 1943

1/76 Coca Cola

76AK018CC - Austin K8 Threeway Van Coca Cola

1/76 Oxford Automobile

76AHF001 - Austin Healey Frogeye Sprite Cherry Red 76MINGT006 - Mini 1275GT Teal Blue

76RE001 - Riley Elf MkIII Arianca Beige/Pale Ivory

76RN001 - Renault 4 Beige

76SC002 - Scooter & Trailer Union Jack

76T25010 - VW T25 Bus Pastel White

1/76 Oxford Military

76AEC020 - AEC Matador RAF Tripoli, Libya Desert Rescue Team Q1/2022 Q1/2022 76DT007 - Diamond T Tank Transporter/Trailer US Army Q1/2022 Q1/2022 76LRFCS003 - Land Rover FC Signals 4th Armoured Brigade Operation Granby 1990

1/76 Oxford Gift

76SET78 - 3 Piece Set New Defender 90/110/110X

1/76 Oxford Haulage

76SNG001 - Scania S Series Highline Fridge Whitelink Seafoods 76SNG005 - Scania S Series Box Trailer Stobart NHS 76SRH001 - Scania R Series Highline Box Trailer Stobart

1/87 Oxford Automobile

87DC68004 - Dodge Charger 1968 Yellow and Black



Welcome

Caution. It's a word I've embraced my entire life. Sometimes more successfully than others. At an early age, it wasn't quite so obvious, evidenced by the scars that I still bear from cracking my head open twice - on both occasions involving a pedalled form of transport. I wasn't even two-years-old!

So maybe that's why I developed a degree of self-preservation. It covers all facets of my life, to a certain extent. But it's a sliding scale, where physical danger brings it out more than a financial one. Whilst I browse ebay, attend auctions and toy fairs, and scan the shelves of retail emporiums, the fear factor is low, although sometimes I wonder if I should train myself to build up some resistance. A quick scan around my studio and storage areas will testify a positive response to that.

It is such a shame that the Nuremberg Toy Fair was cancelled again, but it was the right decision. Caution came into play here. So, for the second year running, our appraisal of many of the 2022 releases comes to you in the form of a "Showcase", rather than having physically visited Spielwarenmesse and handled all the new product. See pages 24 to 37 to see what has caught our attention in the digital world during the round of announcements and press releases. There is definitely plenty of new product coming through to tempt us and global delays caused by supply chain issues are gradually being ironed out.

But what about vintage and pre-owned models? Of course, with rules being relaxed, we can now truly get out and enjoy ourselves at toy fairs and swapmeets. With care. It is great that we can be out and about again, and I simply can't wait to get stuck into trading.

Caution. Just not when it comes to buying, of course. Enjoy yourselves, but be careful out there.



▲ Rick Wilson, Editor

WRITE TO THE EDITOR...

If you want to write a letter for publication in *Diecast Collector*, you can contact Rick on rick.wilson@ warnersgroup.co.uk

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NEW SHOP OPTIONS AT THE CORGI MODEL CLUB

EXCITING news from the Corgi Model Club – its website has been significantly updated and now non-members can get in on the action and purchase/pre-order individual models too. However, members will continue to enjoy each issue at a substantially reduced price, of just £19.99 each, plus P&P.

In addition to this new purchasing option, the website now has an extra section for t-shirts, all featuring evocative Corgi Toys artwork, with some Scalextric versions available too. Sizes range from S to XXXL and all designs come in various shirt colour options as well.

Next up for members is the 1/43 scale No 335 - 4.2 Litre Jaguar 'E' Type 2+2. Launched into the Corgi Toys range in 1968, this classic Jaguar sports car was produced in two colour options – red or metallic blue. Both versions came with an opening bonnet, complete with a wonderfully detailed 4.2 litre engine and doors that opened to reveal miniature tilting seats. The details didn't end there as Corgi bestowed the model with tiny bonnet-mounted mirrors, a separately moulded exhaust and beautifully-modelled spoked wheels. The model's clear plastic 'bubble' packaging, was difficult to open without damaging it so, as a result, very few

To find out more, visit the club's new-look website at www.corgimodelclub.com.

original packs of this classic Corgi exist in undamaged condition today.

GET KITTED OUT AT MODEL BUSES CREATIONS



MODEL Buses Collection & Iwan's Bus Bits announce the

first three releases under the Model Buses Creations (MBC) brand. The stated aim of MBC, a partnership between Mark Oakley of Model Buses Collection and Iwan Jones of Iwan's Bus Bits, is to create highly-detailed model buses in miniature for collectors and enthusiasts across the UK and around the world.

The first Model Buses Collection release is a Britbus Leyland/Volvo Olympian, available for the first time in kit form, with the exclusive added option to choose either early Leyland or late Volvo versions, with parts for both included in each kit. Also included is a set of waterslide transfers to add the finishing touches to your completed model in the livery of your choice. The model is limited to 100 standard units worldwide, with an additional 50 special editions later on. Priced at £35.00 + delivery, this model is available now.

For further information about this and future planned releases, and to place an order, email **mark@emporiumlondon.com**.

A NEW COMMISSION FOR OMNIDEKKA MODELS

Priced at just £25.00 each (or £48.00 for both versions), plus P&P, these are selling fast, so visit www. omnidekkamodels.com soon or you might miss the bus! ■



TRAVEL IN STYLE WITH A LIMOUSINE FROM GOLDVARG

THE stunning 1936 Chevrolet Fitzjohn Stretched Airport Bus Limousine is a new announcement from Sergio Goldvarg for his Goldvarg Collection. To be released in two liveries – Capitol Bus Company (GC-052 A) and Pan American Airways (GC-052 B) – both priced at US\$119.00 plus shipping, visit the company's website at **www.goldvargcollection.com** to find out more and to pre-order! ■

SCOUTING FOR TOYS TV PROGRAMME

currently scheduled to air its first episode on 31st March, on the Yesterday channel, the new 10-part series focusing on our collecting hobby, filmed by the BBC, will feature diecasts as part of its subject matter. Filming took place around Vectis Auctions at its Thornaby site last year. Diecast Collector gets some excellent coverage in one episode in particular, so be sure to check your TV listings and tune in.

BRUMM'S GILLES VILLENEUVE TRIBUTE

IN addition to the news that Brumm is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year (*News in Brief*, March 2022 issue), the company has confirmed that it is updating and reissuing several of its Gilles Villeneuve-related diecasts to commemorate the 40th anniversary this year of the popular Canadian's untimely passing, at Zolder in May 1982.

BROOKLIN NEWS

BROOKLIN Models has some news about its 1957 Chevrolet Bel-Air Four-Door Hardtop. It sells this particular 4-door hardtop model in various colour choices, but look out for the blue version as it's on sale at the moment. Reduced from £192 to £154, it sits well alongside the "Pink Collection" version, available for £192. Another model from the same collection worth considering is the 1955 Buick Special 2-door Sedan, for just £159.

CMC'S ALFA ROMEO P3 TAKES SHAPE

ANNOUNCED in 2021, CMC's eagerly-awaited 1/18 scale masterpiece of the mighty Alfa Romeo P3 is finally taking shape, with the manufacturer beginning to circulate images of a 3D-printed prototype. With a promised release date of later this year, we are keeping a keen and watchful eye on proceedings here, and will bring more news as the big day draws nearer.

BP FAIRS CONFIRMS TOY FAIR ACCESS PROTOCOL

ELLIS at BP Fairs has confirmed that, with immediate effect, due to the laws regarding Covid-19 having been relaxed from now on, it is not necessary to show any 'proof of status' details to visit a toy fair anywhere in England. He goes on to mention that it is entirely down to an individual's choice as to whether you choose to wear a face covering or not whilst visiting. BP Fairs has three events planned for March, on the Sunday 13th (Stafford Showground), Sunday 20th (NEC Birmingham) and Sunday 27th (Buxton) of the month. More information can be found at **www.bpfairs.com**.

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Our team of experts take a look at this month's model releases, including fine handbuilt replicas, scale construction and the latest in farm models.

BUMPER PAGES!

NIKI LAUDA'S 1985 MCLAREN MP4/2B BY MODEL CAR GROUP TAKES THE BIG PRIZE

1/18 scale

MODEL CAR GROUP

McLaren TAG MP4/2B Marlboro McLaren International Formula 1 Dutch Grand Prix 1985 - #1 Niki Lauda

PRICE: £65.99 REF NO: MCG 18607

www.ayrey.co.uk

McLAREN'S ground-breaking MP4 design made its first appearance during the 1981 Formula 1 Grand Prix season. What made it so outstanding is that it was the first car to feature a fully carbon fibre monocoque chassis.

The MP4 was the first car to be built following the merger of the McLaren team and Ron Dennis' Project 4 Formula 2 team – its designation was short for "Marlboro Project 4".

It didn't take long for the design to bring the team success, with John Watson winning the 1981 British Grand Prix, at Silverstone, in only the car's seventh race. The design would win a further five Grand Prix during the 1982 seasons (three for John Watson and two for Niki Lauda) before being replaced by the MP4/2 for the 1984 season.

The new car now had a TAG-Porsche power unit, replacing the iconic Ford Cosworth DFV that had served so many designs very well since its introduction in 1967. The new engine had been tried in the MP4/1 for the last few races of the 1983 season, so it was successful right out of the box, with the new MP4/2 winning its first race, the 1984 season-opener at Brazil's Interlagos circuit, in the hands of Alain Prost.

The MP4/2 quickly became all conquering, dominating the 1984 season with 12 wins out of the 16 races. Seven of these were taken by Prost and five by Lauda, whose better otherplaced results over the year were enough to give him the title by the tiniest of margins (just half a point).

For the 1985 season, the car had been redesignated as the MP4/2B. It was updated with cleaner aerodynamics

and redesigned wings (to comply with new regulations that had banned the winglets on the rear wings of the cars that had been in use since 1983). Porsche refined its TAG engine with improved power (850 bhp in race trim and 960 bhp for qualifying), and fuel consumption. The suspension had to be redesigned too, after McLaren were forced to switch from Michelin to Goodyear tyres when the French company pulled out of Formula 1 at the end of 1984.

Despite all these improvements, many other teams had now caught up with McLaren's technology, so the 1985 season was not quite so successful for the team's drivers. Prost took five victories (and the first of his four World Championships), whilst Lauda onluy won on once occasion – the Dutch Grand Prix, held at Zandvoort. It was to be his last Grand Prix win, as he retired at the end of the season.

Niki Lauda passed away in 2019, aged 70, so this is a fitting tribute by Model Car Group, commemorating that last race win for the great Austrian driver. It was the triple World Champion's 25th Grand Prix victory.



▲ The model commemorates the last of Niki Lauda's 25 Grand Prix victories - the 1985 Dutch Grand Prix, held at Zandvoort near Amsterdam.

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▲ The model comes complete with a set of Marlboro decals, for application post-purchase, to complete the look.



▲ The rear of a McLaren MP4/2 - a familiar view to both Lauda's and Prost's competitors throughout the 1984 and 1985 seasons.

Model Car Group has justifiably earnt a reputation for providing excellent quality replicas at very affordable prices, and this is another great example of the company's work. A combination of diecast with some plastic elements obviously helps keep the costs down, but it also affords the opportunity to incorporate a greater level of detail than if the entire car was metal.

Suspension arms and components are suitably intricate, and these connect to a set of beautifully recreated

wheels, adorned with rubber tyres that have a very authentic feel and appearance.

The shape of the body is very accurately reproduced and those iconic Marlboro markings are crisply lined, with tampo-printed sponsor logos equally impressively applied. Of course, the old tobacco sponsor problem comes into play here, so there is a sheet of Marlboro logos taped under the plinth base, for application by the purchaser, and these will finish off the replica, of that final win for our hero, perfectly. DC



1961 Fiat 690 T1 SCALE: 1/43 PRICE: £35.99 REF: TR101

www.ayrey.co.uk

detailing, especially to that grille.



MAISTO

2020 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 SCALE: 1/24 PRICE: £14.99 REF: M31532

Crackingly good value release of the mighty Shelby Mustang, featuring opening doors and a superb, bright paint



CORGI

SE5a Albert Ball VC SCALE: 1/48 PRICE: £59.99 REF: AA37710

www.corai.co.uk

Replicating a short-lived, flamboyant livery, the latest release of Corgi's exquisite SE5a will certainly be a colourful addition to your squadron.



MAN TGS NN

SCALE: 1/50 PRICE: 106.80 € **REF:** 81216/01

ww.conrad-modelle.de

With steerable front axle, detailed cab, adjustable and telescopic lifting arms, and extendable rear supports. Skip can be lowered and fastened with chains.

New Models



CONRAD

Kleemann Mobirex MR 130 Z EVO2 mobile impact crusher - Vitali **SCALE:** 1/50 **PRICE:** 289.00 € **REF:** 2521/01

Packed with detail - foldable hopper walls, crawler tracks and removable secondary screening unit. Side discharge conveyor can be mounted on left or right.



Lancia Stratos HF #6 Rallye Monte-Carlo 1976 Waldegard/Thorszelius SCALE: 1/24 PRICE: £43.99 REF: 24RAL009B

Exquisite model of the remarkable Stratos in that iconic Alitalia livery. Splendid finish throughout and a marvellous set of alloys.



PARAGON

Honda Civic FN2 Type R Championship White (LHD) SCALE: 1/64 PRICE: £13.99 REF: PAR 55392

The first of two Honda Civics from Paragon, this one is in Championship White. Great detailing and a neat interior. Excellent value.

www.ayrey.co.uk



WIKING

Claas Arion 630 Tractor SCALE: 1/32 PRICE: £82.95 **REF:** 077858

Wiking's updated Arion tractor features new warning beacons, driving mirrors, work lights and decals. It also has a new exhaust and folding warning boards.

ww.wiking.



ARAGON

Mitsubishi Galant VR-4 Rally El Corte Ingles 1995 Ponce #9 (LHD) SCALE: 1/64 PRICE: £13.99 REF: PAR 55103

The first of several excellent 1/64 scale releases by Paragaon reviewed this month. Incorporating excellent detail for its size and beautifully finished.



MAISTO

Ford GT 2021 Ford Heritage SCALE: 1/18 PRICE: £39.99 REF: M31390

Superb value, retro-look version of the recent Ford GT. Features opening doors, engine cover and front trunk. Excellent finish with some nice detailing.



BRITAINS

John Deere 4020 Tractor SCALE: 1/32 PRICE: £29.99 **REF:** 4311

www.britainsfarmtoys.co.uk

Britains has reissued its UK-specced John Deere 4020 tractor with dual rear wheels. It has dual drawbars and a plastic rear linkage.



MATRIX SCALE MODELS

1953 Ferrari 212 Inter Coupe Pininfarina - black SCALE: 1/43 PRICE: £110.00 REF: MX 50604-171

Netherlands. Light grey inside, with different rear bumper and rear lights from the versions on pages 12 and 15.

w.matrixscalemodels.com



March 2022 Auction Dates

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- Friday 11th Specialist Diecast
- Thursday 24th TV & Film Related
- Friday 25th Model Train Sale
- Tuesday 29th General Toy Sale
- Wednesday 30th Specialist Diecast & Tinplate Sale

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New Models



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Liebherr LTR 1220 - Franz Bracht **SCALE:** 1/50 **PRICE:** 249.00 € **REF:** 2746/01

Telescopic cross beams, track beams with metal tracks, tiltable cabin carriage with interior, adjustable telescopic boom and slewing platform ballast. Stunning.



1996 Ford Escort RS Cosworth Metallic Dark Green - Ready to Race SCALE: 1/18 PRICE: £69.99 REF: 18CMC096

Just like its smaller sibling, above right, this is a strikingly beautiful replica, in sumptuous metallic dark green. Wonderful throughout.



PARAGON

BMW M3 (G80) Isle of Man Green

SCALE: 1/64 PRICE: £13.99 REF: PAR 65201

Great replica of the G80 generation M3 featuring that monster grille. Fabulously-painted in 'Isle of Man Green', finished off with stunning alloys.

www.ayrey.co.uk



SIKU

John Deere 8370R Tractor SCALE: 1/32 PRICE: £33.99 **REF:** 3290

www.siku.de

weight Siku's newly-tooled largely diecast tractor has steerable wheels and detachable cab.



WHITEBOX

1993 Ford Escort RS Cosworth Metallic Blue

SCALE: 1/24 PRICE: £32.99 REF: 124089

The first of two RS Cosworths on this page and this one by Whitebox is a very nice model indeed, capturing the look of this mighty Ford perfectly.

www.ayrey.co.uk



Panzerkampfwagen VI Tiger Ausf E, 'Tiger 131', Tunisia, 24th April 1943, SCALE: 1/50 PRICE: £59.99 REF: CC60515

Adding to its earlier Tiger, this latest version, in Afrika Korps guise, is superbly finished and detailed throughout, with rotatable turret.and positionable gun.



WIKING

John Deere 8410R Tractor **SCALE:** 1/32 **PRICE:** £93.95 **REF:** 077859

www.wiking.de

Accurately detailed Wiking has provided its new tractor with working linkages, opening bonnet, opening cab door and folding mirrors.



MATRIX SCALE MODELS

1953 Ferrari 212 Inter Coupe Pininfarina - red

SCALE: 1/43 PRICE: £110.00 REF: MX 50604-172

of an earlier Ferrari coupe with its clean lines. Featuring a cream interior and sumptuous red paintwork. A gem.

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CORGI'S LATEST IMPRESSIVE LARGE-SCALE RAF PHANTOM EVOKES A CERTAIN SPIRIT

1/48 scale

McDonnell Douglas Phantom FG.1 XV592/L, RAF No.111 Squadron, Leuchars, Fife, Scotland, Late 1970s

PRICE: £179.99 **REF:** AA27902

www.corgi.co.uk

ALTHOUGH some may argue that the American McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom was an acquisition that was almost forced upon the Royal Air Force during the late 1960s, Britain would soon come to appreciate the rugged qualities of this magnificent aeroplane and accept that it presented them with a hugely capable multirole platform.

McDonnell Douglas F-4K (FG.1) Phantom XV592 had the distinction of being the last aircraft produced for the Royal Navy and it would go on to serve aboard HMS Ark Royal in the markings of No.892 Naval Air Squadron, until the withdrawal of Britain's last big carrier at the end of the 1970s.

As with the rest of the remaining Royal Navy Phantoms at that time, XV592 would later be transferred to the care of the Royal Air Force at Leuchars in Scotland, where she would perform an air defence

The unmistakable stance of the McDonnell Douglas Phantom makes for a very dramatic model at this larger scale.

role, patrolling the vast expanses of the North Sea, challenging the frequent Soviet incursions into British air space.

Corgi's second release of its immense, superb 1/48 scale Phantom proudly wears it

realistic camouflage livery and features sublimely printed markings, detailed crew figures, fuel tanks, weaponry, opening canopy, undercarriage up or down options, and a display stand. DC



The Phantom comes with plenty of display options, with auxiliary fuel tanks, weaponry and undercarriage up or down modes.



The model comes fitted with the canopies closed, but optional parts are included that allow these to be displayed up, revealing the detailed crew.



HOLLAND OTO

VDL Futura - Hemmings Holidays PRICE: £39.60

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The latest decoration for Holland Oto's VDL Futura casting, available exclusively through Buckie Model Centre. Superb representaion of this striking livery.



Mercedes-Benz 0317 Renntransporter Porsche Martini Racing SCALE: 1/64 PRICE: £41.99 REF: 45 202 7400

in Porsche's silver Martini Racing livery from the mid-1970s, again with opening rear doors.It's just as wonderful

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IXO'S CLASSIC VINTAGE EASTERN EUROPEAN IKARUS INTERCITY BUS IS JUST THE TICKET

1/43 scale

TXO

1972 Ikarus 66 - NVK Nahverkehr

PRICE: £58.99 REF: BUS029

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IKARUS was a manufacturer of buses based in Budapest and Székesfehérvár, Hungary. It was established in 1895 and, during the Communist era in Hungary, it dominated bus markets of the entire Eastern Bloc and its allies.

The Ikarus 66 is an urbansuburban bus, produced in great numbers between 1952 and 1973. Most of the 9,260 units produced were exported to the German Democratic Republic from 1957, and it was one of the dominant types of bus transport in the 1960s and 1970s. Apart from the exports to the GDR, some 2,700 vehicles were delivered to Volán companies in Hungary. The latter were all scrapped by 1983, but many in the GDR survived until the end of that decade, in fact, nearly 1,500 are reported to habve still been in operation in an audit undertaken in September 1988. Several have, thankfully, survived into preservation as, we're sure you agree, it is a most attractive vehicle, particularly the protruding tail.

Designed from the outset for driver-only operation, the 66 came in two basic configurations, but both featured a rear-mounted, water-cooled engine. The main difference between the two types is the door configuration with local 'in town' service vehicles featuring three sets of doors (a 'three-wing' set at both front and rear, with a 'four-wing' in the middle) and intercity variants having just the two 'three-wing' sets, as modelled here.

This is the third release by Ixo of its evocative Ikarus casting (after BUS022 and BUS025) and is the best-looking release so far, wearing this rather fetching cream with blue highlights colour scheme of NVK Nahverkehr, en route to Karl-Marx-Stadt. The finish to the paintwork is excellent all over and the simple, but classic, striping is very neatly applied, as is the subtle NVK logo. The destination box is very nicely

A very pleasing model that deserves a place in any collection of classic buses. **DC**



▲ This classic 1952 design was still in service in substantial numbers in the late 1980s.



▲ The stylish lines naturally draw your gaze to the back of the bus and its rather attractive rear end.



▲ Two sets of 'three-wing' doors denote this as the intercity variant (the suburban version had three sets of doors).



BBURAGO

F1 2021 Ferrari Sf21 - Charles Leclerc SCALE: 1/43 PRICE: £19.99 REF: B18-36828L The very latest Ferrari F1 cars from Bburago and it's a cracking, excellent value replica. Also available is the sister car of Carlos Sainz, plus both at 1/18.

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BBURAGO

F1 Mercedes Amg W12 E-Performance Lewis Hamilton

SCALE: 1/43 PRICE: £19.99 REF: B18-38058H

www.oneforfun.com

Like the Ferrari, both Mercedes are available too, in both scales. Super model for the price. You can see the sister car of Valtteri Bottas on page 25.

New Models



CONRAD

Liebherr R922 V - Kloosterman SCALE: 1/50 PRICE: 114.00 € **REF:** 2214/03

Excellent replica, with fine-linked moving metal chains, 360-degree rotatable upper carriage, finely detailed hose lines. handrails and railings mounted.



2020 Chevrolet Corvette C8 SCALE: 1/43 PRICE: £35.99 REF: MOC304

It still takes some getting used to that the Corvette is now mid-engined, but hopefully this replica will help. Great throughout with an attractive interior.



Honda Civic FN2 Type R - Milano Red (LHD)

SCALE: 1/64 PRICE: £13.99 REF: PAR 55391

Milano Red version of the Type R Civic, a perfect companion to the Championship white version reviewed on page 10. Excellent throughout again.

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REPLICAGRI

Massey Ferguson 188 Tractor SCALE: 1/32 PRICE: £55.00 REF: REP510

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Beautifully-engineered and detailed largely diecast tractor with detachable weight and steerable wheels. Working rear linkage with adjustable top bar.



CORGI

Bristol F2B Fighter 'Charlie Chaplin' SCALE: 1/48 PRICE: £84.99 **REF:** AA28802

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The second release of Corgi's gorgeous Bristol F2B, wearing its superbly-printed markings very nicely indeed. Lovely detailing throughout.



Mitsubishi Galant VR-4 #19 Lombard Rally RAC 1989 (LHD)

SCALE: 1/64 PRICE: £13.99 REF: PAR 55104

Superb classic rally car with some seriously impressive graphical application at this scale. Excellent shape and detail too



New Holland T7.315 Remotely-Controlled Tractor with Front-Loader SCALE: 1/32 PRICE: £175.00 REF: 6797

Powered by three AAA batteries and controlled by an app, Siku's model offers many working features found on the real machine.

www.siku.de



MATRIX SCALE MODELS

1953 Ferrari 212 Inter Coupe Pininfarina - blue/white SCALE: 1/43 PRICE: £110.00 REF: MX 50604-173

The same car as the red example on page 12, but in light blue with cream roof and cream interior. The same excellent finish and level of detail. Another beauty.

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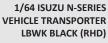
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Linde X30 SCALE: 1/25 PRICE: 69.00 € **REF:** 2632/0

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With oscillating rear axle, steerable wheels, detailed cab, telescopic and inclinable mast, rear weight, adjustable forks, and opening battery compartment.

WHITEBOX

1974 Opel Manta A GT/E - yellow and

SCALE: 1/24 PRICE: £32.99 REF: 124084

www.ayrey.co.uk

The classic looks of the mid-1970s Manta are still just as appealing as ever and this replica really does the cars design justice. Marvellous.



Moskvitch 412 #71 Rally London/ Mexico 1970

SCALE: 1/43 PRICE: £43.99 REF: RAC354

A much-missed sight on our roads, the marvellous Moskvitch 412 makes for a stunning replica, particularly in rally trim. Absolutely exquisite throughout



PARAGON

Toyota Land Cruiser - French Vanilla (RHD) LC76

SCALE: 1/64 PRICE: £13.99 REF: PAR 65311

Toyota's mighty Land Cruiser is perfectly miniaturised by Paragon, with a good interior clearly visible through those big windows. Superb throughout.



PARAGON

Liberty Walk AMG G 63 - Alien Green (LHD)

SCALE: 1/64 PRICE: £16.99 REF: PAR 55166

The incredible G-Wagen gets both the AMG and Liberty Walk touches. Stunning! And an equally impressive recreation by Paragon too.

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A1+FN, Lt. Erich Horn, 5./KG53, 1942 SCALE: 1/72 PRICE: £119.99 REF: AA33718

replicated here with its amazing markings. Optional undercarriage parts and display stand included.

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RCAF de Havilland Mosquito FB.VI HJ719/TH-U 'Moonbeam McSwine' SCALE: 1/72 PRICE: £87.99 REF: AA32821

Superb replication of this interesting Royal Canadian Air Force Mosquito, with undercarriage that can be fitted up or down, with display stand included.

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Porsche Taycan - white SCALE: 1/24 PRICE: £14.99 **REF:** B18-21098

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Bburago. Porsche's exciting Taycan is very nicely modelled and features opening front doors.



BRUMM

Ferrari 126C2 turbo #27 Gilles Villeneuve - 2nd San Marino GP 1982 SCALE: 1/43 PRICE: 35.00 € REF: R267

To commemorate the 40th anniversary of the passing of Gilles Villeneuve, Brumm is re-releasing many of its excellent models of the cars that he drove.



BURAGO

Lamborghini Sián FKP 37 - green SCALE: 1/24 PRICE: £14.99 REF: B18-21099G

The green version of the Editor's Choice below. Again with opening doors and this time adorned by this sumptuous shade of green in a subtle metallic finish.

BBURAGO'S LAMBORGHINI IS REALLY RESPLENDENT IN RED

1/24 scale

Lamborghini Sián FKP 37 - red

PRICE: £14.99 REF: B18-21099R

www.oneforfun.com

THE Sián FKP 37 is the first super sports car powered by a V12 engine and hybrid technology based on supercapacitors. Its powerful V12 engine, coupled with electric boost, creates an unrivaled gem of engineering and technology.

Sián - lightning in Bolognese - is a name that captures the car's true character, foremost its speed, which exceeds 220 mph (350 km/h).

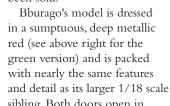
With a 0-62mph (100km/h) time measured at less than 2.8 seconds, this truly is a supercar.

The name was selected to highlight the fact that the car is the first production vehicle produced by the company to include a hybrid supercapacitator component. The suffix FKP 37 is related to the initials and birth year of the late Volkswagen Group chairman, Ferdinand Karl Piëch.

Packed with innovative features, such as Lamborghini's 'Smart Materials System', the Sián is a magnificent beast. Production began in 2020 and is limited to just 82 units - 63 of the coupe, as modelled here, and 19 roadsters. All have already been sold.

sibling. Both doors open in correct scissor-like fashion, as demonstrated in the image below. Once open, the interior can be more fully appreciated, and it's very nicely appointed for this purpose.

The alloy wheels are very neatly reproduced in a copper-like finish and really look the part, adding to the dramatic looks of the car. It's another superb replica, and an absolute bargain when you take the price into account. DC





Inspired by the Countach (according to Lamborghini), the Sián FKP 37 has sharp lines, aerodynamic elegance and an unmistakable silhouette.



Opening 'scissor' doors reveal a neat interior. Note the number 63 on the rear wing endplate, it denotes the number of this car made.

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65341 - Honda Civic Type R EP3 - 1:64

65342 - Honda Civic Type R EP3 - 1:64

65294 - RUF CTR Guards 1987 (RHD) - 1:64



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In the first of his spotlight articles on some of the latest releases from DNA Collectibles, **Stephen Paul Hardy** finds that a Ford pick up and Subaru Forester have more in common than first meets the eye.

shared commonality that, surprisingly, has much more to do with particular aspects of the high-level of modelling detail that DNA Collectibles incorporates into its 1/18 resincast models than the functionality of the full sized vehicles.

FORD F-150 SVT LIGHTNING 2003 (DNA000097)

My first thought on unboxing this model is what a great companion it makes for the Volkswagen Amarok Aventura (DNA000047) that was the featured cover star of the May issue last year. My second thought was that this model is certainly a heavyweight in more ways than just how it feels when handled.

As a marque, Ford is fairly new to DNA Collectibles' catalogue, with the F-150 SVT Lightning being the first offering, to be followed by the 2020 model Fiesta ST (DNA000092), which is pre-orderable now for delivery, all being well, later in the Spring.

Ford's F series trucks now have an immensely long and successful production history, stretching back over numerous generations to 1948, from which this model represents the second generation of Ford's incredibly successful F-150 SVT Lightning manufactured between 1999-2004. The model is offered in three colours: Vermilion Red (399 pieces),

▲ Two very different model subjects that will both have immense appeal to their respective theme collectors.



▲ The smoothed frontal styling of the second generation 'facelift' F-150 SVT Lightning...



... and the classic image of an all-American pick-up packaged as a performance street muscle truck, all captured in fine detail by DNA Collectibles. Sonic Blue and Ebony Black (299 of each) chosen from the limited range of paint finishes Ford offered the real vehicles in. All of the colours, however, show the truck's lines and detailing off brilliantly. The lines were smoothed down from the first generation to enhance the appeal of a vehicle with its V8 delivering 380bhp that was far more a performance street muscle truck of an era than a serious off-roader vehicle.

All the details of the second generation facelift F-150 SVT Lightning are to be seen in the fine detail on this model. Included are the smoothed headlights and front fog lights, set either side of the fully slatted front grilles and perfectly miniaturised Ford badging right around past the side inset steps to the rear tailgate and tow hitch inclusive details. The rear tailgate latch handle and door handles are worth a close look, particularly as the one to the driver's door even goes as far as the minute detailing of the inclusive digital lock panel. Also begging closer scrutiny is the tyrewall lettering and Lightning flash badging. The convincingly textured pick-up bed, with its ribbing and moulded Ford Racing text set below the rear window, makes a good, solid contrast to the body paintwork. And that rear window is worth more than a passing glance with its replication of the third, high level, brake light flanked by spotlights set above the sliding central window panel. That rear window



▲ Subaru's red badging left onlookers in no doubt as to which version of the Forester this was.



▲ Of the three paint colours offered by DNA Collectibles, Obsidian black is arguably the most imposing because of the way it sets off the trim and fittings.

also helps to throw light into the fully detailed grey and black trimmed interior with its intricately detailed dashboard and controls.

SUBARU FORESTER STI 2007 (DNA000067)

Whilst the 1/18 F-150 SVT Lightning could be seen as having a very American market appeal, this 1/18 Forester STI also has a curiously UK market appeal thanks to the popularity of Japanese 'grey-imports' to these shores, attributable in part to Japanese domestic models being right hand drive. In 2004, Subaru launched the Forester STI for the Japanese market only and never (officially) exported to any other countries. It is therefore also the very first DNA Collectibles model of a right-hand-drive car!

So what is 'hot' about this particular version of the chunky all-purpose compact crossover SUV? Well the STI badging signifies a lot. Apart from standing for Subaru Tecnica International (Subaru's racing division), it indicates that the version incorporated the 2.5-litre turbocharged flat-four boxer engine of the Impreza WRX STI and its associated rally proven all-wheel drive into a bodywork of estate car practicality. Externally this rugged Forester was enhanced with special bumper kits and bonnet scoop, whilst internally the extra equipment included Recaro front seats.



▲ If you do manage to overlook the red badging, the bonnet scoop and Brembo brake calipers hint at the Impreza WRX STI lineage...



...as does that exhaust pipe.



▲ The badging incorporates an amazing degree of clarity in its reproduction - as do the headlight and tail light clusters...



▲ ...and the same can be said of those of the Ford, encapsulated within their crystal clear 'glass' outer casings.



▲ Often it is the small touches of authenticity - like this Lightning flash badging - that are the clinchers.

As with the F-150 SVT, DNA Collectibles has released the Forester in three colours: WR Blue Mica (399 pieces), Aspen White and Obsidian Black Pearl (199 of each). If anything, the Obsidian black paintwork provides the best setting for the numerous red STI badges (including on the Recaro seats) that Subaru embellished the version with. I talked about the minute detailing on the F-150 SVT and have to return to the subject again with the Forester when it comes to the Subaru badging, which when subject to macro lens scrutiny during the photoshoot demonstrated an amazing degree of clarity in its reproduction.

The superbly-finished black paintwork also tends to direct the gaze to the Brembo scripted golden brake calipers set behind the miniaturised 18" alloy rims. And then, as if the Brembo hint wasn't enough, there is that tell-tale large diameter, chromed, exhaust tail pipe, with its own particular Impreza connections.

Both the F-150 SVT Lightning and Forester STI are attractive, impressive models in their own right and will, I'm sure, find a lot of favour with respective theme followings. Both represent vehicles that, in their own ways, rank as hot favourites. Both models also deserve a specific mention concerning a commonality of detailing that I have left until last.

LIGHT WORK

Regular readers are, I'm sure, well aware of the value we place in our reviews of 1/18 diecasts and resincasts about the modelling finesse and authenticity of detailing at this scale. Over the past few years, the bar in this respect has been moved ever upwards, thanks partly to CAD modelling and production – thanks also to manufacturers paying closer attention to such matters. Although, in truth, it still doesn't feel very many years ago that an accepted way of modelling rear lights was a coloured wash of orange and/or red painted onto a chromed plastic moulding!

Admittedly, some of the finest detailing gets overlooked by many collectors, but it rarely escapes the scrutiny of close-up shots during a photo-shoot. For this reason particularly I noticed that both the the F-150 SVT Lightning and Forester STI share a commonality when it comes to their rear light clusters. Whilst personally not a fan of the fashion for clear lensed rear lights that then rely on ancillary casings to the bulbs or LEDs to display the prescribed signal colours, they have become successively more fashionable over the past 20 years. They also just happen to be styling features of both the modelled vehicles. The rear lamps on this pair push the bar even higher by several pegs, with the detail encapsulated within their crystal clear 'glass' outer casings.



In the second of his spotlights on new releases from DNA Collectibles this month, **Stephen Paul** Hardy looks at a unique era of Audi styling.

or me, the first generation Audi TT was by far the most attractive. Its pretty, very distinctive panel work curves set it aside from virtually all other contemporary and subsequent Audi styling. That is, save for a synergy with its little sister, the A2.

The TT first saw light of day in the spring of 1994 at the Volkswagen Group Design Centre in California, being shown first as a concept car at IAA 1995 (Frankfurt Motor Show). As such, it had California design origins that it shared with the Volkswagen Concept 1 credited to J. Mays and Freeman Thomas. Finalisation of the design into the production model was undertaken by design teams in Germany and production of the first generation TT spanned from late 1998 through to 2006. Overlapping this, the A2 - designed by Luke Donckerwolke, whose portfolio also included several Lamborghini models – debuted at the IAA 1997, with series production spanning between November 1999 and August 2005.

Whilst, in sales terms, the A2 wasn't one of Audi's success stories - it is said that Audi lost an estimated £,4,000 on every A2 they sold – it will go down in automotive development history as a bold and innovative series production model. Amazingly, this little Audi combined a five-door hatchback and compact MPV supermini role with that of being a very energy efficient car. With substantial use of light metal construction including aluminium panels and

▲ The new Audi A2 by DNA Collectibles is a must-have companion for its previouslymodelled TT.



▲ Audi's 'colour.storm' option, with vibrant paint colours accented by black trim, makes for an eye catching display model ...



... especially when enhanced by DNA Collectibles' usual high standard of inset and fine detailing.

structural members combined with a very low (0.25) drag coefficient body styling and efficient engine options, it rated as an extremely economical car in terms of fuel consumption.

DNA Collectibles 1/18 scale resincast Audi A2 (DNA000071) is offered in a vibrant range of four colours, each in 399 pieces: Imola Yellow, Sprint Blue, Misano Red and, finally, Papaya Orange. I just had to go for the colour to match my TT.

I find DNA Collectibles A2 as delightful as the TT with the added bonus that, together, they make a very attractive display representing a distinct period of Audi production history from the turn of the century. DNA's decision to focus on Audi's 'colour. storm' option was a good one, as these colour coordinated options, which twinned bodywork colours with vibrant upholstery trim, were very much a theme within the Volkswagen-Audi Group at the time. The representation of the 'colour.storm' era just adds further reinforcement to the representational importance of DNA Collectibles' A2.

Whilst it may be taken as read, I will nevertheless say, for the avoidance of doubt, that the authenticity and finish of the interior equals that of the exterior. Both are super. Everything about this A2 model is fabulous, with its crisp resincast mouldings, clean well-defined joints between the high gloss paintwork and extensive dense black trim, combined with a plethora of well-manufactured inset details such as the lamp clusters, it is a must-have.

Bertone in blue

Or "Rhapsody in Blue"? Another second time outing for a DNA Collectibles model proves music to Volvo collectors' ears, as **Stephen Paul Hardy** explains.

he 700 series executive models designed by legendary Volvo designer, Jan Wilsgaard, had a decade-long production history spanning from 1982 to 1992. The coupé version of the series - the Volvo 780 - debuted at the 1985 Geneva Motor Show and, like its predecessor, the 262C was designed and built by Carrozzeria Bertone in Turin, Italy. With a production run of only four years between 1986 and 1991 that produced just over 8,500 units, the coupé is one of Volvo's less common models.

Nuccio Bertone's styling of the 780 produced a clean, angular, wedge-like body line, accentuated by the use of chrome window surrounds and a lower body trim that extended the bumper line around the car. Viewed from the front and side, the coupé had an almost uncharacteristic Volvo look enhanced by having a distinctly far flatter front grille and light clusters than its stablemates. From the rear, however, the Volvo Gothenburg connection was plainly obvious, thanks particularly to the light clusters and badging. Bertone's styling was clever in the way the slightly lowered roof line and general body proportions of bonnet, passenger cell and boot elegantly created a charisma that exuded both 'Executive' and 'Grand Tourismo'.

DNA Collectibles released its first 780 Bertone version in 2019, finished in Red Pearl Metallic with beige interior (DNA000019). That now long obsolete model is joined by one of the latest 2022 releases from the Swiss manufacturer of a version in Blue Pearl Metallic, with blue and black interior (DNA000105 – 299 pieces). Consistent with its ongoing strategy of collector engagement when deciding on paint colour options, this latest blue version was prompted by prospective purchaser feedback.

The finish and detailing is consistent with that we have come to expect from DNA Collectibles, with the deep blue pearl metallic paintwork providing a perfect background to the black and chrome accent trims. Brightwork that of course includes the distinctive Volvo badging style supplemented by the signature Bertone emblem at the foot of the 'C' pillar. Whilst talking about brightwork trim, the detailing of the brightwork centre caps, complete with Volvo logo, to the alloy wheels is impressive.

Impressive also is the texture contest between the flat black bumpers and the body paintwork, with those bumpers appearing for all the world very ▶ Bertone's uncharacteristic front-end styling for a Volvo, with a flatter front grille and light clusters than its stablemates...



... yet, from the rear, the Volvo Gothenburg connection is plainly obvious.



▲ Clear, but not overt - the Bertone emblem at the foot of the 'C' pillar.



▲ The detailing and finish to the wheels is, of course, up to the usual high standard we have come to expect from DNA.



▲ Bertone's clean, angular body styling is accentuated by the window surround trim.





▲ Impressively-modelled texture and finish realistically conveys the plastic covering of the original bumpers...



... that were connected from front to back by the lower body 'waistline' trim.

much like the plastic finish of the originals. The 'executive' luxury finishing touches Volvo installed in 780s interior – such as the very visible use of wood veneer – are all authentically detailed in the 1/18 scale resincast. They are also more readily visible than in some models thanks to the extent of the 780s passenger cabin glazing and sunroof.

As a marque, Volvo continues to be one of the main catalogue themes of the DNA Collectibles range and looks set to be even further expanded through 2022, thanks to the ambitious and inspirational list of proposed new models. A list of proposals for which the underpinning theme is of subjects never having been previously produced in high-end quality 1/18 scale by any other manufacturer. DC

2022 Showcase

Rick Wilson had another very different trip to see the new models this year.

FOR the second year running, life has been very different, with new waves of the virus and varying degrees of restriction in place around the world. So it was no real surprise when it was announced, with only a few weeks to go, that the Nuremberg toy fair was cancelled again, and would become a digital online event once more. And although Toy Fair London did take place, it was a lower-key affair than usual, with many of the major companies absent.

Even with the economic problems that have been caused by the knock-on effects of the global pandemic, the industry keeps on going as best as it



can, and manufacturers have endeavoured to keep new product coming, both in terms of development and releases already in production. But with nowhere to show off their new wares, what could they do?

Well, given that many of

us have adapted to working remotely, that's exactly what they have done too. With a mix of online launches, emailing and social media, the product news just had to get out there to keep both consumers and producers going. Could this be the way of the future?

Nothing can really replace the face-to-face catch-ups and social interactions at these events, that's something that will have to wait, but in terms of product news, here is the next best thing.

We've spoken to many of the leading companies and liaised with them all to bring you a glimpse of what we might have seen at the actual events, if we'd been allowed to.

We covered Corgi's new range in the last issue, but here comes a quick tour of many of the other names that we would have had the pleasure of visiting in either London or Nuremberg...

AUTOCULT



▲ 1/43 No 12015 1971 DAF 44 Brandweer fire support vehicle.



▲ 1/43 No 04033 1938 Ford V8 Berlin-Rom Stromlinie.

AUTOCULT continues to make a name for itself with its amazing range of vehicles that have rarely been modelled. Since 2015, the company has been making sophisticated, handcrafted resin models, strictly limited to just 333 pieces each.

The two you see here should actually be on sale by the time you read this, but

they are definitely worthy of highlighting further.

Towards the end of the 1970s, local firefighters in the village of Diemen chose to mark their 50th anniversary by converting a 1971 DAF 44 into an emergency vehicle. During the conversion the complete rear area from the height of the side windows was removed. The rear was fitted with a wooden structure,

which featured two lengthwise installed seat benches, on which two firefighters could be seated. Together with the driver and front passenger, a total of six people could be transported to the field of operation.

In the German history of Ford, there is a car about which historians remain fairly silent. Apart from two contemporary photos, there are no supporting documents about the prototype, which was intended to take part in the 1938 Berlin to Rome race. The car was powered by a powerful V8 engine and the Cologne-based company commissioned 'Karosseriewerk Weidenhausen' from Frankfurt to build the body. Unfortunately, the prototype did not survive.

BBURAGO



▲ 1/18 scale No B18-16909 Ferrari Monza SP-1.

BBURAGO and its sister brand, Maisto, are proving to be very prolific with their production output. With some excellent licences under their belts, the brands are definitely growing very impressively.

Deservedly so, because, turning specifically to Bburago now, the two models above are excellent examples of significant growth areas - Ferrari and Formula 1. Obviously, Ferrari fits into both of those categories, but the brand is so much more than just single-seater racing cars. This has been very well demonstrated since Bburago took over the Ferrari licence from Mattel several years ago. Its ability to turn out nicely-detailed replicas without entering the realm of serious collecting prices. The SP-1 above is a case



▲ 1/43 scale No B18-38058B F1 Mercedes AMG W12 E-Performance.

in point, with this good quality, beautifully-finished diecast coming with an RRP of just £69.99 for a 1/18 scale replica, complete with opening parts.

The same can be said of its F1 licences, with Ferrari, Red Bull and Mercedes on board here too. The car shown above is that of Valtteri Bottas, teammate to Lewis Hamilton, whose model is reviewed on page 14.

Other premium brand licencesin place are with the likes of Lamborghini, Bugatti, Ford, Porsche, Chevrolet and VAG.

All models are very competitively-priced and, whilst that means that some detail might be lacking upon really close inspection, they certainly pack a punch in terms of looks.

BREKINA



▲ 1/87 scale Mercedes LPS 338 Autotransport SZ Vasek Polak 1960.

BREKINA has long been established in Europe, but now it's diminutive 1/87 scale miniature masterpieces are becoming more widely available in the UK. Largely made of plastic, they are still worthy of consideration for a collection, given their excellent detailing.

The company really came to the fore in the UK when

it decided to manufacture a series of very British AEC Routemasters.

As more and more make it across The Channel, we are beginning to see a wide range of subjects being released by Brekina. In addition to the two examples of classic commerical vehicles shown above, this year we can expect to see plenty of cars in the shape of the Ford



▲ 1/87 scale IFA W 50 Sattelzug - a future release.

Sierra RS500 Cosworth, Jeep Gladiator, Chevrolet Camaro Z28, a trio of classic Opel saloons (Diplomat B, Admiral and Kapitan B), Fiat 128, Trabant P50, and NSUTTS.

Further commerical vehicles are coming, such as the Renault Goelette and Škoda 1203 vans, a whole bundle of classic trucks (Magirus Mercur, Borgward B 655, Mercedes LAF 1113

and LP 328, IFA S 4000, Bussing Commodore, and the mighty GMC General), plus several European buses to complement the RMs -IFA Do 56, Ikarus 280.02 articulated bus and Bussing D2U double-decker.

So if small vehicles and/or HO scale modelling is your thing, the future looks very bright indeed.

BRITAINS



▲ 1/32 scale No 43327 John Deere 3140 2WD Tractor.

BRITAINS celebrated its 'Home Farm' centenary in 2021, with some excellent commemorative releases, and it has continued to produce excellent, great value, largely 1/32 scale releases, with plenty up its sleeve for the coming year. The two shown here will be available by the time this issue hits the shops, and form just a small part of the

release schedule over the next 12 months.

The No 43327 John Deere 3140 2WD Tractor (above, left) is limited to jsut 2,500 pieces and priced at just £27.99. For Deere fans Britains now offers its classic 3140 tractor with two-wheel drive. The tractor also now sports a front weight.

Turning to the No 43317 JCB 75th Anniversary Loadall



▲ 1/32 scale No 43317 JCB 75th Anniversary Loadall.

(above, right), this doesn't have a limit specified and is likely to be priced around £38.00. Sporting Union Flag, bespoke decals and RAF roundel-style wheels, this special edition Loadall marks JCB's 75th anniversary. It comes supplied with three attachments, has a detachable cab and a working boom.

Other new 1/32 scale releases due over the coming months

include a series of tractor models - Ford TW20, John Deere 3350 2WD (limited edition), Case IH 956XL 4WD (limited edition), Case IH 1056XL 4WD (limited edition) and New Holland T8.435 Genesis - and a muddy Land Rover Defender.

Expect plenty more to be announced throughout the rest of the year too.

CMC



▲ 1/18 scale Ferrari 275 GTB/C models.

THE stuff of dreams is not too strong a phrase to use for CMC, as it has carved itself an impressive niche right at the top of the charts in 1/18 scale diecast replication, and has rewritten the rule book several times on detailing.

Quality like this comes at a price, but, for those who can afford it, their loyalty is regularly rewarded. Of the models due in the early months of 2022, one that is eagerly awaited is the Alfa Romeo P3 racing cars from the 1932 and 1933 seasons, that were planeed for 2021, but, as we know, best laid plans have had to be rescheduled several times for everyone during the current global situation. The company has promised that it will be next after the series of Ferrari 275



▲ 1/18 scale Porsche 904 - planned for 2023 production.

GTB/C models (above, left). The three final releases in this series are at the back of the photo - British Racing Green (No M-238), California Blue (M-239) and Modena Giallo (M-240).

For the Porsche 904, we are actually getting a little ahead of ourselves, as CMC states that this will follow the final 275 Ferraris and the Alfa Romeo P3 series, so

won't actually be with us until 2023.

The photograph above shows an actual 3D-printed plastic prototype and is a very early version before wheel location and fit was finalised, so it won't look like it is ready for off-road work when production starts. Eight versions are being looked at for future release.

CONRAD



▲ 1/50 scale No 2120/04 Liebherr LTM 1110-5.1 - Thömen.

PROUDLY made 'in house', in Germany, Conrad's high-quality, handcrafted diecast miniatures travel to every corner of the world through its dealer network.

Despite not being able to attend the cancelled Spielwarenmesse, Conrad confidently expects to be at other trade fairs and exhibitions, throughout the rest of the year.

There are a few events for 2022 noted in the Conrad trade fair calendar, starting with Intermodellbau, in Dortmund, from 7th to 10th April, and this will be added to on an ongoing basis, subject to the situation at the time.

Onto models confirmed for the early part of this year, two further releases, in addition to



▲ 1/50 scale No 2215/20 Liebherr R938 V - Max Wild.

those reviewed in the *What's New* section in this issue, are shown above - the Liebherr LTM 1110-5.1 mobile crane in Thömen livery (priced at 279.00 €) and the Liebherr R938V hydraulic excavator in Max Wild colours (128.70 €).

Others coming very soon are No 2524/0 Bauer BG 28 large rotary drilling rig on BT75D carrier (269.00 €) and No 2122/0 Terex MAC25 pick and carry crane (price to be confirmed), both at 1/50 scale.

Packed with details and working parts, and featuring a stunning finish throughout, Conrad's models are always excellent value for money.

For more information about these and future releases, visit the company's website at

www.conrad-modelle.de.

CORGI



▲ 1/72 scale Supermarine Spitfire T9 TE308 'Grey Nurse'.

MUCH has already been written about the new Corgi releases for the first few months of the year (see our comprehensive, 5-page article in the March issue), but there are a couple of very exciting projects in development for release later in the year. One we already knew about, after the news broke that the proposed *No Time to Die*

James Bond Triumph Scrambler 1200 (planned to be made at 1/24 scale) just wasn't going to work in terms of the amount of detail that could be fitted in. So pre-orders were cancelled and the new, much-improved 1/12 scale version was announced. And if the computer-generated image above right is anything to go by, it's going to be an absolute beauty, or beast, depending



▲ 1/12 scale No CC08401 James Bond Triumph Scrambler 1200.

on how you look at it. We particularly like the look of the handy stand at the rear - very authentic and incredibly sturdy-looking.

The new Spitfire tooling (above, left) marks the first time that Corgi has created a Spitfire model from a LIDAR scan of an actual airframe – in this case, the well-known TE308 'Grey Nurse', based at the Biggin Hill

Heritage Centre. This will be the subject of its first release. The aircraft has an interesting history, having started out as a standard Mk IXe single-seater in 1945, it was converted to a two-seat trainer, or T9. Following decommissioning in 1968, the aircraft was leased to Spitfire Productions Ltd., for use in filming *The Battle of Britain*.

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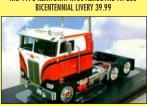




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DNA COLLECTIBLES



▲ 1/18 scale Volkswagen Golf MK7 GTI Clubsport S in three colours.



▲ 1/18 scale Subaru XT Turbo 4WD will arrive in four colour options.

THE team at DNA

Collectibles are so passionate about its models that, as soon as I met them at Nuremberg a few years ago, I knew we were all kindred spirits in the world of collecting.

The company's resincast models are truly something that has to be held in the hand to be fully appreciated. Right from the start, the attention

to detail and quality of the finish has been absolutely astonishing, and the models chosen for production have, quite often, never been made in this scale before.

The range is, naturally, restricted in terms of licence agreements, but with major names like Volkswagen, Volvo, Saab, Subaru and Audi all signed up, the guys were very excited

to announce early last year that a new deal had been struck with Ford, opening the door to some really exciting models in the future. Check out pages 20 and 21 of this issue for evidence.

Two of DNA's brands in particular that have certainly created a lot of excitement in the modelling fraternity are Saab and Volvo - but this time we are focusing on two other top DNA

brands -VW and Subaru.

The trio of Volkswagen Golf MK7 GTI Clubsport S models are due late this year, priced at £175.99 each. The Subaru XT Turbo 4WD is coming very soon, in four colour options, priced at £160.99 each.

Pre-orders for both of these, and many more, can be made by visiting **www. dnacollectibles.com**.

ERA CAR



▲ 1/64 scale No 58 Mercedes-Benz Vito - Royal Mail.



▲ 1/64 scale No 51 Volkswagen Caddy Maxi - London Police (Dog Unit).

COMING to the UK very soon, through Clevelands Diecast (**www. clevelandsdiecast.co.uk**), is a hugely exciting brand that has been making big waves in the 1/64 scale market in the Far East. As you can see, though, there is some UK interest in its planned schedule.

Era CAR produce highlydetailed, authentic model vehicles with opening parts and replica accessories in 1/64 scale. From emergency services, street cars and racing cars to other well-known liveries and brands from around the world.

As the 1/64 scale market seems to really be taking off at last over here (we have a new four-part series on this very subject starting in the June issue), it will be interesting to see how

these are received and what future models this company will produce in due course.

For now, though, let's focus on the two releases we've picked to showcase here: No 51 Volkswagen Caddy Maxi in London Police (Dog Unit) colours, complete with dog figurine, and No 58 Mercedes-Benz Vito in Royal Mail environmental wrap livery.

Both of these models feature an opening bonnet and rear tailgate. The printing looks excellent and the overall finish appears very good.

These are pre-production images, so we're very excited to get our hands on samples of these two in particular, so watch out for a future issue where we can get up close and personal for a review.

IXO



▲ 1/18 scale No 18RMC083A Lancia Delta S4 Tour de Corse 1986.

IXO must be one of the highest volume producers in the business, not just for its own ranges, but for other companies as well, particularly when it comes to partworks.

As a result, it would be impossible to even begin to the able to share the list of planned releases. So we've narrowed it down into a more manageable chunk here.

We'll start with the stunning 1/18 scale Lancia Delta S4 in that hugely evocative Martini livery. It's a 1/18 scale model, and there is a whole bundle of rally cars due in this scale from Ixo throughout the year – a trio of Ford Escort MK I RS 1600s from early 1970s rallies, a 1989 Ford Sierra RS Cosworth, a 1995 Ford Escort RS Cosworth, and a 1982 Opel Ascona B400.



▲ 1/43 scale No TRU037 Fiat 673 Lancia Alitalia Racing Team 1976.

There's a road racer due at this scale too – a BMW M3 (E30) form the 1991 Spa 24 Hours.

Three have been announced at 1/24 scale, all rally cars. These are Lancia Delta Integrale 16V 1989 Rallye Monte-Carlo, Ford Fiesta WRC 2018 Rallye Monte-Carlo and Toyota Celica GT-Four 1990 Acropolis Rally.

For 1/43 scale, the list is far too long to fully detail here,

but it's the usual good mix of rally cars and support vehicles, and road cars, of course. A small selection that have really caught my attention include the Fiat transporter above, and it goes perfectly with the trio of Lancia Stratos at the 1976 Rallye Monte-Carlo - I might just already have that lot on pre-order. No doubt there will be more added to the list.

KK SCALE



▲ 1/18 scale No KKDC180735 Ferrari 250 GTO #19 Le Mans 24 Hours 1962.

KK SCALE has a great habit of choosing some really special cars to model in 1/18 diecast. Even better is the fact that its releases are always at very reasonable prices. How does the company do it? I mean, just look at the spoked wheels on that GTO above, as well as the overall finish – absolutely stunning.

Several of the new releases

for 2022 are already out, and the list makes for very pleasing reading, with a good variety in terms of subject matter. We'll start with the two pictured above – after all, it's a fine place to begin. Now add to these the following: 1961 Ferrari 250 GT SWB Passo Corto in three different colours, Talbot Simca Rancho (two colours), Ferrari F40 Lightweight (two colours), 1973



▲ 1/18 scale No KKDC180503 Ferrari Testarossa Monospecchio 1984.

Opel Kadett C Swinger and another 250 GTO from 1962 in the green of David Piper Racing, with its well-known yellow nose. This comes with decals to apply after purchase, so I'm intrigued to find out which races these pertain to. David Piper was well-known for racing all over the place, so there will be a lot of options here.

Another pair of models, just

announced and not on sale yet, is of the 1987 BMW 325i M-Package 1. These are initially available in either silver or red. There are sure to be many more announced during the year.

To find out more, you can order direct from www. modelissimo.eu or, for UK-based wholesale enquiries, go to www.ayrey.co.uk.

MAISTO



▲ 1/18 scale No M36454 Lamborghini V12 Vision GT.

AS we mentioned earlier under the section for Maisto's sister brand, Bburago, both are pushing out some big numbers when it comes to shifting stock. It's easy to see why when the models are very competitively-priced and, whilst that means that some detail might be lacking upon really close inspection, they certainly pack a punch

in terms of looks. With some excellent licences under their belts, the brands are definitely performing very impressively.

Starting with its 1/18 range, by far the most outlandish model of the year accolade must go to the Lamborghini V12 Vision GT (above, left). What started out as a digital concept for the Gran Turismo video game on the PlayStation, has actually



▲ 1/24 scale No M31532 2020 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500.

been turned into a real car, as a non-working one-off, of course, but we can but dream. And at least we have this amazing model, complete with its opening engine cover, in 1/18 scale to console us.

Turning now to the 1/24 scale Shelby GT500 (above, right), this is just one of a whole myriad of excellent value diecasts. The doors open and the interior is a good representation – and this ethic is spread across all of the 1/24 scalers. Two other releases due shortly at this scale, which really caught my eye, are the 2022 Nissan 400Z and 2022 Mercedes-Eq EQS Sedan.

There is plenty more across all the scales to come too. Don't forget that Maisto comes in 1/32, 1/43 and 1/64 scales as well.

MINI GT



▲ 1/64 scale No MGT00356-R Isuzu N-Series Vehicle Transporter LBWK.

OH boy, do I love my Mini GTs! There is something about the marvellous little 1/64 scale models that really works for me, and many others too it seems as the brand is fast-reaching cult status among certain collecting fraternities. For me it's the balance of quality, detail and choice with a very affordable price point.

The range is expanding all the time, and it's not just exotica on offer. There are car transporters, trucks, and all sorts of accessories like figurines, parking mats and display cabinets.

Another thing that I really like about the range is that, if the real thing was sold in different markets, then most of the models come in left-hand-drive and right-hand-drive options too!



▲ 1/64 scale Nos MGTKHMG012/3 Datsun Kaido 510 Wagon Hanami V1/2.

This is denoted by either an "-L" or "-R" suffix to the item number.

So focusing specifically on the two photos here, top left we have the brand new Liberty Walk Isuzu Transporter that is due in the summer - perfect for displaying your LBWK Mini GTs! Then on the right, if you haven't been swept up in the wave of euphoria surrounding the Kaido House mash-ups, then these new Hanami Wagons might just tempt you in. Hanami is the Japanese tradition of observing the beauty of cherry or plum blossoms at the start of spring, hence the marvellous decorations to the amazing slammed Datsun 510 Wagons. And yes, I have them both on pre-order, of course.

MODEL CAR GROUP



▲ 1/18 scale No MCG18292 Citroën CX Break in metallic blue.

THIS is another company that produces some really excellent 1/18 scale models for very little money in real terms, as the Tyrrell 006 sitting next to me on my desk will testify. And on that very subject, MCG has unveiled some truly gorgeous Formula 1 classics for 2022, as demonstrated by the Lotus 72D test shot (above, right).

Also in the frame for 2022 are a 1976 McLaren M23 (think James Hunt's championship winner, although this would also be suitable to represent Gilles Villeneuve's first ever Formula 1 drive at the 1977 British Grand Prix) and the beautiful Brabham BT20 from the 1966 and '67 seasons. Another racer to round this group up is the mighty Zakspeed Ford Capri Turbo Gr5,



▲ 1/18 scale Lotus 72D.

from 1979. Awesome! These are all clearly for later in the year as they appeared during the MCG release presentation as grey test shots, like the Lotus shown here.

Moving onto models that will be with us soon, I've picked the stylish Citroën CX Break, it's already an existing model, but it features new wheels for this release - it will also come in grey (No MCG18293) as well. There is a good crop of Fords here too, in the shape of the Sierra Cosworth, Granada MkII and the Escort MkII RS2000, with several options for each casting too.

Rounding out the list for new 2022 models are the Wartburg 311/312, the superstylish Mercedes-Benz 600 (W100) Pullman and the Opel Manta B.

NEO



▲ 1/43 scale No 44302 Ford Sierra XR4Ti DPM Zolder 1987 Manuel Reuter.



CARVING itself a rather specialist niche for 2022, NEO has announced four new 1/43 scale models for 2022 recently, and they are all motorsport-related. Quality resincasts is the name of the game here, bringing us super-detailed, low-run masterpieces.

The four new models actually split neatly into a pair of each of two new castings.

Looking left first, Ford's classic Sierra XR4Ti is very nicely replicated, as it was driven by Manuel Reuter at the Zolder round of the 1987 DPM Championship. Neatly-lined, the eye-catching red and white paint job is top notch, with the simple markings very nicely applied. A second casting of the XR4i is due in the form of No 44304 Ford Sierra XR4Ti DPM

Nurburgring 1987, as driven by Klaus Ludwig, this time sponsored by Liqui Moly.

The second pairing features the classic Mercedes-Benz 280 CE that took part in the 1980 Rallye Monte-Carlo, driven by Ingvar Carlsson and another rally entry by the same driver during the same season, this time at the Acropolis Rally, again in a Mercedes-Benz 280 CE, but this

was a completely different car. The model number for this one is No 46672.

Both 280CE models capture the stance and lines of the real car very well and feature some great detailing. The Monte-Carlo car is the most aesthetically-pleasing, thanks to its wonderfully bright white paintwork with three-tine blue striping.





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NZG



▲ 1/18 scale No 1024/01 Mercedes-Benz Actros 4x2 Giga Space - Strohofer.

▲ 1/50 scale No 1047 Rokbak RA40 articulated dump truck. The other side, for NZG, is the 1/50 scale trucks and

the mighty Rokbak RA40. If

it looks familiar, it's because it

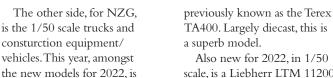
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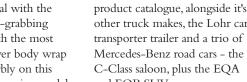
The RA40 is basically what was



scale, is a Liebherr LTM 11200 -9.1 mobile crane, MAN TGS 8x4 mixer truck (Imer Group), and a Liebherr LH 22 M Litronic material handler. There is also a new Genie Z60/37FE telescopic boom lift in 1/32 scale.

TWO brand new models are featured here, both from two very different sides to NZG's production, but just as impressive as each other. In more ways than one.

First, we'll deal with the rather attention-grabbing tractor unit, with the most incredible all over body wrap replicated superbly on this model. This impressive model is quite a sizeable piece of diecast and is, like the other five versions of this tractor unit, packed with details and features - including lighting! It is an important part of the 1/18 side of NZG's product catalogue, alongside it's other truck makes, the Lohr car transporter trailer and a trio of Mercedes-Benz road cars - the C-Class saloon, plus the EQA and EQB SUVs.



OXFORD



▲ 1/76 scale No 76INV001 AC Invacar pale blue - due Q1/2022.

NOBODY likes announcing delays, but in recent conversations with a few collectors, Oxford Diecast says it became apparent that it may be preferable for this information to be more public. During the Covid Pandemic period, Oxford has experienced some quite significant delays on items. The company has made the

decision to not announce any future development and release a new catalogue until May 2022 to allow time to catch up.

There is a list of new releases due soon on page 5 of this issue, but there is plenty of new tooling that has, understandably, been pushed back to prevent clogging of the production lines until it makes more sense to manufacture these.



▲ 1/76 scale No 76SNG005 Scania S Series Box Trailer Stobart NHS.

Two very different models, that are as equally as impressive as each other, that are due very shortly, are the much anticipated AC Invacar, that will surely populate many a railway station car park on OO gauge railway layouts of certain eras, and the colourful NHS appreciation Scania S Series Stobart truck both pictured above. Both will sel incredibly well.

Regardless of the delays in production, we know why it's happening, and we also know that these will be worth the wait. Oxford Diecast has been such a success story over the years and I would wager that most readers have at least one of its models in their collection - many of us substantially more. I know I do.

PREMIUM CLASSIXXS & PCX87



▲ 1/18 scale 2018 DAF XF Space Cab.

PREMIUM Classixxs and its sub-brand PCX87 have rightly earnt a reputation for quality modelling, whilst choosing some subjects that might frighten other companies away. Whilst one of the above does not fully fit that latter description, the other most certainly does.

The DAF XF Space Cab is definitely a fairly mainstream

subject, but that doesn't mean that Premium Classixxs' upcoming model, of which it has just released this test shot, will be anything other than exceptional. We look forward to developments here.

On the other hand, under its 1/87 scale PCX87 sub-brand, the Seagrave Marauder fire appliance is most definitely something a little different. The



▲ 1/87 scale Seagrave Marauder II & KME Severe Services FDNY Engine.

detailing that has gone into the test shot provided is simply astonishing.

On the 1/43 scale front, Premium Classixxs has made a whole raft of recent announcements here for the coming year, with plenty of bus models at the heart of it. There are no less than four different versions of the Ikarus 260, one of the 250 and a pair of 620s. Following on from the success of its Tatra T3 tram casting a couple of years ago, the updated T4 gets a look in for 2022, with a pair of releases planned. On the truck side of things, there will be an Avia A31N, a pair of Praga V3S and several Tatras − a T138S1, a T138NT, a T148S1 and a T148NT. So that will keep us all very busy! ■

SCHUCO



▲ 1/43 scale No 45 036 1700 Porsche 911 S Coupé with figurine.

YOU might recognise the car and figure above as being our cover model(s) for this issue – and you'd be correct! This exciting new addition to Schuco's range represents the 911 S that Steve McQueen drives in the opening sequence of his film, *Le Mans*, shot during and after the famous race in 1970. The addition of the figurine is

wonderful and typical of Schuco going the extra mile with its creativity and ideas.

Although, interestingly, the model isn't officially branded as being our hero and the car has a couple of very subtle differences from the movie version (missing the sunroof and auxiliary foglights, and the headlight surrounds are not so deep), but the registration number is totally



▲ 1/64 scale No 45 203 0100 Mercedes-Benz O317 Renntransporter - Gulf.

correct to be the film car.

The model is released under its "Edition 1:43" banner and Schuco's attention to detail and quality is second to none, be it finely-modelled wing mirrors, aerials, windscreen wipers or working door handles. The company claims that "Each model is therefore a unique and high-quality replica of a classic vintage car."

Another impressive scale range is that at 1/64. After the successful launch of its Paperbox Editions last year, this packaging has continued through the recent Mercedes-Benz Renntransporter releases, the third of which is depicted above, in the iconic Gulf livery. It still impresses me that the doors open on this, giving it a real edge for display.

SOLIDO



▲ 1/18 scale No S1807101 Aston Martin DB5 in Silver Birch.

WE'VE chosen two distinctly British favourites to headline Solido's new model list for 2022, although, of course, it is so much more than this, and not just at this scale.

So leaving the 1/18 scale newbies aside for the moment, the biggish news for Solido for this year is the return of its 1/43 scale line up. It's a sclae that the brand has huge

history with, but it has left it alone for a few years - but now it is back, big time!

For starters, 2022 marks Solido's 90th anniversary, so the timing is right for a grand return, and many top car marques have been lined up for Solido's return to the 1/43 fray. With the likes of Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Peugeot, Citroën, Renault, Volvo and Dodge in the bag for starters, it's



▲ 1/18 scale No S1800608 1998 Mini Cooper Sport Platinum "Streetfighter".

going to be quite a comeback. More on this when we have it.

But back to the big boys, and that Aston Martin DB5 looks rather special, doesn't it? Opening doors will be a feature on this first release, but when this car is involved, I always wonder if something else might be developed in due course. Just saying...

The Mini is an existing casting,

but it does look really good and mean in these colours. Let's face it, though, the classic Mini looks good in any colours.

Crossing the channel, a pair of Renaults stand out for me amongst the newbie list - the 17 and the Fuego. There is really so much more though, but we don't have the space, so head to www.solido.com.

TSM & TOP SPEED



▲ 1/18 scale Turner Motorsport BMW M4 GT3 #96 2022 Daytona 24 Hours.

IF there was a prize for the most dramatic photos here, then this pairing would win by a mile, but not just for the lighting because the model subjects are pretty exciting too. Both of these are prototype shots, pending licensor approval, but they look pretty darn fine to me.

The BMW is particularly impressive, because it replicates

a car that ran in the 2022 Daytona 24 Hours and, as I type, that was only two weeks ago! What's more, there is to be a 1/43 scale version too, and the prototype was photographed and shared on TSM's Facebook page at the race, in the pits, sitting on the rear wing of the real car. I'm impressed.

The other model shown here is actually by TSM's sister brand,



▲ 1/18 scale LB Super Silhouette S15 Silvia.

Top Speed. It's a super sharp resincast that really looks the business. These guys certainly seem to know what they're doing.

Back to the BMW for a minute, under the premise of examining more 2022 releases, and TSM is certainly getting its money's worth out of the licence/tooling, with several more 1/43 scale M4s at least.

There is a good, heady mix of racing cars old and new all stirred in with some rather fancy road machinery, making for quite a project list for the foreseeable future. Long may it continue!

There is of course plenty going on at TSM's other big success, but Mini GT has its own section here these days (see page 31 for details).

WHITEBOX



▲ 1/24 scale No WB124095 Opel Manta A Black Magic.

WHITEBOX is another manufacturer that seems to have temporarily left 1/43 scale behind. Recently it has become the home of 1/24 scale releases, and excellent ones at that.

This year is no different, with four new models shown off during the unofficial online festival that almost everyone took part in during the traditional Spielwarenmesse week recently.

We'll start with the two pictured here. No WB124095 Opel Manta A Black Magic, dressed evocatively in a very 'period' look with red and yellow striping adorning its sleek, black paintwork. Many WhiteBox models at this scale feature opening body parts, but it's unclear from the images



▲ 1/24 scale No WB124098 Skoda 110R.

supplied if the doors do swing open to allow a good view inside the car. I guess this is where the online bit doesn't really replace attending the event, as you can't do that touchy-feely thing.

Next up, above right, is No WB124098 Skoda 110R, in a rather fabulous and bright yellow. From memory, nearly every one of these wonderful cars that I saw back in the day was orange, but

we'll take yellow as it's just so nice to see one."

Not shown here, but definitely deserving of a mention are the two other newbies - No WB124099 Skoda 105L and No WB124109 Fiat 127. Now there's a car that you don't see modelled very often, but we all knew someone that had one, right?

WIKING



▲ 1/32 scale No 077861 Case IH 1455XL Tractor.

WIKING has, of course, a vast range to offer, across many scales, but we only tend to conceern ourselves with the 1/32 farm scale diecasts on a monthly basis, with the occasional dip into 1/87. But a quick glance at the catalogue shows a much larger world of WIKING, right down to the European N gauge scale of 1/160.

Focusing on the two chosen images, these are both models that have just come onto the market already. The Case IH 1455XL Tractor, is typical of the highly-detailed 1/32 scale offerings by the company from South Westphalia. Featuring detachable front weight, steerable wheels, opening bonnet and access to the cab, WIKING's Case tractor offers good display



▲ 1/87 scale No 052103 Chevrolet John Deere Truck and Semi-Trailer.

choices. It's supplied with two different exhausts.

Moving across to the brightly-coloured John Deere Chevrolet truck and semi-trailer, this is actually moulded in plastic, as is so much of the product at this scale, and the Chevrolet truck has glazed windows and painted lights. The trailer is detachable and its cover sports John Deere Parts decals.

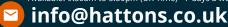
In other news, WIKING has confirmed the new Claas Trion combine harvester and two cutting-edge Fendt tractors for its 1/32 scale range this coming year - the Fendt 1050 Vario and Fendt 942 Vario. The Claas Trion combine will also be modelled in the 1/87 scale range, along with many other new releases here too. ■



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The Return of Dublo Diecasts

In this occasional series, **Andrew Ralston** looks at how models from the past often re-emerge in a different guise at a later stage – even after decades have passed.

odel railways and model vehicles have always been closely connected. Indeed, Dinky Toys originated in the 1930s as 'Modelled Miniatures', designed to be used as accessories for Hornby trains. Throughout the decades, regular features on railway layouts in the *Meccano Magazine* drew attention to the suitability of Dinky vehicles for railway layouts, although relatively few of them were exactly compatible in terms of scale.

In 1957, however, Meccano Limited decided to make a more specific link between Dinky Toys and Hornby Dublo trains with the launch of Dinky Dublo, a series of OO scale diecasts that can also be seen as a response to the popularity of the Matchbox 1-75 series, even though there was no consistency of scale in the Lesney products. More than sixty years later, the current Hornby company has revisited the Dinky Dublo concept, not in the form of copies or reissues in the manner of the Atlas Dinky series, but by launching a new selection of OO scale models which are nevertheless heavily influenced by the originals. These new models, marketed as "Dublo Diecasts", thus fit into the 'second time around' theme that we have been examining in a series of occasional articles, which discuss how classic models of the past subsequently re-emerge in a different form.

The December 1957 *Meccano Magazine* recorded the launch of an "entirely new series of Dinky Toys made to the scale of OO gauge railways". The first three subjects were the Austin Lorry, Bedford Flat Truck and Morris Pick-up, reflecting a bias in the new range towards utility vehicles of the type to be seen around railway stations and goods yards. In fact, only one saloon car, a Ford Prefect, would appear in the range that, between 1957 and 1960, expanded to fourteen models (or fifteen, if the final item listed, the Lansing Bagnall trailer, is counted as a separate item). Strangely, this trailer remained in Dinky price lists under reference number 079 until as late as 1970, long after the others in the range had been deleted.

The history of Dublo Dinky has been well-

► Then and now – 60 years separate these two versions of the Volkswagen delivery van in 'Hornby Dublo' livery.



▲ The inspiration comes from the original Dinky Dublo Singer Roadster.



▼ Box design recalls the classic Dinky style.



SECOND TIME AROUND - PART 3



▲ Dublo Diecast Morris J van comes in a plain grey finish.



▲ Oxford has issued the J Van in various liveries, such as this mail van.



▲ Oxford Diecast MG TC in Racing Green.



▲ MG TC from the recent 'Dublo Diecast' series.

documented in various articles and books and on the site www.collectors-club-of-great-britain. co.uk. If that is 'part one' of the Dublo saga, there was a long gap before the second instalment sixty-three years to be precise. In 2020 it was the centenary of the first Hornby trains and, naturally, that presented a significant opportunity for Hornby Hobbies to produce a selection of commemorative products. The 'Hornby Centenary Collection' took the form of a series of items reflecting what the Binns Road factory had offered in each decade, starting with 1920s-style tinplate Gauge O locos in 'specific period packaging'. Similarly, for the 1930s, there was an LNER Sir Nigel Gresley set, issued in an edition of 1,000 pieces in a very attractive blue Hornby Dublo replica box. Representing the fifties was a selection of six Dublo Diecasts, packed in typical Dinky-style yellow cartons. Although only one of these models was based on the same prototype as appeared in the Dinky Dublo series, the others also echoed the originals in some way. Launch date was May 2020 and all were issued in an edition of 2,000 pieces. The six items, in numerical order, follow.

R7242: MG TC

This typically British sports car was finished in red and, like the rest of the series, was described as a "Centenary Year Limited Edition – 1957", 1957 being chosen as that was the year of the first Dublo



▲ The original Dinky Dublo series also contained a plain delivery van without lettering, in this case a Commer.



▲ The Dublo Diecast Austin K8 is particularly colourful. The "Margate Hotel and Boarding Association" livery highlights Hornby's historical connection with the town.

Dinkies. However, the real MGTC dates from the 1945–50 era, which raises the question of why Hornby didn't choose a later MG. There's a very practical explanation for that which will become apparent in due course, but the TC was nevertheless an appropriate choice as it bears a strong visual resemblance to the equivalent original Dublo Dinky, the Singer Roadster which, like the MG, was a prewar design.

R7242: MORRIS J VAN

This familiar shape, often associated with 1950s mail vans, was finished in a rather plain grey colour with no advertising and, although it might not be very colourful, there would no doubt have been many such undecorated vans used by small retailers or tradesmen in the 1950s. Again, this has a direct parallel in the Dinky Dublo range, which contained a Commer van in blue, again without advertising decals.

R7243: AUSTIN K8 VAN

If the Morris was plain, the Austin goes to the opposite extreme with a colourful picture of a beach scene covering the sides and lettering reading "Margate Hotel and Boarding Association". While this has no exact equivalent in the Dinky Dublo line-up, the link with the past is, of course, that Margate is the site of Hornby's headquarters in the premises originally built as one of the Lines



▲ Dublo Dinky Massey-Harris-Ferguson tractor was a useful accessory on 1960s railway layouts. Photo: Vectis Auctions



▲ It was also sold in a Hornby Dublo box as a load on a low-sided railway wagon. Photo: Hattons

Brothers' factories. The Hornby Visitor Centre there is one of Margate's tourist attractions.

R7247: FORDSON TRACTOR

A tractor is a useful trackside accessory on a layout that runs through a countryside landscape, and the Dinky Dublo Massey-Harris-Ferguson tractor was originally envisaged as a suitable load to be transported on Hornby Dublo goods wagons, being sold in this form as No 4649, a 13-ton low-sided wagon with tractor. The Dinky Dublo was a simple model finished in blue with one-piece plastic wheels, but the Fordson, finished in red, carries the greater level of detail now expected on diecasts.

R7248: VOLKSWAGEN VAN

The bright yellow VW van is closely based on the Dublo original, though once again it is more highly-detailed as can be seen from the 'chrome' window surrounds. The Dinky Dublo van was one of the later additions to the series, dating from 1960, and is the hardest to find today, often selling in mint and boxed condition for over £150, so there may be some collectors who will be quite glad to have the new interpretation of it for £9.99.

R7249: SCAMMELL MECHANICAL HORSE VAN TRAILER

For many decades, these unusual vehicles were commonly employed in railway yards, where their



▲ Modern equivalent is the Fordson in red.





- 1 The Dinky Dublo is currently the most sought-after of the range in mint and boxed condition.
- 2 VW Delivery van is the closest to a copy of one of the original series.

tight turning circles and convenient coupling mechanisms made them ideal for unloading and local delivery duties. The new issue carries "Hornby Trains British and Guaranteed" lettering (even though it is made in China!). Dinky Dublo did not make a model of a mechanical horse, perhaps feeling that these were already becoming rather old-fashioned. The nearest Dublo equivalents would be the Bedford Flat Trucks, designed to carry the Hornby Dublo furniture or insulated meat containers. If we delve further back into Dinky history, however, it is clear where the inspiration for the 2020 release came from. Before World War II. Dinky issued the 33 series, a Mechanical Horse with assorted trailers, one of which was a box trailer in blue or green with the same Hornby Trains livery. The mechanical horse could also be found as a Parcels van in the colours of the LMS, LNER, GWR and Southern Railways. The thinking behind these was exactly the same as the Dublo Dinkies, as a January 1936 Meccano Magazine article made clear in the style of the era: "Dinky Toys have made possible the splendid fun of operating road services in conjunction with the trains running on Hornby railways." (The issue of exact scale compatibility between vehicles and trains was not addressed in the Meccano Magazine article at the time, but readers of Diecast Collector will recall that this issue has been fully explored by Brian Salter in his Size Matters series of articles on the subject).

SECOND TIME AROUND - PART 3







▲ The box for the Mechanical Horse is equally colourful.





▲ Various railway liveries are available on the Oxford Diecast Mechanical Horse.

▲ The lettering dates back to the original 1930s Dinky Toy. Photo: Vectis Auctions

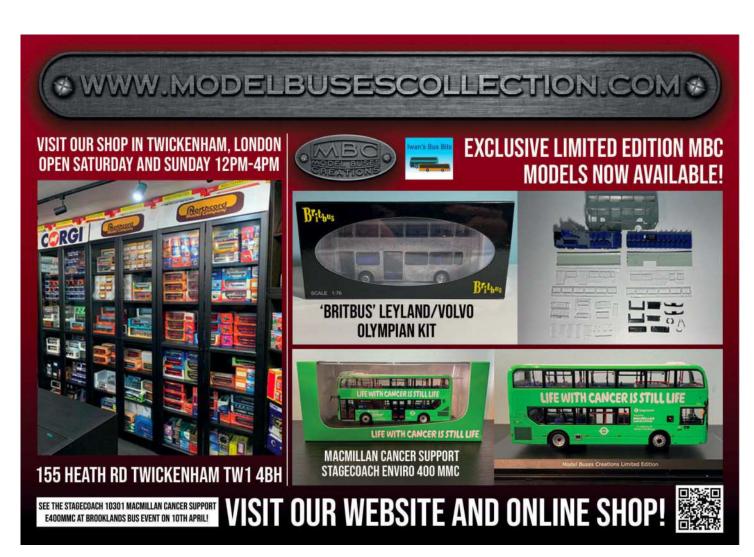
In a number of different ways, then, the Dublo Diecasts echo their Dublo Dinky predecessors. But there is a more obvious and practical reason why the above six subjects were selected. Diecast manufacturers have to get as much mileage as possible out of existing tooling in order to have a chance of making a profit, and all these models can already be found in the Oxford Diecast series, which is now part of the Hornby group of companies. The Chief Executive of Hornby Hobbies is Lyndon Davies, who founded Oxford in 1993 and, of course, some Oxford vehicles have previously been marketed as railway accessories under the name 'Skale Autos' to go with Hornby's Skadale model buildings. This background not only determined the choice of tooling used in the 2020 Dublo range hence the choice of the MGTC, for instance - but in some cases influenced the colours and liveries. The Oxford version of the mechanical horse, for example, exists in various railway liveries (LMS, LNER, BR and so on) and the Fordson tractor has been issued in red in a Dublo box simply because it is available in Oxford form in so many other colours (blue, green, grey or yellow).

To some, the Dublo Diecasts might seem to be nothing more than a marketing exercise, recycling existing tooling and charging a higher price for a nostalgic box design instead of the usual type of plastic showcase packaging. Yet, as we have seen, these six models demonstrate some form of link with their Dinky Dublo ancestry, and the style of packaging is an important part of their overall appeal.

One question remains: why did Hornby call them 'Dublo Diecasts' and not 'Dublo Dinkys'? The answer is presumably that it is Mattel and not Hornby which has the rights to use the Dinky name. The Hornby website does not list any of the Dublo Diecasts as being currently in stock, but if you missed them in 2020 they can still be found from various online suppliers.

▼ Catalogue page for Hornby Centenary Collection states that each model was issued in a limited edition of 2,000 pieces.







Workbench



've been playing around with restoring old diecasts since my early teens. I've just started a huge project from Ixo Collections and it gave me this idea for this new section to bring you updates and tips as I focus on some other projects along the way.

■FORMULA 1 PARTWORKS

As a motorsport fan of many decades, I've been thoroughly enjoying the various series over the last few years that have brought us a steady stream of excellent replicas at similarly impressive prices. My favourite era is from the mid-1960s through to the mid-'90s, with a particular emphasis on the 1970s and '80s - a period when privateers could rock up to their home Grand Prix and get what some sports these days would refer to as a 'wildcard' entry.

From the late 1960s, when Golf Leaf sponsorship first appeared on the Lotus 49s, cigarette sponsorship played an important part in funding teams and drivers. When this was rightfully banned, motorsport didn't really have any problems surviving, but it did create a problem for model manufacturers, as they were no longer allowed to sell models with decals already applied if these were to be sold in window display boxes on retail shelves. Most manufacturers get around this by supplying a sheet of decals, tucked away out of sight under the plinth, to be applied by the purchaser later.

This has not been the case with the partwork releases. To keep costs down, these are supplied

▲ Part work series are an excellent way of filling up your classic Formula 1 grid without breaking the bank. But those cigarette-sponsored liveries can't be fully replicated under modern law - after-market specialist decal creatives to the rescue!



▲ Scott Dunbar's meticulous attention to detail shines through in his waterslide decal sets - he's my 'go to' for these situations.

without, which has given rise to some excellent (and some not so) garage industry enterprises.

One of these, thankfully at the very top end of the quality scale, is Scott Dunbar's Grand Prix Decals. I have bought many from him in recent years and, as you can see from the image above, these bargain models are transformed (for just a few pounds each) into accurate replicas. Scott's superb products can be found through his ebay listings (search for seller 'grandprixdecals') or via his Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GrandPrixDecals.

■ DINKY AUSTIN VAN OMNISPORT REPLICA

In the November 2021 issue's *Auction News*, we carried a story of a wonderful reproduction of the fabled Dinky Austin Van in Omnisport livery that is still shrouded in mystery.

I purchased a complete, but play-worn, example of the Dinky Austin Van for just a few pounds on ebay, determined to make my own replica. The last time this project featured here was in the December issue, but the last few months have been seriously busy in Wilson's World, so the workbench has been very quiet. The replica is now finished, although I'm not convinced about the shade of blue – always difficult to match it when a mysterious original is nowhere to be seen. I'm happy with it, though, and it's now on display in my studio.

■CORGI FORD THAMES CARAVAN REFURB

A casual conversation recently, with friend and fellow Coventry Diecast Model Club member, Will Roe, led to me offering my services to refurbish a play-worn

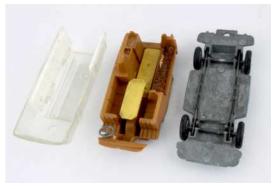




▲ The Dinky Toys Omnisport Austin Van is finished.
Will Roe, the gentleman whose Corgi Ford Thames I am
restoring below, very kindly sent me a crafted box, but I've
temporarily mislaid it - don't worry Will, I know it's in the
studio somewhere!



▲ The Ford Thames "Airborne" Caravan is dismantled and stripped. It will receive its paintjob in time for the next issue.



▲ Taking apart the Ford Thames revealed an interesting secret - there is a strip of painted foam, which has degraded over the years. Presumably this was to give the effect of some upholstery.

model that he had recently been gifted - the Corgi Toys No 420 Ford Thames "Airborne" Caravan.

In terms of construction, it's an easy job, but the real challenge would have been matching the original colours. Will had supplied me with one of his replica boxes, and we agreed that we would match the colours of the artwork on the box instead – much easier, plus it would make this much more exclusive, of course!

I started by drilling out the rivets at both ends of the baseplate and, after a little jiggling, the baseplate came free. The bodyshell was then treated to a caustic soda bath, and then a wad of very fine steel wool brought it up to the condition you see above.

By next month, this little beauty should be resplendent in its box-matching coat of yellow.

■ IXO COLLECTIONS 1/8 SCALE PORSCHE 917KH PARTWORK KIT

After a hiatus of a few months, we're back on track with this amazing diecast kit build. The delays were due to the continued shipping logistics nightmare, with containers sometimes waiting for many weeks before loading onto vessels for movement. But in quick succession, boxes 7 and 8 duly arrived and thankfully Ixo has been very good at keeping subscribers updated.

This month's progress brings us bang up to date with the the kit parts available at the moment, further instalments are due to arrive within the next few weeks. We are now up to part 32, so exactly a third of the way through the 96 part packs that will all go to make up this incredibly detailed and impressive diecast model.

Box 7 delivered the main chassis components. Given the size of this model and the intricacy, I was expecting this to be plastic, but no! The chassis is sturdily cast in metal and is a weighty beast.

Assembling this meant that previous 'side' assemblies, such as the steering wheel/column and front left suspension/hub could be added to the model. Box 8 brought us the right hand side, so she's really starting to take shape now.

To find out more, and to order, visit Ixo's specific partworks website page for this model at **www.ixocollections.com/en/15-porsche-917kh**.



▲ Box 7 arrived with part packs 25 to 28 - it's chassis time!



▲ Adding in Box 8 (part packs 29 to 32) brings us to this stage - note the electrics!

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Corgi Juniors fire engines

Mike Pigott continues his series on model fire engines with a look at the surprisingly small range produced by Husky Models and Corgi Juniors.



he Corgi Juniors range, including its predecessor Husky Models, and subsequent New Corgi and Mattel Auto City incarnations, was in production for a total of an incredible 33 years, from 1964 through to 1997. Most model car ranges included fire engines, and Corgi Juniors was no different. What is surprising, however, was how few castings were produced over the 33 years, with two of them being particularly long-lived. There were only four different fire engines produced during the life of the range, plus an additional specialist fire appliance. Corgi also made four different fire chief cars, although we won't be covering these here as they are mostly just recoloured police cars and of dubious heritage. The four were a Jaguar Mark X (Husky Models), Ford Capri, Mercury Cougar (ex-James Bond) and Ford Gran Torino (ex-Starsky & Hutch).

SIMON SNORKEL FIRE ENGINE

While the name Snorkel is often used to describe any aerial-platform fire engine, the original Snorkel was manufactured by Simon Engineering of Dudley in the West Midlands. Simon was a very old company that dates back to the 1860s, when German immigrant Henry Simon set up a plant in Manchester producing equipment for flour

▲ Front view of the first and second-type ERF Fire Tenders.

mills and coal ovens. The company later diversified into a wide range of industries and is still around today, specialising in the design and manufacture of plastic factories. Simon Engineering introduced the Snorkel aerial platform in 1959, for firefighting and municipal applications. The Snorkel was a hydraulic platform with a two-section boom and platform cage that could be raised vertically and horizontally on a rotating turntable.

Corgi introduced a large and accurate model of a Bedford TK Simon Snorkel Fire Engine in its flagship Corgi Toys range. This was an impressive model with a crew cab and a working Snorkel boom. In 1967, a companion model was released in the miniature Husky line. This was also a Simon Snorkel mounted on a Bedford TK chassis, but with a completely different layout. It had a Bedford TK cab with extended front wheel arches that connected with the rear platform. It was much less realistic than its larger counterpart, and was probably designed to fit a standard blister card, and also possibly to make it less breakable.

The cab was recognisable as a Bedford, but was not particularly well-detailed, and the warning lights were cast into the cab roof. The rear section had a certain amount of cast detail, including non-working lockers, hydraulic jacks and suction hoses. The







base was made of plated plastic, and incorporated the front bumper, together with the rudimentary suspension. The Snorkel boom was also made of chromed plastic, and was constructed from four parts — a turntable, two-part boom, and platform cage. The boom worked quite realistically, but the elbow hinge was somewhat oversized.

The model was initially fitted with one-piece grey plastic wheels, although this was later changed to metal wheels with separate black tyres. Unusually for a Corgi product, it was not fitted with any windows. When the Husky Models range was discontinued in 1969, Simon Snorkel Fire Engine was briefly re-branded as a Corgi Junior, until it was replaced by the new ERF Snorkel in 1971.

ERF FIRE ENGINE WATER TENDER

One of Corgi's most popular and durable models was released in 1970, the ERF Fire Engine Water Tender. A water tender was basically a fire pumper without a wheeled escape ladder. The model was based on the latest ERF fire appliance, probably with HCB-Angus bodywork. It was quite a substantial model, with both the body and chassis in diecast. The main bodywork was quite detailed, with a crew cab, recessed rear steps and diamond-plate walkways on the roof. There were also cut-out rectangular

- 1 Early example of ERF Fire Tender with diecast base, grille and hose reels.
- 2 Later version of ERF Fire Tender, with plastic base and less detailing.
- 3 Original ERF Simon Snorkel with metal base and thick boom.



▲ Bedford Simon Snorkel by Husky.



▲ Hot Wheels Fire Eater II.



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sections on each side for the hose reels. The diecast base was also very detailed, and incorporated a substantial front grille with bumpers and headlights. The rear pump was also part of the metal base casting, as were the hose reels which could be seen through the side openings. The ERF logo on the grille was part of the body moulding, and formed the tab to connect the two metal components. The glazing was tinted light blue, and also formed the dome lights and skylight. There was no interior. Clipped to the roof was a fairly basic one-piece ladder in yellow plastic. The first version of the ERF was painted in all-over red with no form of decals. It was fitted with five-spoke Whizzwheels that were just about the correct size.

In 1975, the casting was quite significantly modified, which involved some tooling alterations and a change to a plated plastic base. The grille was now part of the body casting, while the rear pump was decreased in size and now appeared to be a tool chest with an axe on top. The hose-reel compartments on the side were now cast in, with a crudely-moulded hose reel on one side and a plain locker on the other. However, the headlights were now part of the base moulding. This may have been because the real ERF fire engines were given a facelift with bigger headlights and much less prominent chrome grilles. It also may have been simply to cut costs. The name on the base was also simplified to "ERF Fire Tender". The model was always painted red, with the base later being changed to black. During 1983, in the last days of the original Corgi Toys, the glazing and dome lights could be found in opaque black.

The ERF Fire Tender was revived by the new Corgi company in 1984. It was still painted red, with black base and yellow ladder, but the glazing and warning lights were now dark blue. The body sides behind the cab were now painted silver, representing the bare aluminium panels used by many British fire brigades. At some point "FIRE" was tampoprinted above the cab doors – this was later changed to "FIRE SERVICE 999". The wheels now used were fairly awful eight-spoke mags – later they were replaced with even worse four-spoke versions.

ERF Fire Tender was still in production when Mattel acquired Corgi in 1989, and production was moved to China. While the Corgi Juniors range was kept in production for some years under the Auto City name, they were only sold in Europe, so as not to compete with Mattel's own Hot Wheels brand. By this time, the casting was becoming very dated as Mattel was not interested in investing in new tooling for the ex-Corgi series. When Mattel sold the Corgi brand back to a management consortium in 1995, it was under the proviso that Corgi stick to collectables, and not produce toys that competed with Mattel's Hot Wheels line. Mattel retained the Corgi Juniors castings and continued to make dated Auto City vehicles. In 1996, Mattel acquired Tyco, and with it Matchbox, so there was no real need to continue with Auto City, as the company now owned the European market leader.

Mattel decided to incorporate some of the former Corgi castings in the main Hot Wheels line. In



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total, 26 Juniors castings were used during 1997 and 1998. These did not prove particularly popular with collectors, and they did not look or feel like genuine Hot Wheels cars. ERF Fire Tender was one of the castings released on a Hot Wheels card. It was again painted bright red, with blue-tinted windows. The lockers were highlighted in silver, with the contents printed on the doors in the American style. The ladder and base were in grey plastic, with the headlights now sticking out quite prominently. The wheels fitted were extremely wide, five-spoke mags. Presumably to make what was a 27-year-old fire engine more trendy, it was given the 'cool' Hot Wheels-style name of Fire Eater II, although it was still called Fire Tender on the base, which must have confused many American kids.

ANOTHER SIMON SNORKEL

A new type of Simon Snorkel Fire Engine was also released in 1970. The earlier Bedford version was beginning to look dated, and while the real Bedford TK was still in production, the model's lack of glazing was not up to standard, and it was probably not possible to fit Whizzwheels to it. The new Snorkel was, like the Fire Tender, based on an ERF truck. Cheshire-based ERF Trucks produced a specialist fire engine chassis, and had an in-house department that manufactured complete fire engines. It was one of the most popular fire engines in the UK, and a common choice for diecast models – in addition to Corgi's two, both Dinky and Matchbox produced ERF replicas.

The Corgi Juniors model was based on the 1969 ERF SS85 hydraulic platform. Unlike the ERF Fire Tender, the SS85 did not have a prominent front grille. It was an 18-tonne truck with a crew cab, and fitted with a Simon Snorkel boom that could extend up to 22 metres. The Corgi version was to a smaller scale than the fire tender, and had a cab that was noticeably lower and narrower. The body was well detailed with a diamond-plate pattern on the upper rear bodywork, and non-working jacks and lockers on the sides. Unusually, there were no warning lights on the roof, although there was a small raised tab at the rear of the roof to hold the Snorkel boom in place. The base was a solid casting in bare metal,

- ▲ Flame Stopper II, as released by Hot Wheels.
- Simon Snorkel with boom extended.



▲ Auto City era Simon Snorkel, with white roof and tampoprinted boom.



▲ ERF Simon Snorkel in municipal livery.



▲ Chubb Airport Fire Truck.



and included the front bumper. No interior was fitted and the windows were tinted light blue. The Snorkel boom assembly used exactly the same parts as the previous Bedford model, although now they were moulded in an orangey-yellow colour rather than being plated. On the real vehicle, the boom extended a couple of metres in front of the cab, but on the model this wasn't the case; most likely so it would fit into a blister pack. The wheels were standard five-spoke Whizzwheels, which were way over-scale for this type of vehicle.

In 1974, the casting was updated, presumably for cost reasons. Firstly, the base was modified and was now plastic, with suspension strips moulded in. The second change related to the Snorkel boom, which was a completely new moulding. The booms were now narrower, with a smaller hinge, and the basket was smaller and shallower. The whole assembly appeared to be made from thinner, lower-grade plastic that was more susceptible to breaking. Initially, the base was moulded in the same yellow plastic as the boom; the two sections were always the same colour.

After the management buy-out in 1984, the new Corgi company re-released the Simon Snorkel Fire Engine. This time it had a white boom and base, with "SNORKEL" tampo-printed in black along the top boom. Later, as tampo printing techniques improved, the rear deck and side lockers were highlighted in silver. Later the four-spoke wheels were fitted which, although not particularly realistic, were smaller and a more suitable size.

During the Auto City era, the model was given a white cab roof, with the base and lift again in yellow plastic with "SIMON SNORKEL" printed on the boom in black. One particularly interesting variation during this era was the Snorkel Fire Engine done up as a municipal utility truck. In this guise it was painted bright orange with the cab roof and rear deck in grass-



Fire Launch.

green. The base and boom assembly were in green plastic. There were "S-24" fleet numbers stencilled in white. This version was usually sold in a twin pack with an Iveco refuse truck in the same livery.

Like the fire tender, the Snorkel was carried across to the Hot Wheels line in 1997. This time it was called Flame Stopper II, taking the name of an existing Hot Wheels fire engine. It now had the base and booms in grey plastic and grossly-oversized mag wheels. It was painted dark red with additional printed details along the sides. Both Fire Eater II and Flame Stopper II were featured in a Hot Wheels Action Pack — a twin set that also included a pair of over-scale fireman figures and a warning barrier.

CHUBB FIRE TRUCK

The Chubb Pathfinder was a huge airport crash truck built by fire extinguisher manufacturer, Chubb, on a 6x6 chassis made by specialist vehicle company Reynolds-Boughton. It was a massive vehicle, 12.9m long and 5m high, with huge wheels and tyres. It had a central seat for the driver, and was powered by an 18-litre V6 engine. It carried 13,000 litres of water and 1,200 litres of foam concentrate, which could be streamed at 3,000 litres per minute from the roof mounted foam monitor. Fully laden, it weighed 37 tonnes. The Pathfinder was widely used at airports around Britain and was sold to many countries overseas.

The Corgi Juniors model was introduced in 1982, and was a (rather belatedly) scaled-down version of the Chubb Pathfinder Airport Crash Truck from the big Corgi Toys range that was introduced in 1974. The larger Pathfinder was an impressive item – it was huge, with massive wheels, and featured a working siren and a squirting nozzle. Its Corgi Juniors counterpart, however, was somewhat underwhelming in comparison. It had the correct proportions, but as it was based on a long vehicle, was very narrow. The main body was diecast and painted bright red. The base was black and was fitted with six 10-spoke Whizzwheels, which were approximately the right size. The interior was

chromed plastic, and also incorporated the three hatches on the top, plus the rear shutter. The glazing was usually in amber, but could also be clear. It had one working feature, which was a rotating foam monitor on the roof. Affixed to each side was a clear vinyl label with a graded black and white stripe, the words "AIRPORT RESCUE" and fleet number "8". Export versions were also produced, with lettering in German or Arabic. Chubb Fire Truck was briefly revived in the new Corgi range in 1984, but was not carried over to the Auto City or Hot Wheels lines.

FIRE LAUNCH

While not exactly a true fire engine, we are including this here as it is a type of firefighting vehicle. Introduced in 1977, Fire Launch was available for two years only. It was something of an oddity and did not appear to be based on any real fire boat. Most real fire boats looked like tugboats, and had water cannons mounted on the prow. Corgi's Fire Launch looked more like a converted cabin cruiser with the water cannon mounted on the upper deck. Possibly as there was a Police Launch in the Matchbox 1–75 range, Corgi countered with a Fire Launch in the Juniors line.

It was an odd-looking model with an angular prow. The superstructure was diecast and painted red, with a "FIRE" label along each side. The hull was blue plastic, and had three concealed wheels to allow the boat to roll along. On the rear deck was a pair of chrome-plated steps leading up to a rotating water cannon, which didn't look like a particularly safe place to stand while fighting fires at sea. The cabin windows were part of the main casting, and were painted red, and there was also a cast-in life preserver on the prow. On top of the cabin was a chrome bar comprising lights and horns. All in all, a very weird model.

Collecting Corgi Juniors fire engines is not difficult, as there are only five basic models. However, getting every variation is a different matter, given the number of variations of the two ERF appliances.

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Altogether now

Brian Salter continues his series examining the origins of scales used.

very simple introduction this time is there any other marque of vehicle that can be used so effectively to show the difference between our most commonly used scales? The basic shape of the Land Rover never altered, with just one major tweak, in 1958, when the flat box shape became a little more curvaceous and lasted right through to 2016. En route, the Series II of 1958 became the Series III in 1972, the 90 and 110 in 1983, with the Defender name being applied from 1991.

The most familiar scale of all, 1/43, is not in the line up – our near identical 1/42 does the honours. The various scales of the Matchbox 1-75 series are a law unto themselves and Husky/Corgi Junior were no different. Any other 'strange' scales, eg 1/31 and 1/47 also pass us by.

THE MODELS SHOWN

The Forward Control Land Rover was a beast - this 1/8 scale version from Abercastle Models

▲ A handy reference guide to all the scales mentioned...

Back row: 1/8 and 1/48 with 1/12 on the slightly lower level to the right.

Middle row: 1/46 on lower level with 1/160, 1/87, 1/76, 1/64 nd 1/60 on raised plinth.

Front row: 1/42, 1/38, 1/36, 1/32, 1/24, 1/18 and 1/14.



▲ The Forward Control Land Rover.



▲ A 1/12 all metal by Abercastle Models alongside a 1/14 scale radio-controlled example by Rastar.



▲ Left to right: 1/46. 1/42 and 1/38 scales.



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seems to convey similar thoughts. The type, the largest civilian production Land Rover, was produced from 1962 to 1972. Hart Models made this 1/48 super detailed hand-built a couple of decades back, and a number of special bodied versions were also available.

Abercastle Models' all-metal 1/12 scale model is based on the first ever Land Rover prototype of 1947 and is shown sitting beside a 1/14 scale example of almost the last 'proper' Land Rover ever made. This was almost six years ago to the day as this is being written, the end of an era came on the 29th January 2016. This is a radio control Rastar Defender 90 and displays the final style of 'bonnet-bump'.

The photo of three similarly-sized models illustrates three seriously familiar shapes, the smallest at left being a 1/46 scale (according to *The Great Book of Corgi*) Series II vehicle with incorrect Series I hardtop cab. It's Dinky, and could well be Spot-on, in the centre at 1/42, a unique British scale as we had not heard of 1/43 in 1959! One of the world's most familiar diecasts is to the right. Modelled on precisely the production vehicle that followed the prototype, the model arrived in 1950 and stayed in the catalogue for 20 years. Dinky had enlarged the scale to cope better with 'real' miniature farming operations.

Downsizing to the extreme, we have two of the smallest. At left, OO (1/76 scale) by Oxford, and arguably the most prolific scale available today, despite a somewhat chequered past. Wiking's HO (1/87) Series II arrived in 1962, alongside a vast existing range of private and commercial vehicles. It accompanied just two other non-Continental types, a Jeep and a Jaguar XK120.

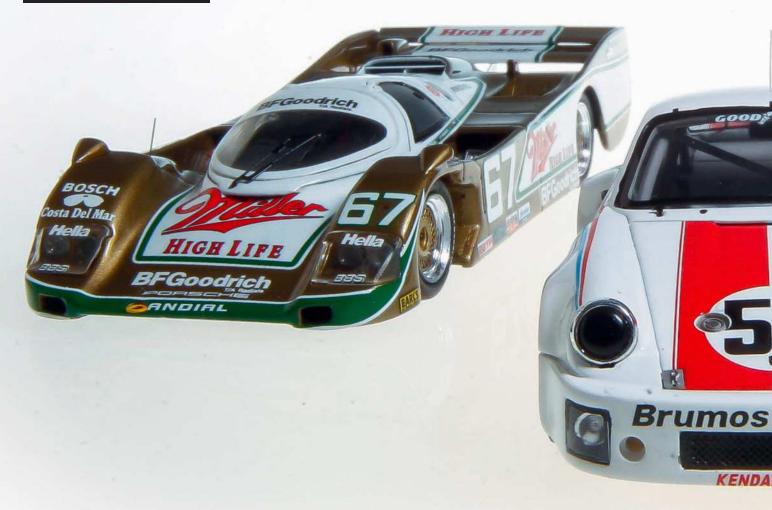
Next month, it really is the final part of this epic series! **DC**

Scales according to Land Rover - these are all the sixteen scales within the illustrative image.		
SCALE	DESCRIPTION	MODEL
1/160	Railway N gauge – a few vehicles from Lone Star from 1957, now regularly available as railway accessories	Oxford Series I – 86"
1/87	Railway HO gauge – nearly always plastic, huge range available continuously since 1951	Wiking Series II – 88"
1/76	Railway OO gauge – nearly always a few available as accessories, but now very popular in its own right	Oxford Series II – 109"
1/64	Originally very popular for farm models, film and TV vehicles, but now finding a new following	Ertl 110"
1/60	Modern small range, almost unique in following this scale	Welly Defender 90"
1/48	Popular for larger commercial vehicle models, diecast and hand-built	Hart Models Series II Forward Control
1/46	Typical scale of many !950s and '60s Corgi and Dinky car and van models	Corgi Series II – 109"
1/42	Unique British scale in the 1960s and '70s, before 1/43 became popular	Dinky Series III – 109"
1/38	Early, but long lasting, unique Dinky farm scale	Dinky Series I – 80"
1/36	Virtually invented by Corgi as it 'went large' in 1973, others followed	Corgi Series III – 109"
1/32	Once the almost universal farm and military figure scale, other vehicles followed	Britains Series II – 109"
1/24	Made popular by Bburago some decades back, seen much less now	Cararama Defender 110"
1/18	Now much used for those who like larger models, possibly the most popular quality large scale	Universal Hobbies Series III – 109"
1/14	Ideal for some farm models and outdoor applications	Rastar Defender 90
1/12	A popular dolls house scale, a few vehicles to match, otherwise a hobby scale	Abercastle Models unique centre-steer prototype
1/8	The realm of the specialist builder, hobby or commercial	Abercastle Models Series II Forward Contol

The conquest of Daytona

Since the first Daytona 24 Hours, only one name has won it more than twenty times. **Francisco Mota** gathers a collection of scale models that trace the 22 Porsche wins in the classic endurance race.

Photos: João Carlos Oliveira



verybody knows about the record number of wins that Porsche has at the world famous Le Mans 24 Hours. The event was first held in 1923 and Porsche has taken first place on no less than 19 occasions. A record that no other car manufacturer gets even close to. The second best in the Le Mans ranking is Audi, with 13, and Ferrari comes a distant third with nine.

However, Le Mans is not the only 24 hours endurance race where Porsche has dominated – the Daytona 24 Hours, in Florida, USA, has also been a happy hunting ground. The Daytona International Speedway, in Daytona Beach, has been the venue for this classic race since 1966, held on the Sports Car Course layout, a 3.56-mile combined road course, utilising portions of the banked tri-oval and an infield road course. It has been the stage for Porsche's most incredible record of wins. The Stuttgart manufacturer has won it 22 times, demonstrating a supremacy that reached its peak in the 1980s with nine wins – in fact, between 1977 and 1987, no other manufacturer won the race.

Some would say this is not accurate. From 1968 to 2010, not every Porsche win had the brand's famous shield on the bonnet. On three occasions, Porsche did not race as a chassis – in 1984 the winning car was a March, in 1995 it was a Kremer and in 2009 and 2010, it was a Riley. However, Porsche technicians always managed the engines and its operation, always working closely with each winning team, before and during the race. To many observers, those wins are as much Porsche wins as any of the others. After all,

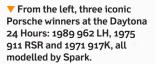
other times when the factory worked with external suppliers to fine tune their chassis, even if that was not public knowledge. So we included those in our shopping list when the decision was taken to build up this 1/43 scale model collection.

the 'soul' of a racing car is the engine, and there were

THE PORSCHE MUSEUM SHOP

Minichamps and Spark are the most prolific model manufacturers in this particular collection. Between the two, it is not difficult to find all the 22 winning cars. Moreover, the Porsche Museum gave a big helping hand here, after commissioning Spark to make some of the models needed to fill crucial gaps. The models can be found at the Museum shop, in Stuttgart, and are packaged in its usual white card boxes. They have acrylic cases and black plastic plinths, printed with the name of each car. Otherwise, these models are true Spark issues, with exactly the same quality and detail level as those in the regular Spark series. Some are reproductions of models Spark has launched before — others are new versions, with different liveries, and a few are new models.

If you are not planning a trip to Germany anytime soon, no worries. All the museum pieces are on sale on ebay, it just takes a little time to gather them all. However, as we collectors know, half of the fun of collecting scale model cars is in the hunt. So, let's look at the result of this latest hunt, that finished not many days before this year's edition of the famous race ended. This time, Porsche was not in contention for the win, but the company has already released a





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few pictures of its new prototype, that will race for the first time in next year's Daytona 24 Hours.

The first time Porsche won at Daytona immediately became memorable. The German manufacturer took the first three places overall, with its 907 LH long tail prototypes. This 2.2-litre flat-eight was enough to beat opponents with much bigger engines. As always, reliability, fuel efficiency and speed were the core factors that allowed Vic Elford, Jochen Neerpasch, Rolf Stommelen, Jo Siffert and Hans Herrmann to take car number 54 to first place. Spark modelled this 907 LH with its usual attention to detail - we can even see the duct tape on the left door, to keep it closed after it opened at speed during the race. The long tail looks particularly accurate and the model looks as fragile as the real car. There are details aplenty for the collector to spend time enjoying – the engine cover is yellow-tinted plastic and the eight intake trumpets can be seen through it. The pair of racing seats are painted red and five-spoke black wheels, shod with Dunlop racing tyres, look fabulous.

It would not take long for Porsche to win again at Daytona. The North American car market was the biggest for the company, so it was always a priority to be competitive in the first big race of the season, run each year on the last weekend of January.

In 1970 and 1971, Porsche's 917K grabbed back-to-back wins, both wearing the iconic Gulf colours, something that never happened at Le Mans. Pedro Rodríguez, Leo Kinnunen and Brian Redman won the first race of the decade, the first for any 917K sponsored by Gulf. The John Wyer lead team were

- 1 This marvellous 907 LH secured Porsche's first overall win at Daytona, in 1968. Model by Spark.
- 2 Two back-to-back wins for the 917K in 1970 (left, Minichamps) and 1971 (right, Spark).
- 3 On the left side, the 907 LH had a cross inside a yellow rectangle, to easily differentiate it from the other works cars.
- 4 Minichamps (left) interpreted the traditional 'Gulf blue' differently to Spark.



▲ Spark's 917K features extensive rear suspension details under the rear deck.



▲ Duck tail rear wing on the 1973 911 RSR, by Minichamps, with 'dirt' look.

back the following year, with Jackie Oliver as the sole teammate to Pedro Rodríguez. The pair took the 917K to one of its last wins in the championship, before technical rules changed from 1972. Both cars carried the number 2.

For this pair, we found two different scale models. The first is a diecast from Minichamps, the second is a resincast by Spark. Side by side, one can easily spot the differences. The most obvious is the tone of blue each model maker chose, the lighter hue on Spark's model looks more realistic. All the details look a little better on Spark's 917K too. For example, when you look under the rear bodywork, the suspension is truly impressive. Both have a representation of the small 'skylight' over the windscreen, needed for the driver to see ahead when driving on the track's steeply-banked sections. However, while Minichamps solved this with a simple grey decal, Spark went further and provided a small window.

THE FIRST FOR THE 911 RSR

In 1972, due to the energy crisis, the 24-hour race was replaced by a 6-hour event, while, for 1974, the race was cancelled altogether. In between, the 1973 race was held as the full 24 hours and Porsche was back to winning ways. After 5-litre sports cars, like the 917K, were banned, Porsche and others were back to 3-litre prototypes and GT cars. By this time, the prototypes were optimised for 6-hour or 1000 km races, and the few that started the race that year had problems and retired. Porsche was entering the 911 RSR for its first race and the Brumos Team won the race overall. The car was a GT, but, as it





◆The last win for the 911 RSR was in 1977, a model reproduced by Spark.

was not yet homologated, it had to be entered as a prototype. Peter Gregg and Hurley Haywood won the race, 22 laps ahead of the GT winner, a Ferrari 365 GTB/4 Daytona. Minichamps reproduced this milestone win for the 911 as a 'start of race' replica. It also launched a gift box with this car and the 2003 911 GT3 RS winner, both with 'end of race' look. The 1973 911 RSR in 'dirty' look compares very well with period pictures, the dirt is sprayed all around the body and looks very realistic, giving this scale model added appeal. For the rest, the model uses the same set of parts as seen on other versions of the 911 RSR launched by this model maker. There is a pair of extra spotlights on the front bumper and a nice duck-tail rear wing. Fuchs wheels have different offsets, front to rear, and headlights have protective silver tape. The cabin includes a nice roll-over cage, racing seats and complete instrument panel. A great diecast, this one.

Porsche's 911 RSR was back to the top step of the podium two years later, with the same pair of drivers and the same Brumos Porsche Team. However, the car had continuously evolved and now looked even more aggressive, due to the class it was running in. IMSA (International Motor Sport Association) became the organiser of GT races in the USA in the sixties, and



The Interscope car, with race number 0, won in 1979



Tea tray rear wing on the 1977 911 RSR.



▲ Long tail on the 1983 935L, inspired by the famous "Moby Dick".

had been responsible for the national series since 1973. It allowed for a new class of cars, with more liberal technical rules than in Europe. Porsche took the opportunity to produce a specific car, dominating the IMSA series between 1973 and 1975, when the six first places in the Daytona 24 Hours Daytona were taken by 911 RSRs.

Wider tracks and wheel arches, deeper front bumper and tea-tray rear wing were faithfully reproduced by Spark in another gorgeous scale model. The driver's window is replaced by a white safety net, as was usual in US races, front wheels have specific heat extractors and there are extra spotlights in the front bumper for night driving.

Haywood, Graves and Helmick took a similar car to another win two years later, incredibly beating a pair of more powerful Porsche 935s to second and third places. The 911 Carrera RSR was now painted white and blue, with race number 43. It had some detail changes that Spark did not miss. For example, the front wheel design is different and the front bumper has no integrated extra spotlights - those were placed on top of it and have a nice chromed finish.

For 1978, Brumos Porsche colours were back to first place, however, drivers Stommelen, Hezemans and Gregg were now at the wheel of something completely different, a 935/77A Group 5 machine. They led home no less than eight other Porsche models that finished in the first ten places. The exception was a Ferrari Daytona that finished in eight place. The 935/77A was now further away from the base 911. It featured a slanted nose and extra spotlights on the front hood, and another pair



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inserted into the front bumper. The car was much wider now, with boxy rear wheel arches featuring air scoops, at the front end and NACA ducts on top of it. Wheels are also much wider and all fitted with heat extractors, and the rear wing is much more sophisticated than before. All of these features can be found in Spark's scale model. There's even a splitter under the front bumper and a single windscreen wiper on the driver's side. The rear end looks as if a basic 911 is somehow inside all that aerodynamic bodywork, with double central exhaust pipes giving it a final touch. There's lots to see inside the cockpit, even a red fire extinguisher on the floor. The 1978 car with race number 99 was only the first of six consecutive wins for a Porsche 935, obviously in different evolutions.

THE 935 KEEPS ON CHANGING

The second 935 from this series to win Daytona was the 1979 935/79, one of the best-looking models in this collection, featuring the number 0 and, very unusual for a racing car, painted black and looking unique with Interscope sponsorship. It follows much of the shape seen on the previous year's winner, with a few nuances – wheel rims are slightly different and the exhaust pipe is a single item on the left of the car. Drivers Field, Ongais and Haywood beat a Ferrari Daytona again to second place and the total of models from Porsche in the ten first places was 'only' seven, this time.

Entering the 1980s, there was a very important evolution from Porsche that saw the 935 become the 935 J. The aerodynamic package was completely different, with a much more streamlined body and even wider tracks. Car number 2, sponsored by Liqui Moly, won the event, driven by Joest, Stommelen and Merl, leading a trio of Porsches in the overall results. Spark made another great piece out of this new generation 935, featuring a much wider and slanted front bumper, with two inserted spotlights, plus a second pair on the front hood. Looking at this area of the car, we can see two hot air exits that run along the top the front wings, perfectly reproduced. Spark didn't miss the fact that air scoops ahead of the rear wheels are different from left to

For the following season, a Porsche 935 was again the winner, this time with the K3 version - a completely different body shape that Spark reproduced in high quality. With race number 9, the car was painted dark blue, featuring golden, red and orange stripes. Spark has reproduced a number of K3 in the past so this one comes with all the features. Compare with the J version and you'll find different design for the front end, wheel arches, rear wing, everything, really. Redman, Rahal and Garretson led another 1-2-3 for Porsche. The 1982 edition saw another different 935 winning the race, this time it was named JLP-3 and was painted blue and yellow with race number 18. The shape is based on the 935 K3, however it features several different details. The most obvious is the much wider sill, on the left side of the car. The rear wing also has a different profile, doors are also different as are the rear wheel arches. Stommelen and John Paul Junior took this unique 935 to first place and Spark did another great job on this one. The last 935 to win at Daytona was again of a different shape and named the 935L. It featured a long body, reminiscent of a 935-78 'Moby Dick'. It was sponsored by Swap Shop and had race number 6, driven by Wollek, Ballot-Lena, Foyt and Henn.

The 1984 edition was a turning point, as the 935 was no longer competitive. However, Porsche still won, this time with its engine inside a March 83G chassis, a prototype of the new generation. Spark's scale model reproduces this lesser-known car, with race number 00, sponsored by Kreepy Krauly and driven by Van der Merwe, Martin and Duxbury. It features crossed spoke golden rims and several air scopes around the body, plus a huge ground-effect rear diffusor.

▲ A new era for sportscars at Daytona, starting with the Porsche-powered 1984 March 83G, followed by a trio of 962 C - resincasts by Spark.



▲ Different rear wing sizes for the 962 C pair that won in 1986 and 1987.



▲ High rear-view mirrors were a typical feature of the 962 C.



▲ The 1991 962 C had a detached rear wing - very different from previous models.

▼ Two special-bodied 962s, modelled by Spark – the 1989 LH and 1991 C finished an era.





▲ Kremer K8 (Spark) won in 1995 and a Racer's Group 911 GT3 RS (Minichamps) finished first in 2003, thirty years after the first 911 win at Daytona.

ENTER THE 962

Another new era started the following season, when the 962 won Daytona for the first time in 1985 with the blue and white Valvoline-sponsored car driven by Foyt, Wollek, Unser and Boutsen. At first glance, it seems a very familiar shape, look carefully and you'll find a different engine cover than usual, with an air entrance and a bulge. The next win came in 1986 with a beautifully white and dark blue Löwenbräu-sponsored 962C. This one, driven by Holbert, Bell and Unser, had a short tail and high rear wing, quite unusual for a track as fast as Daytona. The same livery was kept for the 1987 winner, however the rear wing was even higher and rear-view mirrors were located at the base of the windscreen, instead of at the top of it. The car kept race number 14 and Chip Robinson joined the three drivers from the previous season. Two years later, Porsche was back to first place with a new shape 962 LH, sponsored by Miller and painted white and gold, with race number 67. It features a long tail with double plane rear wing, mirrors on the front wings and a redesigned engine cover. Spark's scale model captures the spirit of the car driven by Andretti, Bell and Wollek. It took another two years to see the German manufacturer win Daytona again. It was the last time for the 962 C, in 1991, with a white and blue car sponsored by Blaupunkt. Again, this is a special shape 962 C, different from previous models. The rear wing is no longer part of the engine cover, it is anchored centrally to the chassis. Spark did not forget the pair or aerials on the roof, neither the new style wheel rims or the several air scoops in the flanks. A total of five drivers took the wheel: Haywood,

Jelinski, 'Winter', Pescarolo and Wollek.

Four years later, Porsche was back, associated with Kremer. The Kremer Porsche K8 still had some connections to the 962, now with a spyder body. The yellow and red car with no main sponsor looked purposeful and Spark's scale model follows. Obvious highlights are the open cockpit with complete instrument panel, exterior roll-over bar, wide rear wing and five spoke white wheel rims... and a Porsche shield on the front. Driver lineup was Lassig, Lavaggi, Bouchut and Werner.

Thirty years after the first win for a 911, in 2003, one takes first place again at Daytona, this time in 996 GT3 RS guise. As mentioned earlier, Minichamps issued both models in 'dirty' look so we sourced the GT3 from there. This set of parts was used for many versions, by this model maker and it makes a very nice diecast. The dirt gives it a new layer of realism that doesn't look exaggerated. Bergmeister, Bernhard, Schrom and Buckler took advantage of the 911's reliability to win the race when most of the new prototypes hit mechanical issues.

The end of this story comes with a pair of wins in 2009 and 2010, with Porsche V8 engines and Riley MK XI chassis. Drivers Law, Donohue, Rice and Garcia brought back the traditional Brumos Porsche colours to the lead in the first year and Rockenfeller, Dalziel, Borcheller and Barbosa brought back the German flag to the podium, the following year. This pair of Spark models share the same set of parts and replicate closely the somewhat awkward shape of this generation of American sports cars. Let's hope the Daytona 24 hours 2023 edition brings a better looking Porsche and maybe another win.



▲ The 'dirty' effect on Minichamps' 2003 911 GT3 RS looks surprisingly realistic for a diecast.



▲ Kremer's K8 was the first open-cockpit Porsche to win at Daytona.



▲ The V8 Porsche that gave Riley the win in 2009.



▲ Detailed aerodynamics on Spark's 2010 Riley Porsche Mk IX.





Lone Star's Ford Transit

James Robertshaw breaks down the interesting story of Lone Star's Impy commercial.

he first model in the range was the luxurious Cadillac Sixteen, which was produced in various different body styles. This was followed by the Chrysler Airflow, which was only available as a four-door saloon. These early Rextoys were made in Portugal by the manufacturer of Vitesse models.

The swinging '60s were a time of vast change and Britain needed a new van that could keep up. Ford's answer was the revolutionary Transit, or 'Trannie' as it affectionally became known. With car-like performance, handling and comfort combined with a stylish, modern body, it could carry larger and more varied loads than any van that had gone before. Of course, the Transit wasn't just a humble van, but could fulfil all kinds of varied roles from a trundling milk float through to, rather notoriously, a high-speed 'bank job' get-away vehicle! Production began in October 1965 and the Transit was an instant success.

LONE STAR'S NEW 'SUPER CARS'

Whilst Ford was busy promoting its new line-up of Transit vans, another innovative range of vehicles was about to launch, albeit on a much smaller scale. Also hoping for success was Lone Star, with its 1966 launch of an exciting new range of diecast toy cars that would not only take on the dominant giants – Matchbox, Corgi and Dinky – but attempt to outdo them. Lone Star's competitive edge was to cram each model with as many realistic features as possible,

▲ Five variations of the Transit breakdown truck issued by Lone Star.



▲ With the real model a long way off, Lone Star's artist must have had little to go on other than "Ford Transit Breakdown Lorry" when tasked with illustrating this 1967 leaflet marketing the new Impy range. What an attractive model this would have been.

going way beyond what any of its rivals were offering.

The big three manufacturers, and Lesney in particular,

had slowly started to add improved features to their models so, by 1966, when Lone Star joined the market, most Matchbox cars had glazed windows, plastic interiors and an opening part. However, Lone Star had packed its new 'Impy Super Cars' with a truly mind-boggling list of special features. Fitted as standard to each model were opening doors, bonnet and boot, glazing, jewelled headlights, working suspension, working 'axial' steering, non-scratch tyres on separate hubs, a detailed engine bay and a plastic interior complete with a separate steering wheel. How about that for added play value?

Eight models were initially launched, with more promised during the rest of 1966 and into 1967, including some commercial vehicles and, of particular interest here, a breakdown lorry. Given the reliability of some of the prototypes Lone Star had chosen to model, a recovery vehicle was probably a necessity! An attractive Foden lorry was the first commercial to appear in the Impy range, initially with a tipper body, then followed by a petrol tanker. This model could have also been considered for the basis of the breakdown lorry but an 8-wheel heavy-weight Foden would have been a bit of an







▲ It has proved difficult to find a photo of a Trannie where someone's been brave enough to take an angle grinder to the van body. This cut down Mk2 Transit shows it was possible, resulting in a similar body style to Lone Star's Impy model.

overkill for motor car recovery work. Instead, Lone Star chose to produce an entirely new casting based on the exciting new Ford Transit. The Transit was, by now, hugely successful, with model versions also available from Dinky Toys and Husky. Its popularity on the continent resulted in models from Siku in Germany and Best Box in Holland.

THE IMPY TRANSIT'S DEBUT

Lone Star's Ford Transit made its debut appearance as a drawing in a fold-out leaflet (dated May 1967) promoting the new Impy Super Cars range, and wow did it look the business! This stylish illustration depicted a well-detailed Ford Transit cab and chassis, fitted with a realistic purpose-built breakdown body featuring, of course, a towing jib, and all finished off in an attractive orange and blue livery. This must have caused much excitement at the time amongst



▲ The standard Impy Transit had Esso stickers and was available boxed or carded.



▲ This early issue Impy Transit is very similar to the one featured in the Montgomery Ward catalogue and is most likely a trial-run model. Note the hand-painted silver trim and left-hand drive interior pinched, at the time, from the Impy VW Microbus



▲ Finally, in 1971 Lone Star updated the Impy Transit with Hi-Speed wheels. Briefly, this newly-branded Commercials version had a change of stickers too. In typical Lone Star fashion it was still some time before the packaging caught up. Despite the new Hi-Speed wheels, Commercials continued to be issued in old Impy packaging.

keen Impy fans, but remember this is Lone Star, where things rarely went to plan!

With limited resources producing a wide range of toys, it was not uncommon for Lone Star's announced new models to experience delays or to sometimes never materialise at all. The Impy range and Ford Transit Breakdown Lorry were no exceptions. Any child who had saved up 3 shillings of their pocket money would have undoubtedly spent it elsewhere by the time Lone Star got around to releasing its breakdown lorry, over a year later. It must have also been a surprise to see that the model Lone Star finally produced looked nothing like the leaflet drawing!

CLASSIC COMMERCIALS



WORTH THE WAIT

Lone Star's Transit Breakdown Lorry materialised, not with a conventional cab/chassis and separate body in a two-tone colour scheme, but as a rather unorthodox 'cut-down' van. This resulted in a stylish sweeping chariot body that was finished in all-over dark blue. This style of cut-down van is actually a modification much more likely to occur years later, when ageing Transit vans were cheaply available on the second-hand market. A back-street garage might well have performed this type of surgery to give itself a basic recovery vehicle. Lone Star's chosen body style was certainly not one of the wide range of variations famously offered by Ford who, with the versatile Transit, was keen to capture as much of the 'light commercial' market as possible. This then begs the question, where did Lone Star find the inspiration for this body design and, unlike the other Impy models which were based on prototypes, was this Lone Star's own in-house creation?

The reason for the change in design from the earlier illustration was doubtless fuelled by Lone Star's desire to keep the retail price of the larger Impy commercial vehicles the same as the smaller Impy cars. The simplified chariot design meant the Transit's cab and body could be cast as a single piece, with just the addition of a diecast base plate and towing jib, therefore keeping manufacturing costs to a minimum. Maintaining a standard retail price across the Impy range also explains why our Transit has forgone most of the special features found on the cars, although it did gain Esso stickers on either side.

Overall, the Impy Transit is an attractive model that actually benefits from the lack of (often) illfitting opening features. Thanks to the inclusion of a clever plastic towing cradle, the Transit was able to realistically tow broken-down cars safely



▲ The Transit could easily tow any toy car with its clever plastic cradle, an Impy Jaguar MkX in this case. The models are displayed on an attractive sales aid, available to Impy stockists.



▲ First announced in May 1967, it wasn't until 1969 that the Transit Breakdown Lorry finally appeared as "new" in Lone Star's trade catalogue.

across bedroom floors, vital for that all-important play value. This was something nearly all other toy manufacturers struggled with (speaking from personal experience as a disappointed child). Even Matchbox's competing No 13 Dodge Wreck Truck only had a single tow hook that seldom found anywhere to attach under a stricken toy car and, if it did, then proceeded to drag the car at a much too steep an angle before it inevitably fell off.

MONTGOMERY WARD GIFT SETS

Following on from the May 1967 leaflet drawing, the Transit's next appearance was surprisingly 'State Side', in the impressive 430-page 1968 Christmas catalogue from Montgomery Ward. This huge mail order business offered all types of goods, including toys, and had successfully offered two Impy Super Cars gift sets in the previous year's Christmas catalogue.

The 1968 catalogue again offered Impy models in either a "6 car set" or "12 car set", but this time both sets contained the new Impy commercial vehicles, including the Transit breakdown truck or "Wrecker" as it was described here for the American market. As the previous year's gift sets had included the first 12 Impy cars, it must have been agreed that the 1968 sets would only include the very latest Impy models new that year. So much so, in fact, that most of the models shown in the catalogue photograph are preproduction mock-ups. Most noticeably, the Mobile Crane and Crawler Tractor appear to be one-piece resin moulds, whilst others have hand-painted silver trim, including the Transit that also features nonstandard BP transfers and, strangely, a left-hand drive interior.

A small number of these BP Transits exist, so was this how the initial batches were hastily issued, or are



these rare pre-production trial models? The left-hand drive interior wasn't a deliberate move for the American market, but is actually an ill-fitting cut down section from the existing Impy VW Microbus. Presumably this was used as the Transit's own interior moulding wasn't yet ready.

With the coup of featuring in the prestigious Montgomery Ward catalogue, it's obvious Lone Star was working hard at promoting its new Impy range throughout America, and with some success, as tens of thousands of model cars were exported 'across the pond'. However, as depicted in this same Christmas 1968 catalogue, the toy car industry was about to be turned on its head.

Whilst the Lone Star illustration portrays the company struggling to get its latest Impy models



▲ The very latest 1968 Impy models were available from American retailer Montgomery Ward in that year's Christmas catalogue. The deadline to get the models produced and photographed for inclusion in the catalogue must have been very tight as several are actually pre-production mockups resulting in this fascinating photo.

▼ Around 1973 the
Commercials Transit received
a new, lighter blue finish.
Different colour components
and variations in the application
of the silver trim help give these
Transits differing appearances
and plenty of scope for the
dedicated collector.

into production, further down the page a second alternative range of brand-new toy cars are much more professionally presented. This is a new range of "High-velocity scale models" with "low friction bearing mag wheels", in "dazzling Spectraflame" paint finishes. These are, of course, the revolutionary Mattel Hot Wheels models that were about to decimate the traditional toy car market, not only in America, but across the globe. Indeed, a quick flick to the toy car page of the following year's Montgomery Ward catalogue, and we find that the Impy Super Cars have disappeared, with Mattel's Hot Wheels taking over the full page. To give Lone Star credit, it was quick to respond, fitting low friction wheels and rebranding the Impy cars as Flyers, which launched in early 1969. Meanwhile all the Impy commercial vehicles (including our Transit) retained their standard traditional wheels and were now marketed separately as, slightly confusingly, "Impy Super Car Commercials".

FROM IMPYS TO COMMERCIALS

Almost three years passed until, in late 1971, the neglected range of Impy commercial vehicles received some overdue attention. Finally, high speed wheels were fitted to the Foden trucks, Fire Engine



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▲ In 1976, this basic breakdown truck, which is loosely based on a bonneted Volvo, replaced the much nicer Transit model. It was also used in a twin-pack, towing a car that initially used up stocks of the discontinued Flyers cars, as seen here with Flyers Corvette and Mustang models.



With the toy car market becoming increasingly competitive, Lone Star was soon forced to introduce a number of cost-cutting measures to both the Flyers and **Commercials** ranges. The Transit didn't suffer as badly as some, only sacrificing its silver trim and then later losing its diecast base in favour of a plastic one.



Lone Star was well versed in applying plated finishes to its toys, but perhaps it should have stuck to applying it to its cowboy guns and accessories. A gaudy model, but now very rare and sought after by avid Lone star collectors.

▼ No article on Lone Star Ford
Transit breakdown lorries
would truly be complete
without brief mention of its
vinyl, squeaky toy version.
The front grille may have been
replaced with a smiley face,
but the Mk1 Transit's lines
are unmistakable. It's good
to know Lone Star catered for
even the youngest Transit fans.



and Transit breakdown truck. The range lost the confusing Impy Super Car Commercials branding, which was shortened, rather uninspiringly, to just "Commercials". The 1972 Lone Star trade catalogue hastily shows the new Commercials with a mix of standard and high-speed wheels. Interestingly, the Transit is shown with square Shell labels rather than the standard Esso ovals. This Shell version was issued although, given how hard they are to find now, it must have only been for a short period.

Around this time, Lone Star issued a number of the Flyers and Commercials in a gaudy chrome plated finish. Perhaps this was an attempt to outdo Mattel's Spectraflame finish, or to fight back at the plated Corgi Rockets cars. These short-lived "Silver Flyers" and "Silver Commercials" ranges seem to have been produced exclusively for the Japanese market, where Lone Star had also established a strong foothold. The Ford Transit was included in the Silver Commercials range with the model number S31. These are garish toys, but very rare and keenly sought after by dedicated Lone Star collectors.

END OF THE ROAD

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Inevitably, the decision finally came in 1976 to discontinue the ageing Commercials models and replace them with a simplified range of modern trucks. A breakdown truck still featured in this new "Impy Super Models" range and was based loosely on a Volvo N Series. Despite the reintroduction of the Impy name, these basic trucks were nowhere near the quality of the previous models and were more in keeping with the low-cost models now arriving from Hong Kong manufacturers.

Production of Lone Star's Ford Transit had lasted a respectable seven years, although the real Mk1 Transit soldiered on even longer, finally being updated in 1977 with the facelift Mk2. Strangely, the iconic Transit name was never utilised by Lone Star who, in its usual confused fashion, preferred to list the model as a "Breakdown Lorry", "Breakdown Truck" or "Ford Wrecker Truck". Only the baseplate ever declared this model to be a Transit, on what is, without doubt, one of the most wordy toy car base plates ever. The full inscription reads "Lone Star Scale Model, Road Master 'Impy' Super Cars, Ford Transit L.W.B. Breakdown Truck, Made In England." An impressive title for an impressive model!

TOP VINTAGE MODEL



DTCA Chairman, Michael Driver, picks another vintage favourite by Dinky.

ince early childhood, I have had an interest in sports cars. Seeing them on the road or racetrack was a thrill and one day I hoped to have real one. But, in the meantime, my toy ones had to do. A number of toy makers included sports cars in their ranges, with the best ones seeming to come from Dinky Toys, both pre and post-war in the 38 and 100 series. These were then followed by further newer sports cars in the 100 series.

One of the newer sports cars was the Dinky Toys No 113 MGB, which joined the range in October 1962. The *Meccano Magazine* advert of that month stated "Doors that open both sides, and close with a bang". In the *Dinky Toys News*, it says "In planning the release of the Dinky Toys model of the Triumph Herald to coincide with the appearance of the actual car. Well, we have done it again! This time the new car, the MGB, which was only released on September 20. Not only was our identical miniature officially released on exactly the same day, but it also appeared simultaneously, by special arrangement, in twenty different countries throughout the world."

The model is finished in ivory, with a red interior that includes a dashboard, steering wheel, gear lever and there is a driver. Additional features include Prestomatic steering, four-wheel suspension and, of course, the opening doors, which are spring-loaded to remain open or closed. The model was sold in illustrated card end-flap boxes, and in the yellow or gold Visi-Pacs, before its deletion in 1969.

During the 1960s, the casting, along with some other Dinky Toys castings, were assembled and finished in different colours in South Africa. This was through Arthur E Harris, the importer of Dinky Toys. The MGB came in red with a cream interior, blue with a red interior and pale brown with a red interior. They



▲ Metallic green Nicky Toys MGB (No 113) with plastic wheels.



▲ Meccano Magazine October 1963 advert, which claimed another first for Dinky Toys.

FURTHER INFO.

The Dinky Toys series carried many sports cars which are eagerly collected and often feature with pictures in the DTCA Journal If you would like to find out more details or join, then visit the website at www.dtcawebsite.com

had illustrated card end-flap boxes, which had English and Afrikaans descriptions.

A further casting was produced for Nicky Toys, manufactured by Atamco Private Limited of Calcutta. This MGB (No 113) came in various colours, including red, green, blue and yellow. There was also a Hong Kong Mini-Dinky MGB (no 19) in light blue.

The Dinky Toys model was also part of the No 121 Goodwood Racing Gift Set, with the Austin Healey Sprite (No 112), the Jaguar E-Type (No 120), the Porsche 356A (No 182) and figures from set No 009. This was available from 1963 to 1966, and was in a grey corrugated card lift-up lid box.

The MG company was formed from Morris Garages and produced various sports cars for many years with some using the 'T' suffix. The 'real' MGB was launched at the London Motor Show September in 1962 as a replacement for the MGA. It had a 1,798 cc engine, front disc brakes and there was an overdrive option, giving a top speed of 106 mph. Unlike the MGA it had a unitary-construction body and no separate chassis.

Desert Island Diecasts

Imagine you're stranded on a remote island and had only taken a handful of your collection favourites on that fateful trip, which five would you want it to be?

Terry Quick is this month's castaway hero.

s it has proved to other castaways, choosing just five models to take on a desert island is quite hard, as there are some great models out there. As you will quickly gather from my choices, I am a fan of motorsports and have been for many years. In particular, I was, and still am, an admirer of the great Jim Clark – no matter what car he drove, it was always exciting.

It all started for me in the early 1990s. I was buying Matchbox Super Kings trucks as gifts for my young son, inspired somewhat by the fact that I was an HGV driver. The Super Kings range was very well-detailed and resembled the 'real thing' quite closely. They had lots of features that made them very playable, which made for great value for money. By the mid-1990s, I realised that they were too good to be played with and have all the paint chipped off, so I started to collect them instead.

MATCHBOX SUPERKINGS K-136 FERRARI RACING CAR TRANSPORTER

The K-136 Ferrari F1 Transporter and two cars was the first in my collection, which has now reached 290 plus – all Super Kings, tucked away in my 'man cave'. In my opinion, the variation and colours of the plastic components, and fine detail changes, are what makes them such fun, although the packaging isn't so hardy.

CORGI CC 13411 MAN TGA XL TRACTOR AND CRANE TRAILER – RDL DISTRIBUTION

In 2004, my collecting habit was turned upside down. The company I worked for, RDL Distribution, celebrated its 50th Anniversary. To show its thanks, the company commissioned Corgi to model one of its Frontline trucks, a MAN TGA XL tractor unit hauling a sided crane trailer, loaded with bricks, and this added to Corgi's Hauliers of Renown range. All employees were presented with a model – what a way to say thank you! Now I have



▲ Matchbox SuperKings K-136 Ferrari Racing Car Transporter.



▲ Matchbox DYM37796 Millennium Mack CH600 Tractor Trailer.





a few more Hauliers of Renown trucks, most with crane trailer and some with Moffett Mounty forklifts hanging from their tails.

MATCHBOX DYM37796 MILLENNIUM MACK CH600 TRACTOR TRAILER

The Mack CH600 18-wheeler was specially decorated for the Millennium. What a beautiful finale - Matchbox was struggling and had moved its business abroad, linked up with Dinky and became Matchbox Collectibles, and I think this truck came from its swan song era.

CORGI CC19801 MOFFETT K001 M₅ FORKLIFT

Guess what my next model choice is? Yes, a Moffett Mounty K001 forklift! When I wasn't pulling levers on an Atlas crane, I was operating a Moffat - a fantastic machine in real life, so, like a Jack Russell terrier, as an all terrain vehicle it will not be beaten and a beautiful model to add to the Hauliers of Renown range.

SOLIDO 'A CENTURY OF CARS' AEL5947 - RENAULT DAUPHINE

Another complete change. Superkings were almost impossible to buy retail, so trips to Shepton Mallet and Westpoint Exeter toy fairs, run by Bulldog Fairs being my option, I added my cars to the list. The first one was a Renault Dauphine. Not an easy model to find and not a very popular car on the road in the early 1960s.



Corgi CC19801 Moffett K001 M5 Forklift.

Solido 'A Century Of Cars' AEL5947 - Renault Dauphine.

WHAT ARE YOUR TOP **FIVE DESERT ISLAND DIECASTS?**

Fancy having some fun and sharing your choices? Just email the editor photos of your five choices, together with about 125-150 words on each, including your reasons for choosing, to rick.wilson@ warnersgroup.co.uk.

As a devotee of the Radio 4 programme that inspired these pages, Desert Island Discs, I would like to add one comment about something missing from the radio programme format. The question is, "which model from the five would be the one I would save at the risk of losing the others?" The answer is simple, the RDL MAN TGA XL - a beautifully detailed truck model, with good sentimental value. DC



Superfast 1969-1982

Rick Wilson charts the evolution of the Matchbox Superfast range during the Lesney years, from 1969 to 1982.



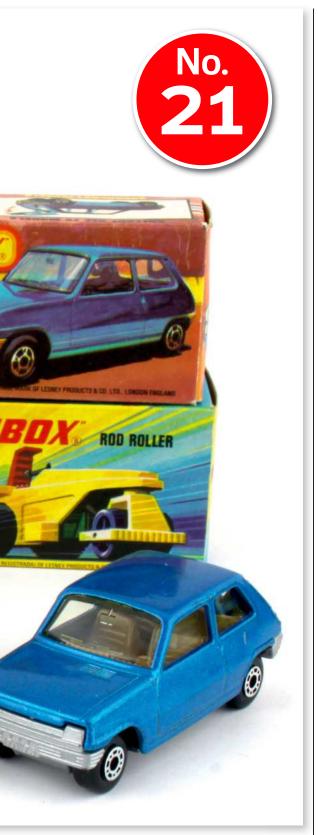
umber 21 was a late-starter in terms of Superfast, as it took until the 1971 catalogue for the incumbent Regular Wheels casting to get its new boots, probably because, as a truck, it still sold well and wasn't really suited to the racing track sets anyway. It was followed by a fantasy hot rod road roller and the Lesney years were seen out by a very popular little French car, which carried on for many years with the new owners.

▲ Foden Concrete Truck, Rod Roller and Renault 5TL – with their relevant initial release boxes to the rear.

FODEN CONCRETE TRUCK

Catalogue: 1971-72 Box Styles: G

Foden Concrete Truck had been a popular Regular Wheels release and took a while to receive its Superfast conversion, not appearing in this form until the 1971 catalogue. It maintained its Regular Wheels colour scheme of a golden yellow cab and drum on a red chassis, appearing in this guise as part of the G-4 Truck Superset gift set at the same time.



ROD ROLLER Catalogue: 1973-78 Box Styles: I

Rod Roller was the first of a series of modified, futuristic construction vehicles. Modelled as an open road roller, of a streamlined, space-age design, with a red chopper-bike style seat for the driver to sit in, the body and front wheel casing were painted yellow, and there was usually a 'flaming star' decal along the nose

- this was the same label used on No 40 Guildsman -

THE REMAINS

▲ At the back, the original Regular Wheels version of Foden Concrete Truck, plain silver Renault 5TL and a sticker-free Rod Roller. Front row: Renault 5TL in four later guises.



▲ Foden Concrete Truck also appeared as one of eight vehicles in the awesome G-4 Truck Superset.



▲ The opening rear hatch on Renault 5TL was a little overengineered to prevent damage.

although this could obviously be occasionally left off when supplies had temporarily run out at the factory.

The large rear wheels, which were unique to this model, initially had a metallic red foil applied to them (as per the artwork on the box), although later versions were just left plain black as shown here. The plastic base was usually green, but some examples can be found with a black version. Rod Roller's special feature was its working steering and the front wheel could be turned using the aircraft-style control wheel. It had a good run in the range, lasting for six editions of the catalogue, with the only really noticeable change being to the rear wheels or base colour.

RENAULT 5TL Catalogue: 1979-82 Box Styles: L

Renault introduced its funky 5TL in 1972, but it took until 1979 to appear in the 1-75 range. It was initially produced in metallic mid-blue with a tan interior and silver grey base, and it featured an opening rear hatch that was in a closely-matching shade of coloured-plastic. This was, understandably, over-engineered as these would clearly be seeing some 'action'. I wonder what sort of loads these got to carry in the boot? I used to co-own a courier company in London, back in the 1980s, and had a '5' as my company car - I certainly carried some interesting stuff in mine!

In 1980, the colour scheme was changed to yellow with a black base, wearing black GT stripes and "Le Car" tampo printed on the sides. This was then changed to silver with the graphics in red, and this version had a red interior. Other silver versions appeared around the same time, either without the red graphics at all or with an alternative version that incorporated an "A5" motif. For 1982, it was given a new look in white with black and green racing decals.

The casting continued for several years, post-Lesney, and 1984 brought another brightly-coloured version that featured bold red and yellow striping. It's final guise was as part of the Twinpacks range for 1987, with a motorcycle trailer, as No TP-106. The Renault 5 for this release was white with orange and black graphics, bearing the legend "SCRAMBLER" along both sides of the body.

"I expect you to diecast, Mr Bond!"

Never lost for things to talk about, Rick Wilson shares another selection from his collection.

here has been a lot of chatter in recent years about the mainstream Corgi re-imaginings of the iconic No 261. Released in October 1965, the original James Bond Aston Martin was second only to the No 267 Batmobile as the all-time best-seller for Corgi Toys, and was also described by TV personality, James May, as "the most significant car ever" in his Sunday Times column, in January 2015.

The series of releases by Corgi over the last few years, commemorating the 50th anniversaries of the Goldfinger (CC04203) and Thunderball (CC04206) films, then more recently repackaged as RT26101 with an excellent recreation of the original No 261 box, have been well-received, but the inaccuracy of the front grille has definitely been a cause for concern amongst purists. I do include myself in

Having been a member of the new Corgi Model

Club from the beginning, I was so excited to hear of the club's intention to retool the original No 261 as closely as possible. It finally arrived just after we went to press with the March issue, so I just had to pop it into these pages for this month. And what better way to take a more detailed look at it than sit it alongside the example of an original. Please excuse the slightly playworn look of this one, but my pocket money doesn't stretch to minters these days - however, it certainly provides an interesting comparison to the club's superb new release.

Very importantly, the gadgets all work very nicely indeed, and, most importantly, the baddie ejects in fine fashion. The model is an almost faithful recreation to that most famous of toys, and certainly serves to fill a gap in collections where an original is absent.

The scale is pretty much identical and the proportions/dimensions are almost spot on too. Close up viewing with the two alongside each other will, inevitably, show up some very subtle differences, such as the profile of the bumpers and the shutlines to the top front of the doors (best viewed in the top-down 'plan' view on the opposite page).

Eagle-eyed collectors have noticed that there are a couple of not-so-subtle differences that are fairly easy to spot. Firstly, the paintwork has a slightly





▲ Even the Top Secret instruction and lapel sticker have been faithfully reproduced.

◆Corgi Model Club's newly-retooled version with an original No 261 behind.



▲ Three different grille treatments – left to right: 2021 Corgi RT26101, original 1965 No 261 and 2022 Corgi Model Club version.

different finish to it. It's a convoluted story as to how this came about, but a second production run will feature a paint job with a more obvious metallic fleck to it, bringing it closer to the 1965 model. Apart from miniscule dimensional differences, the only other really noticeable difference is the lack of scallops either side of the bonnet to the top of the grille. It is still a big improvement on the angular appearance of the recent Corgi releases though.

This newest incarnation comes packaged in an exquisite recreation of the original box, complete with pull-out inner plinth. Tucked inside the base of the plinth are the Top Secret instructions, lapel sticker and a spare baddie – just like the original! What a fabulous piece of work this is. It is the result of many, many months of work by the dedicated, enthusiastic team at the Corgi Model Club – they are to be applauded for such a labour of love. I adore it!

You don't even need to be a member of the Corgi Model Club to get one of these either. The first run of 5,000 was allocated exclusively to subscribed collectors, but another batch is in production right now and will be available for later subscribers, but also for non-members. Expected to arrive in the UK in June this year, standalone models can be pre-ordered right now for just £29.99 plus postage.

But why not become a member? The subscriber's price comes down to just £19.99 plus postage when you do, and the models already released ahead of the DB5 are just as wonderful to have and to hold - a proper trip down Memory Lane, so why not treat yourself?

For more information, visit the club's website at **www.corgimodelclub.com**. **DC**

Corgi's own slightly-oversized recent RT26101 release alongside the new Corgi Model Club masterpiece.





lacktriangle This view from above shows that the dimensions of the 2022 (top) and 1965 (bottom) releases are almost identical.





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1980 Chevrolet Corvette America sedan



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1934-41 Adler Trumpf Junior 4-door sedan



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1934-41 Adler Trumpf Junior cabrio-limousine (open)



1939 Delage D6-70 Roadster by Letourneur & Marchand



1939 Delage D6-70 Roadster by Letourneur & Marchand



1977 Lincoln Continental Mark V Coloma pickup



1977 Lincoln Continental Mark V Coloma pickup



AUCTIONNEWS

RARITIES APLENTY IN THE IPSWICH GOODS JUNCTION SALE AT VECTIS



THE Ipswich Goods Junction collection sale, at Vectis Auctions, continued with part 3 on the 19th January. Over 460 lots of high quality boxed and unboxed models, including pre and post-war Dinky cars, buses, trucks, commercial vehicles, military, tractors and accessories, plus rare promotional issues. There was also a large collection of French Dinky models. Further items in the sale included Matchbox Regular Wheels gift sets, accessory packs and service stations, Major Packs, King Size, Speed Kings, Super Kings, Superfast, Yesteryear and catalogues. The sale also included Tri-ang Spot-on, Solido, Tri-ang and Tri-ang Minic battery operated cars, plus more recent Atlas Editions Tin Tin character vehicles, AUTOart, Minichamps and Franklin Mint models, plus FROG, Airfix and other kits, factory drawings and correspondence.

There was certainly plenty of interest from bidders online and several items reached values way beyond their respective estimates. Here is just a small sample of the highlights.

• Lot 2017 Dinky Toys No 455 Trojan Van "Brooke Bond Tea" promotional issue

Cherry Red body with "Since 1924 more than 5700 Trojan Little Red Vans supplied. Replaced on a long-life basis." roof label (roof labels were applied by Trojan Vehicles and given away through Trojan dealers), red ridged hubs. Very rare promotional model. Excellent, unboxed.

Estimate: £1,000 - £1,300 Sold For: £3,400

 Lot 2022 Dinky Toys No 35a Original Retailers Trade Box of 6x small scale Austin 7 Saloon Car Including 1x mid-blue body, 1x dark blue body, 1x violet-blue body, 1x light grey body, 1x khaki-grey body, and 1x mid-green body. Fair to excellent, in good plain buff trade box with yellow end label. Estimate: £80 - £100 Sold For: £400

• Lot 2032 Dinky Toys No 135 Triumph 2000 Saloon

Rare promotional issue distributed through standard Triumph Dealerships - cherry red body with off-white roof, red interior with cream steering wheel, light grey base, spun hubs, 1x original brown luggage case. Near mint in excellent yellow & red box.

Estimate: £800 - £1,000 Sold For:

• Lot 2103 Mini Dinky 12-Car Collector Case

Comprising No 10 Ford Corsair, No 11
Jaguar E-type, No 12 Chevrolet Corvette
Stingray, No 13 Ferrari 250LM, No 14
Chevrolet Chevy II, No 16 Ford Mustang,
No 18 Mercedes 230SL, No 19 MGB
Roadster, No 20 Cadillac Coupe De Ville,
No 21 Fiat 2300 Station Wagon, No 22
Oldsmobile Toronado, and No 61 Lotus
Formula 1 Racing Car. Good plus to near
mint in excellent to mint plastic garage
boxes in fair to good storage box.

Estimate: £260 - £300 Sold For: £680

• Lot 2143 French Dinky No 1405D Opel Rekord Coupe 1900

Metallic silver-blue body, red interior, black plastic base. Near mint in good plus box.

Estimate: £60 - £80 Sold For: £260

Lot 2309 Matchbox Super Kings K21
 Ford Transcontinental Road Train Covered
 Dropside Truck & Twin Drawbar Trailers
 "3-in-One Britains No.1 Oil" promotional
 issue

Yellow & white cab, white plastic cab roof with blue roof-lights, light amber windows, black interior, yellow dropside body with white vinyl plastic canopies, chrome 5-spoke wheels, matching trailers with gloss black steerable front bogies & blue-grey drawbars. One of the hardest to find promotional models from this period. Excellent plus to near mint in good plus original chrome promotional card box.

Estimate: £400 - £600 Sold For: £1,400

Lot 2315 Matchbox Superfast G1 BP Service Station Gift Set

Featuring No 13a Dodge BP Wreck Truck with Esso labels, No 15a Volkswagen Beetle Rally Car, and No 32a Leyland BP Tanker with "Burmah" labels. Set also includes Matchbox BP Service Station & printed card forecourt. Near mint to mint in near mint factory shrinkwrap type G box.

Estimate: £400 - £600 Sold For: £1,300

Lot 2354 Matchbox Models of Yesteryear Y4 1930 Duesenberg Model J Town Car pre-production colour trial

Dark lime green body with cast open roof cross, black roof & interior, chrome front & rear bumpers without model number cast, cast open front air horns, light lime green chassis with model number & copyright date cast, chrome 24-spoke wheels. Excellent plus in excellent plus to near mint 'woodgrain' window box.

Estimate: £500 - £600 Sold For: £750 ■



THUNDERBIRDS HAVE GONE! SIMON ARCHER COLLECTION FAR EXCEEDS **ESTIMATES AT EXCALIBUR AUCTIONS**

EXCALIBUR Auctions produced some spectacular results yet again at its January Toys & Model Railways auction. The highlight of the sale was the first part of the Simon Archer collection of Gerry Anderson memorabilia.

Simon Archer was Gerry Anderson's official biographer and, as a journalist, was heavily involved in the Gerry Anderson scene of the early 1990s. On offer was a vast selection of Simon's Gerry Anderson-related diecast and vintage toys.

A Dinky Toys No 101 "Thunderbirds 2 & 4" in original picture box (Lot 210) made a stellar £600, whilst a very complete and tidy Dinky Toys No 100 "Lady Penelope's FAB1" (Lot 204) also impressed with a hammer price of £420. Other Dinky Toys diecasts from Gerry Anderson's impressive array of TV series included both versions of the Space: 1999 Eagle (No 359 Transporter and No 360 Freighter), a SHADO Mobile (No 353) and Straker's Car (No 352) from UFO, and No 102 Joe's Car from Joe 90.

Further items in the sale, achieving higher than estimated prices, included a selection of complete Dinky trade boxes including No 62D Blenheim Bombers in a green export trade box (Lot 189, £420), No 43B RAC Motor Cycle Patrols (Lot 155, £350) and 39E Chrysler Royal Sedans (Lot 160, also £350).

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DATE: 9th February 2022

TITLE: Mercury Speedy Fiat 238 School Bus

SOLD FOR: £227.00

BIDS: 26

A very rare diecast model of the classic Fiat 238 as a school bus ("scuolabus"), by Mercury. Released under its Speedy banner, the bus is a well-modelled, one-piece casting painted in the traditional yellow for an Italian school bus. Flanked to the rear on either side with "SCUOLA ELEMENTARE" MAFFEI" paper labels (no signs of scuffing to the edges) in excellent condition, as is the model with immaculate paintwork throughout. Box is complete and in good condition.



DATE: 6th February 2022

TITLE: Corgi Toys No 292 Starsky & Hutch

Ford Torino

SOLD FOR: £300.00

The car is mint lovely glossy red paintwork, complete with the famous white stripe, excellent chrome front and back bumpers with nice clear unmarked windows. Set is complete with all three original figures - Starsky crouched pointing gun, Hutch standing with gun and baddie in 'hands on roof' stance. All in excellent condition, still firmly attached to stands. Grey base is unmarked and the box is excellent, with strong bright colours on the header card.



DATE: 7th February 2022

TITLE: Matchbox 1-75 No 9 Ford RS2000

in blue, green and white **SOLD FOR:** £144.00

BIDS: 16

Three versions of the Ford Escort RS2000 in original 'J' type boxes in excellent complete condition. Three different variations of the model, all near mint - 1) gloss blue with #9 'Phantom' labels, slightly cloudy windows with light tan interior and charcoal base, 2) metallic green with 'Seagull' labels, clear windows with tan interior and gloss black base, 3) gloss white with #9 Dunlop/Shell/ Ford labels, clear windows with light tan interior and gloss black base.





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▲Dinky Toys No 290 Double Decker Bus (Type 3) - "Dunlop The Worlds Master Tyre" cream and red, including ridged hubs with smooth tyres. Near mint in excellent plus yellow and red carded picture box with correct colour spot. Sold for £170, Vectis, January.



▲Dinky Toys No 300 Massey Harris Tractor red body, rare green hubs, black metal tow hook, steering wheel and chimney stacks, with correct plastic driver figure. Excellent plus in excellent plus yellow and red carded picture box. Sold for £1100, Vectis, January.



▲Dinky Toys No 413 Austin Covered Wagon red cab, chassis and back, light grey metal tilt and ridged hubs with black treaded tyres, metal tow hook. Excellent in good yellow and red carded picture box with correct colour spot. Sold for £200, Vectis, January.



▲Dinky Toys No 434 Bedford TK Crash Truck "Top Rank" Motorway Service white cab, back and jib, red interior and reel, black tow hook and plastic hubs with grey treaded tyres, silver trim. Excellent in good plus to excellent yellow and red lift-off-lid box, with detailed picture. Sold for £320, Vectis, January.



▲Dinky Toys No 955 Fire Engine with Extending Ladder red, including plastic hubs, with grey treaded tyres, silver trim to rear and ladders only, metal tow hook. Excellent plus in good plus to excellent correct late issue yellow and red carded box, with detailed picture. Sold for £540, Vectis, January.



▲Dinky Toys No 108 "Joe 90" Sam's Car powder blue, yellow interior, red engine cover and front trim, cast hubs. Excellent plus on excellent inner pictorial stand, with correct lapel badge and instruction leaflet, in excellent outer carded picture box. Sold for £260, Vectis, January.



▲Dinky Toys No 280 (29f) Observation Coach cream body, red flashes and ridged hubs with smooth tyres, silver trim. Near mint, unboxed. Sold for £130, Vectis, January.



▲Corgi Toys No 153a Proteus Campbell Bluebird Record Car blue body, red rear vents, black solid wheels, white driver figure, with rare 2x Union flags to front. Near mint in excellent blue and yellow carded picture box, with collectors club folded leaflet. Sold for £180, Vectis, January.



▲Corgi Toys No 240 Ghia-Fiat 600 Jolly rare metallic blue body, red interior, chrome trim to sides, silver and red plastic canopy, spun hubs, 2x figures. Excellent in mint blue and yellow carded picture box, with collectors club folded leaflet. Sold for £500, Vectis, January.



▲Corgi Toys No 251 Hillman Imp Saloon metallic bronze, white side flashes, silver trim, pale cream interior and steering wheel, spun hubs. Excellent plus in near mint blue and yellow carded picture box, with correct instruction and collectors club folded leaflets. Sold for £220, Vectis, January.



▲Corgi Toys No 310 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray metallic bronze, yellow interior, chrome trim, wire wheels. Excellent plus in near mint blue and yellow carded picture box, with collectors club folded leaflet. Sold for £340, Vectis, January.



▲Corgi Toys No 325 Ford Mustang Fastback "Competition Model" Reeves International USA issue, with white body, red roof, bonnet and boot stripes, pale blue interior, chrome front and rear bumpers, cast detailed hubs. Excellent in excellent blue and yellow carded picture box, with collectors folded leaflet and racing number 4 unapplied label sheet. Sold for £220, Vectis, January.



▲ Corgi Toys No 510 Citroën DS Conversion "Tour De France" Team Managers Car red, yellow interior, grey base and plastic aerial, Whizzwheels, with "Paramount" to sides. Near mint on near mint inner carded tray, in excellent outer blue and yellow window box, with correct "Whizzwheels" flash and collectors club folded leaflet. Sold for £130, Vectis, January.



▲Dinky Toys No 455 Trojan Van "Brooke Bond Tea" promotional issue cherry red body with "Since 1924 more than 5700 Trojan Little Red Vans supplied. Replaced on a long-life basis." roof label (roof labels were applied by Trojan Vehicles and given away through Trojan dealers), red ridged hubs. Very rare promotional model. Excellent, unboxed. Sold for £3400, Vectis, January.



▲ Dinky Toys No 35a Original Retailers Trade Box of 6x small scale Austin 7 Saloon Car 1x mid-blue body, 1x dark blue body, 1x violet-blue body, 1x light grey body, 1x khaki-grey body, and 1x mid-green body. Fair to excellent, in good plain buff trade box with yellow end label. Sold for £400, Vectis. January.



▲Dinky Toys No 135 Triumph 2000 Saloon rare promotional issue distributed through standard Triumph Dealerships - cherry red body with off-white roof, red interior with cream steering wheel, light grey base, spun hubs, 1x original brown luggage case. Near mint in excellent yellow & red box. Sold for £2100, Vectis, January.



AMini Dinky 12-Car Collector
Case comprising No 10 Ford
Corsair, No 11 Jaguar E-type, No
12 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray, No
13 Ferrari 250LM, No 14 Chevrolet
Chevy II, No 16 Ford Mustang,
No 18 Mercedes 230SL, No 19
MGB Roadster, No 20 Cadillac
Coupe De Ville, No 21 Fiat 2300
Station Wagon, No 22 Oldsmobile
Toronado, and No 61 Lotus
Formula 1 Racing Car. Good plus
in excellent plastic garage boxes
in fair to good storage box. Sold
for £680, Vectis, January.



▲French Dinky No 1405D Opel Rekord Coupe 1900 metallic silver-blue body, red interior, black plastic base. Near mint in good plus box. Sold for £260, Vectis, January.



▲Matchbox Super Kings K21 Ford Transcontinental Road Train Covered Dropside Truck & Twin Drawbar Trailers "3-in-One Britains No.1 Oil" promotional issue yellow & white cab, white plastic cab roof with blue rooflights, light amber windows, black interior, yellow dropside body with white vinyl plastic canopies, chrome 5-spoke wheels, matching trailers with gloss black steerable front bogies & blue-grey drawbars. Hard to find promotional models from this period. Excellent plus in good plus original chrome promotional card box. Sold for £1400, Vectis, January.



▲ Matchbox Superfast G1 BP Service Station Gift Set No 13a Dodge BP Wreck Truck with Esso labels, No 15a Volkswagen Beetle Rally Car, and No 32a Leyland BP Tanker with "Burmah" labels. Set also includes Matchbox BP Service Station & printed card forecourt. Near mint in near mint factory shrink-wrap type G box. Sold for £1300, Vectis, January.



AMatchbox Models of Yesteryear Y4 1930 Duesenberg Model J Town Car pre-production colour trial dark lime green body with cast open roof cross, black roof & interior, chrome front & rear bumpers without model number cast, cast open front air horns, light lime green chassis with model number & copyright date cast, chrome 24-spoke wheels. Excellent plus in excellent plus to near mint 'woodgrain' window box. Sold for £750, Vectis, January.



▲Dinky Toys No 103 "Captain Scarlet" Spectrum Patrol
Car metallic red, white base and plastic aerial, blue tinted windows, silver trim, cast hubs, "Captain Scarlet" decals to doors. Good to good plus in good carded picture box with correct inner packing piece. Sold for £90, Vectis, January.



▲Corgi Major Gift Set 4
'Bloodhound' Guided Missile/
Ramp/Trolley and Land Rover
all items in standard colours,
missile has usual perishing to
rubber nose. Good to very good in
fair to good box. Sold for £120,
Excalibur Auctions, January.



▲Dinky Toys No 697 25-Pounder Field Gun Set 3-piece set, all painted in military green. Good to very good in good to very good yellow picture box. Sold for £48, Excalibur Auctions, January.



▲Dinky Toys No 925 Leyland Dump Truck with tilt cab white cab and chassis, with blue hubs and orange truck body. Good to very good in good box. Sold for £100, Excalibur Auctions, January.



▲ Dinky Toys No 934 Leyland Octopus wagon yellow cab and chassis with green detailing to cab area, red hubs and green truck body. Good in good box. Sold for £65, Excalibur Auctions, January.



▲Dinky Toys No 903 Foden Flat Truck with Tailboard 2nd style cab in blue, blue chassis, mid-blue hubs, orange back, black tyres. Good in good box. Sold for £70, Excalibur Auctions, January.



▲ Dinky Toys No 960 Lorry Mounted Concrete Mixer Orange, with grey/blue barrel. Good to very good in good blue/white striped Supertoys box. Sold for £75, Excalibur Auctions, January.



▲Dinky Toys No 582 Pullmore Car Transporter light blue with fawn decks, early six rivet version. Good in fair to good box. Sold for £80, Excalibur Auctions, January.

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▲Dinky Toys No 502 Foden Flat Truck 1st style cab in green/black, with green chassis and hubs. Good in fair to good box. Sold for £110, Excalibur Auctions, January.



▲Dinky Toys No 43B R.A.C. Motor Cycle Patrol trade box complete with six examples of the model. Good in fair to good trade box. Sold for £350, Excalibur Auctions, January.



▲Dinky Toys No 39E Chrysler 'Royal' Sedan trade box complete with six examples of the model - 4 in grey, 2 in blue. Good in fair to good trade box. Sold for £350, **Excalibur Auctions, January.**



▲Dinky Toys No Toys pre-war 62D 'Bristol' Blenheim Bomber -Mark IV (camouflaged) trade box complete with 6 models, original green export box with inner card. Fair to good in fair to good box. Sold for £420, Excalibur Auctions, January,



▲Dinky Toys No 360 Gerry Anderson's 'Space 1999' Eagle Freighter in blue, complete with barrels, sticker sheet and on an original style moon surface inner polystyrene packing piece. Very good in good box. Sold for £220, **Excalibur Auctions, January.**



▲Dinky Toys No 352 Gerry Anderson's 'UFO' Ed Straker's Car yellow, complete with instructions sheet in picture box. Very good in good box. Sold for £160, Excalibur Auctions, January.



▲Dinky Toys No 353 Gerry Anderson's 'UFO' Shado 2 Mobile green, complete with missile in bubble style pack. Very good in good box. Sold for £280, Excalibur Auctions, January.



▲Dinky Toys No 359 Gerry Anderson's 'Space 1999' Eagle Transporter green with white spine and pod - 1st type with metalled engine bells and red tanks. Very good in good box. Sold for £190, Excalibur Auctions. January.



▲Dinky Toys No 102 Gerry Anderson's 'Joe 90' Joe's Car metallic green/blue, complete with instructions and the original inner polystyrene packing piece. Very good on very good inner pictorial stand in good outer box. Sold for £300, Excalibur Auctions, January.



▲Dinky Toys No 104 Gerry Anderson's 'Captain Scarlet' **Spectrum Pursuit Vehicle** metallic blue, complete with missile and figure, all functions working. Good to very good on good inner pictorial stand in good outer box. Sold for £250, **Excalibur Auctions, January.**



▲Dinky Toys No 100 Gerry Anderson's 'Thunderbirds' Lady Penelope's FAB1 pink, complete with figures, front and rear missiles, flying lady emblem and numberplates still present. Very good on good to very good inner pictorial stand in good outer box. Sold for £420, Excalibur Auctions, January.



▲Dinky Toys No 101 Gerry Anderson's 'Thunderbirds' Thunderbirds 2 & 4 gloss green with yellow legs, with Thunderbird 4 in yellow. Very good in good to very good box. Sold for £600. Excalibur Auctions, January.



▲Corgi Toys No Gift Set 3 Batmobile and Batboat black gloss body, black wheels with chrome disc hubs, blue tinted windscreens, grey plastic aerial, original Batman & Robin figures, cast gold towing hook, plastic missiles, and 2nd issue Batboat. Mint in very good window display box with header card. Sold for £280, C & T Auctioneers, January.



▲Corgi Toys 'The Avengers' Gift Set 40 red/black Bentley, replacement John Steed figure and white Lotus Elan S2, with copy Emma Peel figure, with three replacement umbrellas. Very good to excellent in fair to good outer box, good inner display box, with white card inner packing. Sold for £140, C & T Auctioneers, January.



▲Corgi Toys 'The Avengers' Gift Set 40 scarce Steed's Bentley in green with red wire wheels, and Emma Peel's white Lotus Elan S2, cast wheel hubs, with original John Steed and Emma Peel figures, with three umbrellas. Near mint to mint, inner white card packing, excellent inner and outer boxes. Sold for £660, C & T Auctioneers, January.



▲Corgi Toys No 258 The "Saint's" Volvo P.1800 white body, red interior, spun wheel hubs, blue bonnet label. Near mint in excellent yellow and blue illustrated box, complete with Corgi Collectors Club leaflet. Sold for £400, C & T Auctioneers, January.



▲Corgi Toys No 268 The Green Hornet 'Black Beauty' Crime Fighting Car gloss black body, spun wheel hubs, with sealed instructions, complete with rockets and spinners. Near mint with inner white card packing. excellent display inner-stand and outer box, Corgi club leaflet. Sold for £440, C & T Auctioneers, January.



▲Corgi Toys No 277 'The Monkees' Monkeemobile red body, white roof, cast wheels, with figures of Mike, Mikey, Davey & Pete. Near mint in excellent window box, plus a Corgi club leaflet. Sold for £140, C & T Auctioneers, January.



▲ Corgi Toys No 292 Starsky & Hutch Ford Torino red/white, 4-spoked wheels, 3 figures. Mint in good window display box. Sold for £90, C & T Auctioneers, January.



▲ Corgi Toys No 497 The Man From U.N.C.L.E. Gun Firing "Thrush Buster" Oldsmobile white body, metal spot lights, cast wheels, replacement 'Waverly' ring. Excellent, with inner packing ring, excellent inner card display stand and good outer box. Sold for £320, C & T Auctioneers, January.



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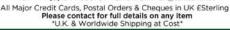








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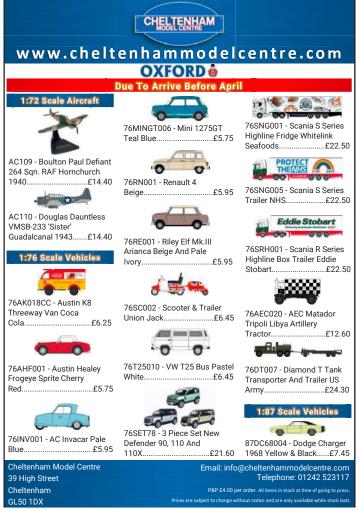
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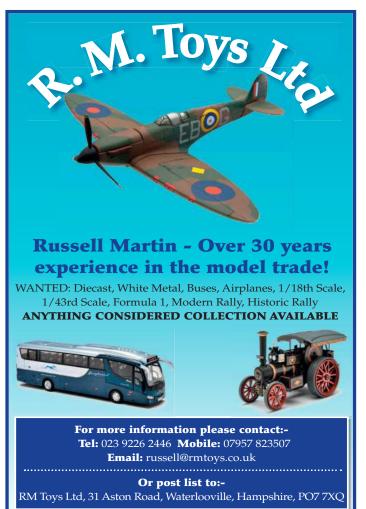
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A British Citroën

Andrew Ralston samples some rare homemade beauty, with French origins.

hardtop coupé pictured here is essentially a Citroën 2CV - a car that has been variously nicknamed 'the ugly ducking' or 'an umbrella with four wheels'. And it was made in Britain. Between 1926 and 1966, Citroën had a UK factory in Slough which assembled cars in right-hand-drive form, often with certain modifications to suit the tastes of the British market. The 2CV that had helped to bring motoring within reach of ordinary people in France was assembled at Slough from 1953 onwards but, in spite of being ultra-economical, the car's utilitarian looks did not endear it to British buyers. The target market of suburban housewives looking for a second car did not take kindly to such an unusual machine and preferred more conventional and cheaper - British small cars.

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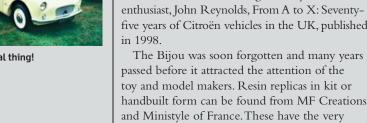
Sales of the 2CV in the UK were minimal and so, in 1958, the Slough management took the decision to dress up the car in more stylish bodywork. The cost of producing steel body pressings being prohibitive, Citroën turned to designer Peter Kirwan-Taylor to style a two-door hardtop with a fibreglass body. Incorporating styling cues from the futuristic DS – in addition to reusing various interior fittings such as

▲ Accurate and well-detailed, the Ixo model of the Citroën Bijou offers excellent value.



▲ The real thing!

▼ The sales brochure envisaged the Bijou appealing to housewives as a second family runabout.

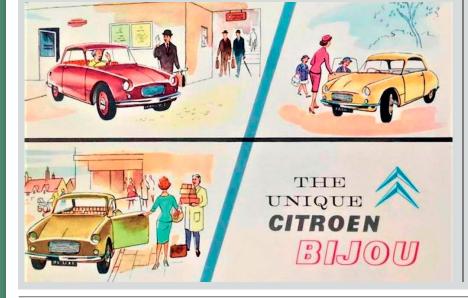


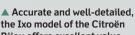
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handbuilt form can be found from MF Creations and Ministyle of France. These have the very small central front grille as fitted to the prototype car shown at the 1959 London motor show. In 2014 a further resin model appeared from Matrix, with the wider grille of the production model, initially in blue and, the following year, in light green. A similar model is also available from another recent collectors' brand BoS (Best of Show), with some minor detail differences, notably in the wheel styles.

The most economical option, however, is a diecast is a pleasant shade of pale green in the Diecast-Club.com 2CV of the World range, the box of which also carries the name of Ixo, the maker that is behind so many current collectors' diecasts. This captures the shape of the car well and all the details, such as the badging and wheel designs, are authentic – and that all-important single-spoke steering wheel has not been forgotten either.

After decades of neglect, the Bijou is back, at least in model form. And, surprisingly in view of the limited production of the real one, survivors do turn up regularly at classic car shows and Citroën gatherings. The one pictured was part of a remarkable line-up at the World Meeting of Friends of the Citroën 2CV, held at Floors Castle in Kelso, in the Scottish Borders, back in July 2005. DC





the one-spoke steering wheel - the new small car, christened Bijou ('jewel') certainly looked the part. But the body was difficult to mould and assemble and, once again, it proved impossible to sell the car at a competitive price. Just over 200 were made until production stopped in 1964. The whole story can be found in a fascinating book by Citroën enthusiast, John Reynolds, From A to X: Seventyfive years of Citroën vehicles in the UK, published

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THE TROUBLE WITH TWO-DOOR TAXIS

I was reading through the Fiat 130 Coupe article by Kevin Brock in the March issue with interest, as I have some Guisval models in my collection. I also have seemed to have amassed over the years quite a selection of model taxis. What struck me in this article was the photo on page 38 of the Coleccion Escorpion taxi. What possessed a model producer to market a two door taxi which is totally impractical for this type of vehicle? Maybe there are such things, but I have never come across this before and I don't have any in my varied collection. It would interest me if other readers have come across a two door taxi in real life or in the model world. Reading the text it would seem that Guisval not only used this in its Fiat 130 range as No 125 (as per the photo), but also repeated it as a taxi in white numbered No 130, as stated "with TAXI graphics on the doors".

Will Roe, CDMC, Coventry

Very good point, sir! I hadn't thought of that angle. And yes, it would make for a most impractical vehicle, although I find the single rear side-door arrangement on 7-seater minibus taxis most awkward at times – it's the closest we'll probably get to experiencing the shenanigans of a two-door saloon taxi.

BIG SCALE COUPE

THANKS to Kevin Brock for his article on the Fiat 130 Coupe - he's absolutely right. This is a magnificent car and I've never understood why it has not been modelled more widely. However, I can report that LaudoRacing will shortly be putting its new 1/18 scale 130 Coupe on presale. LaudoRacing is a brand that gets very little coverage in the UK - its models are mainly Italian cars from the 1960s to the 2000s and are resin models of the highest quality, backed up by exceptional customer service.

Dan Adler, London N20

Indeed! I have had first-hand experience of the truly excellent service and quality models that LaudoRacing offer only recently, with my purchase of a sublime Fiat 238 for a recent article in the January 2022 issue. Top notch quality and service all round.





CAMPER CONVERSION CODE 3?

FURTHER to my letter in the March issue (VW Camper Query, page 82), I have delved into our photo archive and attached are images of the VW Camper, which I hope will be useful, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Martin Jones, email

That's brilliant, thanks Martin. And what a lovely vehicle! With that roof, the closest I can find is actually the old Matchbox Superfast No 23. It only came in either blue or orange, but does have the roof opening in the correct direction. It would need a repaint to be closer to the original, obviously, but that might be a good starting point anyway. I can't find any models at a larger scale with that style roof. What might work, though, is a Code 3 conversion of a 1/43 scale model. I remembered a 1/43 scale partwork Bedford CA model that might be a suitable donor for a roof (see image), so I've ordered one and will have a go at adapting one of the Corgi models in due course, if the roof proves to be useful. It will be a while yet, as I have a stack of projects to get through first, but will keep you posted on progress. Interestingly, it looks like your old camper might still be around. Checking the DVLA vehicle enquiry database for ETC 481J, it is currently registered as blue and the tax was last due in August 2020. No MOT at the moment though. I've trawled a few VW enthusiast websites, although I haven't come up with anything conclusive yet, but the DVLA info gives me hope.

PEUGEOT 404 EN ROUTE

ENJOYING the article by David Lynn in the March issue on the Peugeot 404, and I thought you might like to see my estate version from the



"La Route Bleue" partwork series, in 1/43 scale - all to do with this French autoroute, the RN7. Great models.

Roger Broughton, email

That's a beauty, Roger! I'm a big fan of that series and have many examples, although not this one. I'm also a big fan of Peugeot estates (I'm still running around in a 407 SW), so that makes this one even more appealing. Many thanks for sending the photo in.





ALL AT SEA FOR THE NEW QE

AS a collector and occasional model maker of 1/1200 and 1/1250 model ships, I read the review of the new Corgi HMS Queen Elizabeth in the March issue with interest. I found it more interesting for what it left unsaid than what was actually contained in the review. I shall explain. I bought one of these models as soon as my local Antics (Plymouth) had it in stock. In broad terms it is an extremely accurate, well finished and nicely presented model. It is clearly aimed at the 'collector market' rather than the 'toy market' and states this on the card outer sleeve. However, Corgi appears to have not understood the collector market in 1/1250 scale model warships. There is a significant and thriving collector base for 1/1250 waterline model ships. There is almost no interest amongst collectors of waterline models for full hull models that cannot be displayed alongside the rest of their waterline collections. When this model was first announced I know several well-known collectors of long standing contacted Corgi and almost 'begged' them to make it waterline with a detachable, plastic lower hull. A concept adopted decades ago by French Dinky Toys when it issued its very nice 1/1200 model of the SS France. A model configured in this manner would attract customers from both the waterline collector community and those who like a full hull model on their mantlepiece. It would also have made the tooling cheaper for Corgi as well as material costs as plastic is far cheaper than mazac – which would have reduced the selling price. Another benefit would have been in the longer term for Corgi just to produce the waterline option as this is where the bulk of sales would have been. At the moment there are only two other waterline versions of the QE available to collectors - one German (white metal) and one resin, made in England. Both of these models are more expensive than the Corgi. In my view neither of these is as accurate or well finished as the Corgi QE. A waterline Corgi QE would have dominated this market. Apart from this major 'miscalculation' by Corgi (I say that in the knowledge that I don't have to make the decisions on the expenditure of thousands of pounds to get a model to market!) there are also a few issues with the model that the review didn't really deal with. The model is aimed at adult collectors. Adult collectors do not want to see poorly moulded aircraft (they are poor!) 'welded' to the deck of a carrier. This is what a toy should feature. Nor do they want to see Chinook helicopters on the flight deck. The QE does not embark Chinooks but can land and handle them. The helicopters should have been Merlins. (I note from your editorial pages that the upcoming HMS Price of Wales does feature more appropriate helicopters.) The air wing should have been supplied separately for the collector to use or not. My final comments concern the 'display options'. The review says that the model has a flat bottom to 'facilitate stand alone display'. Sorry, but this is plain silly. The QE actually has a flat bottom and the model reproduces that faithfully. The model cannot be displayed on its bottom in any collection of 1/1250 models as it looks ridiculous. The blue plastic vac-form 'sea' included in the packaging is awful. I'm sorry but I cannot agree that the wake lines 'give the impression of movement'; they are not at all accurate and look 'cheap'. I threw mine away at once. A model with a separate lower hull wouldn't need this sort of poor quality 'extra'. There's an Eaglemoss model, counter-sunk into a base with a painted wake - it's not perfect but it's far better. To sum up - Corqi has produced an excellent model, but at the same time I fear it has scored an 'own goal' by not making it with a separate lower hull. It has excluded itself from a customer base desperate for a really good quality waterline model of the QE. In the longer term, although I hope they will sell well, I really do fear that the models will not sell well and Corgi will decide 'ships don't sell' and not make anymore. This would be a tragedy for collectors. For my own part, I took my Dremel to my model and cut the bottom off it. Without bragging, you need to be skilled to do this! A friend took a hand saw to his and did the same. This simple act transforms the model into the one Corgi should have made.

Jeff Stevenson, email

ED Wow, an epic letter, Jeff. And I am so impressed by your Dremel skills! Many thanks for taking the time to offer such a comprehensive analysis. In Corgi's defence, I'd always assumed that this release would be largely aimed at the souvenir market, although I'm not sure quite where. I'd read about the helicopter type boo-boo shortly after we'd gone to press but, either way, the toy-like appearance of the aircraft is a bit disappointing. It will, indeed, be interesting to see if there are any further ship releases by Corgi in the near future.



CHRISTMAS MAKES A DREAM COME TRUE

IN my Desert Island Diecasts contribution last summer (August 2021 issue). I referred to a Polistil Alfa-Romeo Tipo 158 that I did not buy on holiday in Italy in 1976, choosing the Alfa-Romeo P2 instead. This year Father Christmas had read my words and, courtesy of my younger daughter, Sabrina, in my Christmas stocking was the Tipo 158, bought on ebay from an Italian

Ian Artus, Manchester

D Oh that is wonderful Ian, what a fabulously thoughtful daughter Sabrina is. Great news, and an equally pleasing model too.



WAITING FOR A BUS (OR TWO)

FOLLOWING up from my article with you in the july 2017 issue (No 237), about sourcing a model bus in Berrys livery, I have had success with Chris Hall at the Buckie Model Centre and Holland Oto. They have produced a VDL double decker in Berry's Superfast livery, based on an actual vehicle I have driven and will hence be a natural partner for the Corgi Bakers Dolphin Volvo model I drove when it was new in 1996! All I really want now to complete my collection would be a model of the original RML3 (above). I live in hope!

Ted Cooke, email

ED Great news, Ted! And yes, an RM3 would be wonderful - we can indeed hope!

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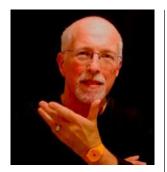
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▲ Stephen Paul Hardy.

icking a carefully trodden path skirting around Brian Salter's fascinating, epic series of *Size Matters* articles, I have come to the conclusion, in a confounded sort of way, that I am having difficulty seeing the numbers because of the scale of the matter.

My train of thought was prompted by one of a series of five excellent video presentations, delivered through social media, by Solido's Product Manager – and passionate automotive buff – Clément Rouvière, in lieu of the traditional way of presenting the forthcoming year's new releases at the Spielwarenmesse. In one of those presentations, Clément outlined Solido's imminent return to the 1/43 arena and some of the considerations surrounding that decision. Are we heading into a renaissance of 'traditional' scales, I wonder?

I see a lot of postings from all around the world on Facebook that proudly illustrate amazing collections. The variation in emphasis around the globe is fascinating. Generalisation is dangerous territory, but blister-packed circa 1/64 models by Hot Wheels, Matchbox, et al, seem to be especially favoured throughout the Americas (North,

Central and South), whilst sophisticated European collections amass ever increasing numbers of high-end 1/18 models. Somewhere between the two – and in Japan in particular it seems – sit the traditional collections, cramming a mixture of scales into display cabinets centred around the core preference for 1/43.

Then we have the increasing number of manufacturers expanding outside of their traditional catalogue ranges to cover absolutely every scale sector. Schuco being a prime example here, yet still with a predominately diecast manufactured product range.

More to the point – and one alluded to by Clément with the eclectic spread of new issue subjects – who now are the upcoming prime target auto-enthusiast collectors? I suspect that they are fans of the street cruisers, 'youngtimers' and air-ride custom trends. Alpina, Abarth and Oettinger are now fading to be quaintly old fashioned in the face of the likes of ABT, LB-Works, RWB and Prior Design. The question is, though, what scale do this new generation of enthusiast collectors prefer on balance?

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From doubtful wisdom to genius

Brian Gower wises up and regains some lost beauty.

ith age comes wisdom, but sometimes age comes alone." Oscar Wilde said that and it seems both witty and true. However, most of us don't recognise in ourselves the arrival of age, we are not best placed to assess our own wisdom. Has it arrived? Probably not. We accumulate someknowledge of various subjects, hopefully not in just one highly specialised field, but that isn't wisdom, is it? And what good is wisdom when you are old? "Ah, now I see where I went wrong." How useful.

Wisdom, had it kicked in at a reasonable juncture, would have stopped me from abandoning my first collection when I left home. Dozens of Dinky, Corgi, Spot-on and Matchbox models, as well as painstakingly assembled plastic kits of American and British cars left on their dust-free shelves in a tall cupboard. Wisdom might have stepped in to guide me away from a young lady who was far too fond of the cutlery drawer. I was warned. I knew better. Foolish boy.

Whatever simple pleasures I have had since childhood, the fact remains that no diecast model has ever messed me about, tailgated then cut me up, accused me of something I haven't done, waved a large knife in my face or stolen from me. That is one of the reasons why finding replacements for my lost models is so enjoyable. It is entirely risk-free and usually ("HOW MUCH?!") pain-free. I have sometimes passed up an imperfect item and then regretted it, but this can now be shrugged off – I will not wake at six in the morning raging at my

▲ The Corgi Chevrolet Impala.



▲ Dinky De Soto, restored by Steve Flowers Model Supplies.



▲ The early version of Corgi Tovs' BRM.

stupidity. I know there will be other opportunities. Well, I say that, even though the Dinky Sunbeam Rapier No 166 in cream and yellow is proving to be elusive, unless I fancy parting with £120, which I don't. Where are you, my scruffy but redeemable beauty?

What I like best, is to find on a market stall something I once possessed, a model only in want of a thorough clean, some tyres and a bit of touching up. I even enjoy mixing the paints for a goodmatch. If it's in really poor shape, a trip to Leicester will be needed for the attention of Steve Flowers, with the added pleasure of waiting for it to come back 'as new'.

The early version of Corgi Toys' BRM (driverless and free of springs) is harder to find than the later, brighter model. This one, bought in very bad condition, is not long back from Leicester. Steve restored the Dinky De Soto a while ago and it must have been made late in the run, because it has suspension, although it has lost some of its bounce over the years. Haven't we all?

The Corgi Chevrolet Impala, greeted with delight when I was twelve, is almost as-found, needing a little touching-up on the front wings (not the easiest of pinks to match) so the cream roof and boot were purely a whim – I wanted the colour scheme I had seen on a real Impala when I first had the model in that carefully-guarded tall cupboard.

Let's finish with a refreshing thought from Charles Baudelaire: "Genius is nothing more than childhood recovered at will." Who can argue with that?

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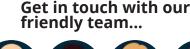


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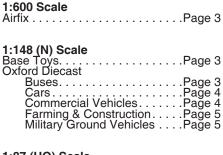
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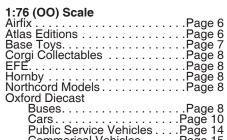










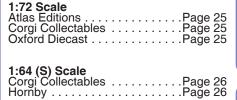




















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76MO007 Morris Oxford III Sage Green/Twilight Grey. £5.50



76NMN001 New Mini - Chilli Red. £5



76RAN001 Range Rover 2013 Luxor.....£6



76RR3003 Range Rover 3rd Generation Adriatic Blue £6



76RR3001 Range Rover 3rd Generation Bonatti Grey £6



76RCL001 Range Rover Classic Lincoln Green. £6



76RCL003 Range Rover Classic Masai Red. . .£6



76P38001 Range Rover P38 Rioja Red.....£6



76RRS003 Range Rover Sport SVR Firenze Red £6



76RRS002 Range Rover Sport SVR Indus Silver £6



76RAN003 Range Rover Vogue Firenze Red. .£6



76RRC002 Rolls Royce Corniche Persian Sand \dots £6.50



76RRP3001 Rolls Royce Phantom III Black£6.50



76RRP5002 Rolls Royce Phantom V Burgundy/ Silver Sand£6.50



76P4004 Rover P4 Stone Grey/Juniper Green£5.50



76SDV003 Rover SD1 3500 Vitesse Moonraker Blue £5.50



76SET74 Royal family cars and vehicles - set of 7 £36.50



76JSS002 SS Jaguar 2.5 litre Saloon in black £5.50



76JSS006 SS Jaguar Dark Blue£5.50



76SFT004 Standard Flying Twelve Grey . . £5.50



76SV001 Standard Vanguard in black £5.50



76SR007 Sunbeam Rapier MkIII Light Green Metallic/Embassy Black......£5.50



76TP006 Triumph 2500 British Racing Green £5.50



76TM005 Triumph Mayflower Jade Green . £5.50



76TR4001 Triumph TR4 Signal Red £5.50



76CAV002 Vauxhall Cavalier Carnelian Red. .£5.50



76VC004 Vauxhall Corsa black £5.50



76CRE010 Vauxhall Cresta Moonlight Blue/ Bermuda Blue £5.50



76FB001 Vauxhall FB Victor "Venetian Red/Gull Grey" £5.50



76VV001 Vauxhall Vectra Rio Verde £5.50



76VWY007 Vauxhall Wyvern Regency Cream.. £5.50



76VW030CC Volkswagen Bay Window Coca Cola £5.50



76VWS002 Volkswagen T1 Camper Turquoise/White £6



76VW010 VW Bay Window pickup Pastel White £5.50



76VWB002 VW Beetle in Ruby Red. £5.50





76VWS005 VW T1 Samba Bus/Surfboards Turquoise/Blue White.....£6



76T4005 VW T4 Westfalia Camper Silver Grey £6





76MCS001 Mini Cooper S Mkll 1968 Monte Carlo Rally.....£5

Vans, Taxis and Private Hire vehicles



76MSV003 Mercedes Sprinter Van Royal Mail £7



76SET73 Stobart Group 5 Piece Van Set . £29 Public Service vehicles



76AM006 AEC Mercury TL St Helens CB Fire Service.....£19.5



76REG006 AEC Regent Hong Kong Fire Engine.... £12



76AMB001 Austin 18 Ambulance Rolls Royce Works.....£5.50



76CCP003 Coventry Climax Pump Trailer in red ...£5.50



76F8003 Dennis F8 fire engine "Glasgow". . £12



76F8001 Dennis F8 fire engine "London Fire Brigade" £12



76F8004 Dennis F8 fire engine Essex Fire Brigade . . £12



76DN001 Dennis RS Fire Engine London FB (London's Burning) £13





76FHP002 Fordson Heavy Pump Unit London Fire Brigade.....£12



76GG005 Green Goddess "Irish Civil Defence"...£10



76J4005 J4 Van "Greater Manchester Police" £6





76LRD005 Land Rover Discovery Mk3 Nottinghamshire F&R.....£6



76TX5002 LEVC TX Taxi Tupelo Red £6



76MFE001 MAN Pump Ladder fire engine "Avon Fire & Rescue"......£16



76MFE005 MAN Pump Ladder Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue £16



76MA003 Mercedes Explosives Ordnance
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76MA002 Mercedes Sprinter 515 CDi Modern Ambulance - London £10



76MA001 Mercedes Sprinter 515 CDi Modern Ambulance - Welsh £10



76SET11 MGB Roadster triple set "Lancashire Police" £12



76RCL004 Range Rover Classic London Fire Brigade£



76SDV002 Rover SD1 3500 Vitesse Metropolitan Police £5.50



76SAL001 Scania Aerial Rescue Pump "Strathclyde Fire & Rescue".....£20.50



76SAL003 Scania Aerial Rescue Pump Merseyside Fire and Rescue service £20.50



76SAL006 Scania ARP Scottish Fire & Rescue ...£20.50



76SFE001 Scania Fire Engine "Cleveland Fire & Rescue" £17



76SFE011 Scania Pump Ladder fire engine - "Humberside Fire and Rescue - Lest we forget" . £20.50



76TN006 Thornycroft Nubian "Glasgow Airport Fire Services" £16

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76T5V005 AA VW T5 Van "AA Roadside assistance" .£6



76TIP005 AEC Ergomatic Tipper London Brick Company £1:



76AEC019 AEC Matador and Trailer Robert Brothers. £1



76AEC004 AEC Matador J12 Wrecker "London Brick"....£11.50



76AEC003 AEC Matador Lorry "Sunters" £11.50



76ATKL003 Atkinson 8 Wheel Flatbed Tennant Transport.....£13.50



76ATK003 Atkinson Borderer Flatbed Trailer British Rail.....£17



76ATK004 Atkinson Borderer Low Loader NCB Mines Rescue..... £17



76ATKL004 Atkinson Cattle Truck - "J Haydon and Sons"£13.50



76AT001 Austin "Low loader" taxi in black . . £5



76J4004 Austin J4 Van BMC Parts £6



76J4003 Austin J4 Van Southern Electricity. .£5.50



76ASV006CC Austin Seven RN van - Coca Cola . . . £5.50



76ASV002 Austin Seven RN Van AA £5.50



76CA018 Bedford CA Minibus in "British Rail Crew Bus"



76CA007 Bedford CA van - "Royal Mail" . . £5.50



76BD021 Bedford OWLC Tanker Petroleum Board £11



76BD013 Bedford OX Booking Office Billy Smarts.. £18



76BD022 Bedford OX Flatbed Trailer LNER. .£11



76BD012 Bedford OX Queen Mary Trailer Wynns £15.50



76QLD003 Bedford QLD Bertam Mills ...£13.50



76TK014 Bedford TK Mobile Workshop "British



76TK007 Bedford TK Tanker "Whitbread"£9



76J4002 BMC J4 Van British Rail£6



76CTR002 Canvassed Trailer Maroon/Red . .£12



76CIT003CC Citroen H Van Coca Cola £8.50



76PB010 Commer PB Postbus "Royal Mail -Scotland".....£5.50



76CWT005 Commer Walk Thru "Pollock". £9.50



76CWT002 Commer Walk Thru crewbus in British Rail yellow.....£9.50



76CWT006 Commer Walk Thru Rail Express Parcels.....£9.50



76D28001 DAF 2800 40ft Curtainside Robsons £20.50



76STOB027 DAF 2800 Curtainside £18.50



76D28003 DAF 3300 Short Van Trailer - "Pollock" £20.50



76DAF004 DAF 85 Short Fridge Trailer Trevor Pye .£20.50



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76DXF001 DAF XF Euro 6 CombiTrailer/



76DXF002 DAF XF Euro 6 curtainside -"Wreford's Transport" £22



76DXF003 DAF XF William Armstrong Houghton Parkhouse livestock trailer £22



76DT004 Diamond T Ballast Pickfords...£13.50



76SCT005 Eddie Stobart Car Transporter - Christina Frances £31.50



76STOB013 Eddie Stobart Scania Highline Tanker (comes in white box).....£19.50



76SCA03HB Eddie Stobart Scania Horsebox . £16.50



76EC003 ERF EC Flatbed Trailer - Pollock. . £21



76EC001 ERF EC Olympic 40ft Fridge Scotlee Transport......£21



76LV002 ERF LV Flatbed Trailer Carnation. £13.50



76LV004 ERF LV Flatbed Trailer N Ireland
Trailers£13.50



76FDE003 Ford 400E Post Office Telephones . . £6



76FDE015 Ford 400E Van "Rediffusion"£6



76FDE001 Ford 400E Van British Rail£6



76ANG040 Ford Anglia Van East Kent £5.50



76FCG004 Ford cargo box van "Royal Mail" £13



76FCG001 Ford Cargo Box Van 'BRS' . . . £12.50



76FCG005 Ford Cargo Box Van Parcelforce £12.50



76FTC005 Ford Transit Connect White£6



76CUS001 Ford Transit Custom AA NEW£6



76TPU003 Ford Transit Dropside London Underground.....£12



76TPU005 Ford Transit Dropside White. . £12



76FT006 Ford Transit high top LWB van in plain white£6



76FT026 Ford Transit LWB High - Police Network Rail Speed Camera £6



76FTB002 Ford Transit Mk1 AA Recovery £9.50



76FT1005 Ford Transit Mk1 British Rail £6



76FT1002 Ford Transit Mk1 Post Office Telephones £6



76FT3004 Ford Transit Mk3 AA..... £6



76FT3009 Ford Transit MK3 Gentian Blue . . . £6



76FT3002 Ford Transit Mk3 Royal Mail £6



76FT034 Ford Transit Mk5 "Parcelforce" . . £6



76TPU004 Ford Transit Mk5 Dropside Highway Maintenance £12



76FT035 Ford Transit MK5 National Grid.... £6



76FT036 Ford Transit MkV SWB Low Roof Frozen white £6



76FT005 Ford Transit van high top LWB "Network Rail"



.. £6

76FT003 Ford Transit van low roof "RAC"... £6



76FT001 Ford Transit van medium height roof in plain white......£6



76FCR001 Fowler B6 Crane Marstons Duke of York (Dorset).....£15.50



76FX4001 FX4 London Taxi in black £5.50



76KRS003 Konecranes 'Eddie Stobart'. Fully posable£23



76KRS001 Konecranes Reach Stacker (for freight containers) in Konecranes blue. Fully posable £25



76KRS006 Konecranes Reach Stacker Maritime Transport. £23



76KRS004 Konecranes Reach Stacker NATO Green £23



76DEF007 Land Rover Defender "British Rail" . £5.50



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76DEF015 Land Rover Defender LWB Hard Back RAC£5.50



76DEF008 Land Rover Defender Network Rail £5.50



76LR2S002 Land Rover Series II SWB Canvas British Rail......£5.50



76LAN2009 Land Rover Series II Tow Truck Bronze Green£5.50





76TX5001 LEVC Electric Taxi Black £6



76LTR002 Leyland Car Transporter "Post Office"... £11



76DAF003 Leyland Daf FT85CF Curtainside Eddie Stobart£20.50



76LO001 Leyland Octopus trailer - "Tesco" £13.50



76LW001 Living Wagon Maroon/Red £10



76LD004 London Bus & Taxi Gift "Best of British" range£8



76MAN001 MAN L2000 Curtainside Pollock. £13



76VOL02CL Marstons Volvo FH Curtainside Lorry. . £16



76MH007 Mechanical Horse flatbed trailer in "Pickfords" £9.50



76MH012 Mechanical Horse Tank Trailer "Shell-Mex & BP Ltd".....£9.50



76MB007 Mercedes Actros GSC Curtainside McGawn Bros £23



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76MB006 Mercedes Actros GSC Curtainside Sparks Transport £23



76MB004 Mercedes Actros SSC D-TEC Combitrailer/Container John Mitchell..... £23



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76MB008 Mercedes Actros SSC Tipper Ronnie S Evans £23



76MB002 Mercedes MP4 GSC Actros Curtainside Pollock £23



76MSV002 Mercedes Sprinter Van "Stobart



76MSV004 Mercedes Sprinter van white . . £6.50



76BMC001 Mobile Training Unit/car transporter "BMC" in blue £14



76MM061 Morris 1000 Post Office Telephones



76MJ003 Morris J Ice Cream Van "Rossi's £5.50



76J4001 Morris J4 van - "Royal Mail".....£6



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76MM015 Morris Minor van 'Royal Mail' £5.50



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76SP003 Pioneer Recovery Tractor "Traylens Funfair" £12



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76SHT002 Scammell Highwayman Tanker Pointer . £15





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76MH019 Scammell Mechanical Horse Van Trailer - LMS £9.50



76RAB007 Scammell Scarab Flatbed Trailer "Post Office Supplies Dept." £9.50



76RAB009 Scammell Scarab Van Trailer in Railfreight Yellow. £9.50



76SST007 Scammell Showtrac & Dodgem Trailer Arnold Bros.....£1



76SC110001 Scania 110 Flatbed "BRS" £16



76S143003 Scania 113 40ft Curtainside Gallacher Bros £20.50



76S143002 Scania 113 Tipper Reids of Minishant £20.50



76S143001 Scania 143 40ft Curtainside Pollock...£20.50



76SCA01HB Scania 380 Horsebox "Eric Gillie" £16.50



76S94002 Scania 94D Curtainside 'H E Payne'. £15.50



76WHSCACAB Scania cab - plain white (no livery or operator)....£1



76SCT007 Scania Car Transporter - Robinsons Autologistics.....£31.50



76SCL004 Scania Crane Lorry Galt Transport. £16.50



76SHL15FR Scania Highline 'Stobart Super League' £18.50



76SHL01HB Scania Highline 420 Horsebox Metallic £16.50



76SHL02HB Scania Highline Horsebox "Eddie Stobart" £16.50



76SHL04TK Scania Highline Tanker Exol



76SHL04WF Scania Highline Walking Floor - 'Stobart - Ascot Champions Day' £20



76SHL09WF Scania Highline Walking Floor - 'Stobart - Frankie Dettori'....£19.50



76SHL15WF Scania Highline Walking Floor - 'Stobart - William Buick'.....£19.50



76SCA02LT Scania Houghton Parkhouse Livestock Transporter Ian S Roger...... £24



76IRZ004 Scania Irizar PB "Eddie Stobart" . £19



76TCAB006CC Scania T Cab - 'Coca Cola Coke Zero'.....£2'



76TCAB003 Scania T Cab Topline Curtainside J H Yates & Sons Ltd £21



76DBU002 Scania Topline Drawbar A. Pettifor & Son£28



76DBU003 Scania Topline Drawbar Eddie Stobart £28



76SCA04HB Scania Topline Horsebox A W Jenkinson £16.50



76SCA05LL Scania Topline Nooteboom Low Loader Smiths - Bridgend £20.50



76SD002 Shelvoke & Drewry Dustcart "County Borough of West Bromwich".....£11.50



76SD003 Shelvoke & Drewry Dustcart "Manchester Corp. Cleansing Dept".....£11.50



76SDF002 Shelvoke & Drewry Freightlifter British Rail (Crimson).....£12



76SDF001 Shelvoke & Drewry Freightlifter British Rail (Western).....£12



76SDF003 Shelvoke & Drewry Freightlifter British Rail (Yellow) £12



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76VOL4010 Stobart Renewable Energy . . £21.50



76SP023 Volvo Boniface recovery truck in plain white£18.50



76VOL01REC Volvo FH Boniface Recovery
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76VOL01LED Volvo FH12 Eddie Stobart "LED Teletubby" mobile LED daylight screen. . . . \pounds 16



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76VOL03CL Volvo FH3 6 Wheel Curtainside Coopers.....£16



76VOL4005 Volvo FH4 (G) Flatbed Trailer P McKerral & Co Ltd£21.50



76VOL4007 Volvo FH4 (G) Nooteboom Semi Low Loader Cadzow.....£21.50



76VOL4003 Volvo FH4 Curtainside - Knowles Transport. £21.50



76VOL4009 Volvo FH4 GXL Nooteboom Semi Low Loader G F Job. £21.50



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76T4006 VW T4 Van AA £



76T5V004 VW T5 Van Network Rail..... £6



76WE009 Wales & Edwards 'Standard' Milk Float Scottish Dairy Farmers Co. Ltd.....£5.50



76SC110004 Walls Ice Cream Scania 110 40ft Box Trailer.....£1



76WB001 Water Bowser Alan Sparkes....£7.50







76MWD001 Bedford MWD British Army "Mickey

Mouse" £6



76MWD008 Bedford MWD Captured Luftwaffe..£6



76OWB001 Bedford OWB Royal Navy £16



76BD011 Bedford OX Queen Mary Trailer RAF 108 Repair Salvage Unit Tunisia 1943 . . . £15.50



76BD004 Bedford OY 3 Ton GS "15th Scottish Infantry"......£11



76BD019 Bedford OY Van Civil Defence ... £11



76BD023 Bedford OYD 15th Scottish Infantry
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76QLB003 Bedford QLB Light AA Reg.12 Corps Germany 1945....£13.50



76QLD007 Bedford QLD RAF 2nd Tactical A F -84 Grp1944.....£13.50



76QLD004 Bedford QLD RASC, 30 Corps, 8th Army 1942/3 £13.50



76QLR001 Bedford QLR 1st Infantry Div - UK 1942 £13.50



76QLT003 Bedford QLT 1st Polish Arm. Div. Netherlands 1944 £13.50



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76CHT003 Churchill Tank 142 RAC Tunisia 1943 .£12



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76DSC005 Daimler Dingo RUC No.9 Platoon - Keady - Co.Armagh£5.50



76DBT001 David Brown Tractor - RAF olive. .£5.50



76DT002 Diamond T980 Tank Transporter 1st Canadian Army - Italy 1943£23



76WOT003 Ford WOT 1 Crash Tender RAF Bomber Command £13.50



76WOT001 Ford WOT1 Crash Tender Mickey Mouse (Scampton) £13.50



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76JCX002 JCB 3CX (1980s) Army.....£18.50



76DEF012 Land Rover Defender Berlin Scheme £5.50



76LRFCA004 Land Rover FC Ambulance BAOR (British Army of the Rhine) 1990......£11



76LRFCG004 Land Rover FC GS No.27 Squadron RAF Leuchars NEW £11



76LRFCS002 Land Rover FC Signals Nato Green £11



76LRFCS001 Land Rover FC Signals Nato Green Camouflage £11



76LRL004 Land Rover Lightweight Berlin Scheme £6



76LRL010 Land Rover Lightweight RAF Police Akrotiri.....



76LRL009 Land Rover Lightweight Royal Navy. £6



76LAN188002 Land Rover Series 1 88" canvas top in "Sand/Military"£5.50



76SET25 Military 3 piece set - Italy 1943. Matador, Tilly & MWD.....£18.50



76SM001 Sherman Mk3 Tank - 10th Armoured division, 1942 £12



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76BSA008 Motorbike/Sidecar RAF Blue. . . £4.50



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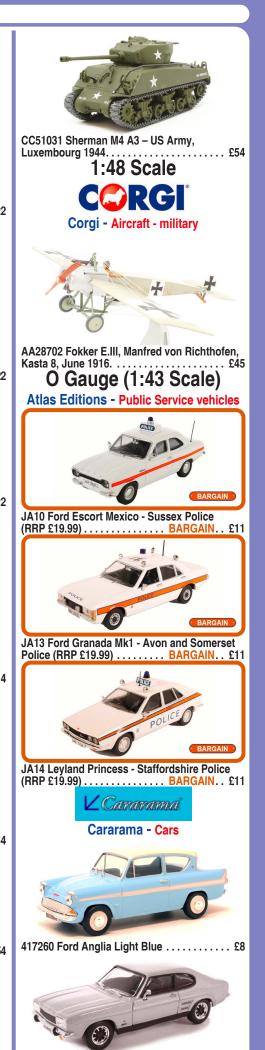
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43AMDB2005 Aston Martin DB2 MkIII Saloon in Elusive Blue £21



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43AHT004 Austin Heavy Twelve in Kingfisher blue . £20



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43RUB004 Austin Ruby Black £17



43ASS005 Austin Seven RN Saloon Black/Red £15





43BCF002 Bentley S1 Continental Fastback in dawn blue £20



43BCF003 Bentley S1 Continental in Olympic white £20



43DS004 Daimler DS420 Limo in Claret/Black (Queen Mother).....£20



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43CCC002 Ford Cortina Mkll Crayford Convertible in Ermine White/Green £22.50



43HPL001 Humber Pullman in black/burgundy (Rothchild). £20



43HPL005 Humber Pullman Limousine Forest Green £20



43JAG5002 Jaguar MkV DHC Closed British Racing Green£21



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43LR3S003 Land Rover Series III SWB Canvas Mid Grey£14.50



43TIC001 Land Rover Tickford Two Tone Green. .£21



43LE001 Lotus Elan Plus2..... £20



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43LRL010 RAF Police Akrotiri Land Rover Lightweight £14.50



43R25001 Rolls Royce 25/30 - Thrupp & Maberly Burgundy. £21



43RRC002 Rolls Royce Corniche Conv. (Closed) Persian Sand £21



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43RRP3001 Rolls Royce Phantom III SdV HJ Mulliner Black £21



43RRP5001 Rolls Royce Phantom V James Young Navy Silver £21



43RRP5003 Rolls Royce Phantom V James Young Windsor Blue£21



43RSC001 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud I Sand/Sable £21



43JSS007 SS Jaguar Gunmetal. £21



43ST005 Sunbeam Talbot 90 Mkll 1952 Monte Carlo/Stirling Moss.....£19.50



43VFE004 Vauxhall Cresta Friary Estate in Swan White/Lime Yellow£20



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43VA003 Volvo Amazon Blue Green. £20



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43CF004 Bedford CF Ice Cream Van Morrison
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43FDE005 Ford 400E Thames Minibus London Fire Brigade.....£13



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43AK013 Austin K8 "Wynns" £13



43AK009 Austin K8 van "North Thames Gas" . £13



43AT001 Austin Low Loader Taxi in Black . £19.50



43APH001 Austin Princess 125 Hearse in Black. .£20



43ASV001 Austin Seven RN Van in Primrose . £14.50



43ASV003 Austin Seven RN Van Liptons Tea . £14.50



43ASV004 Austin Seven RN Van LMS ... £14.50



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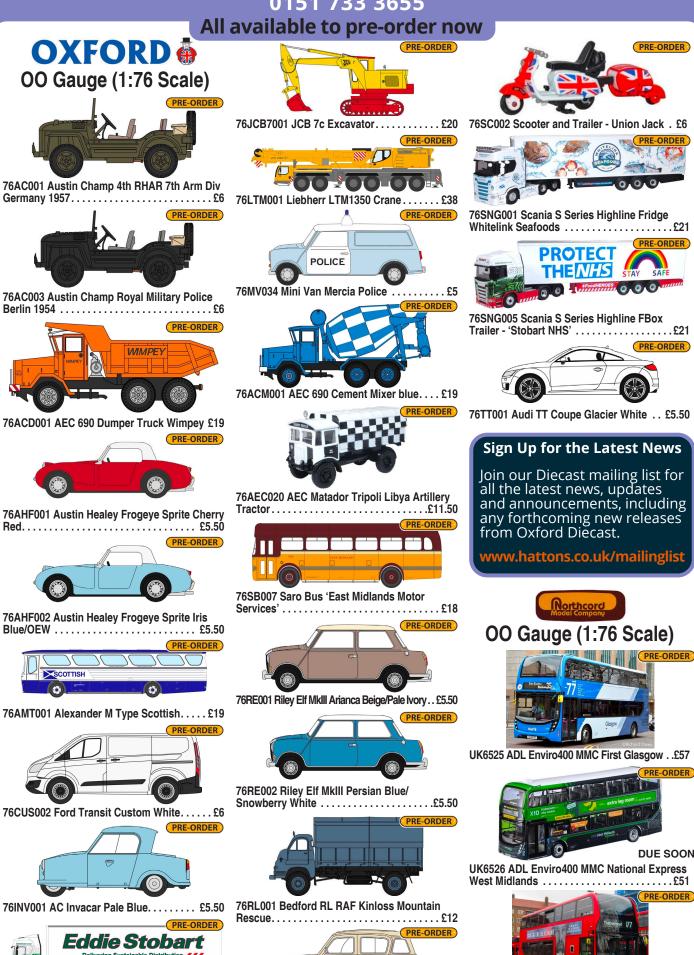
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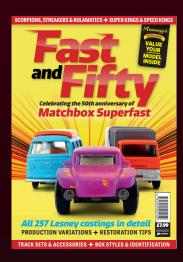
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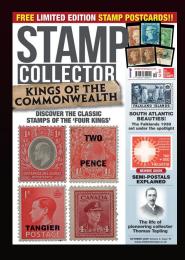
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