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So, the first race has happened and the cars look fantastic and there were a few entertaining battles in the midfield and lower orders, even if the front runners were rather processional. There are some great looking machines out there and the liveries on the Toro Rosso, McLaren and Force India are, we think, particularly striking.



We've had plenty of model announcements both before and after the race. The winning Ferrari first and BBR have confirmed that they will be making both cars as hand built in 1:43 and diecasts in 1:18, while from Looksmart we will be seeing resincast models in both 1:43 and 1:18. The bad news for Ferrari fans is that Tameo have not been able to reach a licensing agreement with Maranello, so there will be no kit in the immediate future.

For the rest of the grid, Spark have given references for Mercedes, McLaren, Red Bull, Renault, Sauber and Toro Rosso, all in 1:43. No 1:18 announcements from them yet, but it should only be a matter of time.

Minichamps have announced all of the grid with the exception of Ferrari in 1:43 and in 1:18 they will make the Mercedes, McLaren, Red Bull and Williams.

For kit builders in larger scales, Ebbro are making the McLaren as a 1:20 plastic kit and we're hoping to see at least one other subject modelled in plastic plus there will no doubt be some resin releases from Japan announced later.

All of the announcements so far can be found in the forthcoming supplement with this issue (for print subscribers) and can also be found on our website which we will of course be keeping updated.

Patrick Neve

We don't usually comment on the passing of former drivers, but we were sad to hear of the death of 67 year old Belgian former racing driver Patrick Neve. Visitors to our showroom may have noticed one of his crash helmets as GPM sponsored him into F1 in the 1970s. Patrick competed in fourteen Grand Prix, driving for a variety of teams including RAM, Ensign and Williams and is perhaps best remembered as the latter's first F1 driver. Belgian TV news anchor and passionate model collector Alain van den Abeele introduced GPM to Neve and the association continued for some time.



Lotus 96T

A subject that has been asked for by Lotus collectors for many years but never picked up on by model manufacturers is the very pretty Lotus 96T Indycar prototype. Not picked up until now that is! Following the newly released 95T (another previously neglected subject) which can be found on page 6 of this issue, Colin Fraser at Formula Models has now started work on the pattern for the 96T and hopes to have it ready towards the end of the year as both kit ([FOR055](#)) and hand built ([FOR055M](#)).



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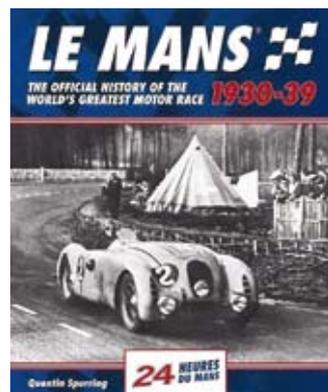
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Le Mans History

There are many exciting new books due over the coming weeks and among them the latest in Quentin Spurring's excellent image packed series covering the history of Le Mans, decade by decade, this time covering the 1930s ([ISB9781910505137](#)).



Collecting fun

There are many reasons people collect, be it marque, drivers, specific races or sponsors. Sometimes, it is just for fun because something is so colourful, such as this spectacular Mercedes from this year's Daytona 24 Hours, coming soon from Ixo.



COVER GALLERY

Leading the way on the cover for this issue we have one of several variants of the Lotus 95T released by Formula Models, this being Elio de Angelis' mount from the British Grand Prix available as a kit ([FOR052](#)) or hand built ([FOR052M11](#)). The pretty blue single-seater alongside is the Lucy O'Reilly Schell Maserati 8CtF, driven to tenth in the 1940 Indy 500 by René Le Begue and coming soon as a hand built model ([MKSPL43005](#)) by Meri Kits.

We stay in America for our next machine which is the Ferrari 712M raced in the Watkins Glen Can-Am of 1974 by Brian Redman and modelled as kit ([MM281](#)) and hand built ([MM281M](#)) by Marsh Models. The vivid explosion of pink to the right is an Ebbro diecast ([EBB45425](#)) of the Dijon Racing Nissan GT-R GT300 from the 2016 Super GT series.

The Jaguar displaying its innards is the Peter Sutcliffe E Type Lightweight, modelled as a 1:18 diecast by Paragon ([PAR98342](#)). Bringing us bang up to date, alongside is the new Ferrari 812 Superfast, unveiled at the 2017 Geneva Motorshow and coming soon as a hand built by Looksmart ([MRCLS467A](#)).

The cluster of roadsters at bottom left are just some of the hand built colour options from BBR for the new Fiat 124 ([BBRC181C](#) Grey, [BBRC181D](#) Blue & [BBRC181RS](#) Red). And finally two real rarities for Lotus collectors coming as limited hand built by MEA Kit43, the John Tinamus Lotus X as raced in original form in 1958 ([MEASPL021](#)) and in cut down 'Manx' form from 1961 ([MEA-SPL020](#)).



EDITOR'S CHOICES

Our favourites from this issue's new releases



AXEL'R

Axel'R - New 1:43 resin & metal kit & hand built model

[VHCK059](#)
[VHCK059M](#)

Lotus 69 F3 Monaco/Brands 1971 Walker - kit £66.50
Lotus 69 F3 1st Monaco 1971 Walker - built £184.95



Dave Walker dominated Formula 3 with his works-supported Lotus 69, winning twenty-five of thirty-three races entered. The kit was originally listed as offering two versions and there are additional race numbers on the decal sheet for Brands Hatch, but the instructions concentrate on the prestigious Monaco race. The bulk of the kit is in resin and the parts are very cleanly cast. There are feed tags to remove from some of the smaller pieces but the main body and chassis are immaculate, the latter including a very crisp engine complete with moulded-in plug wiring. This will obviously require very careful detail painting and the main body will need a two-tone red and white finish, with the gold nose included on the decals. Our hand built sample is also excellent, with all of the painting neatly done including matching the front wings to that gold nose decal. The only bad news is that this is the last new subject coming from Axel'R as Roger Dupleme is taking well-earned retirement. He's certainly ended on a high!



Marsh Models - New 1:43 resin & metal kits & hand built models

[MM280](#)
[MM280M](#)
[MM281](#)
[MM281M](#)

Ferrari 712 Road America 1972 Jarier - kit £71.95
Ferrari 712 Road America 1972 Jarier - built £188.95
Ferrari 712 Watkins Glen 1974 Redman - kit £71.95
Ferrari 712 Watkins Glen 1974 Redman - built £188.95



The 712 was built on the chassis of a factory 512M (#1010) and in the form raced by Jarier at Watkins Glen the shape of the original car is still evident in places. The 7-litre engine always made plenty of power, but handling was never great and the car was different aerodynamically on each of its few outings. Here we see fences on the front bodywork and a fairly conventional spoiler at the rear. These are etched parts in the kit, the rear wing made up of a folded main element and two-piece end-plates. A little fiddly perhaps, but the end result is very convincing. Also clever is the etch for the rear suspension tucked away under the rear. At first glance on the very well finished hand built model it appears that there are machined shock absorbers and springs in there but these are actually fine etch! The final appearance for the 712 Can-Am was at Watkins Glen in the hands of Brian Redman and he retired from the race with rear suspension problems. As with the 1972 version of the car that suspension is cleverly modelled in etch, including dummy shock absorbers. The car featured large full length fences on the body and these are moulded very thinly on the main casting. The resin parts are, as usual from Marsh, very fine with excellent engraving and the finished model shows that it all goes together very well to create a convincing miniature.



Looksmart - New 1:43 resin & metal hand built model

[MRCLS468A](#) **Lamborghini Aventador S 2017 Yellow £133.50**
Also available [MRCLS468B](#) Green, [MRCLS468C](#) Orange, [MRCLS468D](#) White, [MRCLS468E](#) Red, [MRCLS468F](#) Black & [MRCLS468G](#) Blue



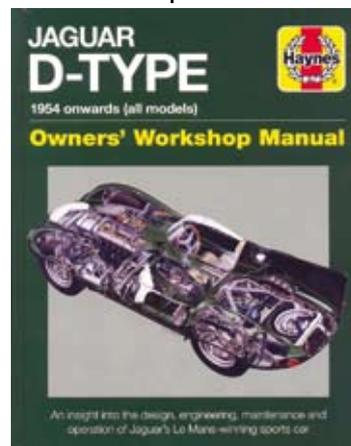
Looksmart are certainly on the ball with this one, the first model delivery arriving with us on the same day that the real car made its public debut in Geneva! This is possible because of the close tie-up between Looksmart and Lamborghini and the model makers have obviously been very well briefed as small details such as the wheel style are correct for the show car and different to the pre-launch publicity shots. There are a number of styling changes over earlier versions of the Aventador, some more obvious than others and it is at the rear that we see the most radical redesigns. It's all very crisply moulded and our sample model is beautifully finished in a vivid metallic yellow.



New book

[ISBN9781785210785](#) **Jaguar D-Type, Owner's Workshop Manual £25.00**
Weight 1kg by Chas Parker

The original design of Haynes Workshop Manuals sees a car stripped and rebuilt with photos of all stages to allow the home mechanic to make repairs. The enthusiast's series of titles aimed at modellers generally just has lots of detail and history of the subject and a little less of the taking apart. This time the author was fortunate enough to have access to an original car undergoing full restoration and so we have something more akin to the original ethos with an immense level of close-up photographic detail of the car stripped back to bare bones. There's plenty of history too, with brief chassis records of all the cars built and several period race photos, along with memoirs of those fortunate enough to own and race these magnificent machines.



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In these review pages we try to give a balanced 'first view' of new kits, hand-built models, books and DVDs. Our aim is not to set the world to rights but to give collectors who cannot visit GPM an idea of whether the models on offer are accurate and of good value. We also try to give a little background to the cars. Our aim above all is to try to ensure that when you receive a model or book or DVD through the post from GPM - that you know in advance whether it has any 'hidden' snags or problems.



Arena - New 1:43 resin & metal kits & hand built models

ARE811M Chevrolet Corvette Sebring 1968 Yenko - built £211.95
Kit available [ARE811](#)

Three near identical Corvettes were entered under the Sunray DX banner at Sebring, this example seeing Chevrolet tuning specialist Don Yenko partnered with Pedro Rodriguez. One of the sister cars was a class winner but this suffered engine failure. The model is very smartly finished with the two tone blue and white paint job neatly executed and the small details and decals all carefully placed.



ARE812M Chevrolet Corvette Spider Sebring 1968 - built £211.95
Kit available [ARE812](#)

Arena tells us that this Corvette Spider in Sunray DX colours was a GT winner at Sebring in 1968, but we're not sure in which race that would be? It certainly wasn't the 12 Hours as that honour fell to the team's #3 coupe. We've found photos of the car with other race numbers on other circuits and the shape and general decoration look good, even if the exact race is a mystery. As with the similarly decorated coupe (ARE811M), the two-tone paint finish is expertly applied and the small detailing has been carefully added on our sample model.



ARE815M Porsche 911 SC Sears Point 1981 #62 - built £211.95
Kit available [ARE815](#)

Bill Koll ran his colourful Kegel Enterprises Porsche in two seasons of IMSA GTU racing and the high point came at Sears Point with a second placed finish. The bodywork on this car is much modified with quite angular extensions to the wheel arches all around. When we saw the kit parts the edges of the bodywork looked a little soft, particularly on the rear arches, and these lines are almost lost on the finished model. The decals are clearly printed and neatly applied but the stripes should continue over the headlight covers rather than these being plain white. It's still a very good looking model and finished to a high standard, just not Arena's most accurate offering.



ARE817 Chevrolet Corvette L88 Sebring 1970 #1 - kit £65.80
Hand built available [ARE817M](#)

The body in this kit has clearly been designed with the intention of being able to create several versions, the bonnet (sorry hood) and headlights being supplied as separate castings. This will simplify decoration too and the lights are shown as taped over in yellow, so these can be painted before fitting and the rest of the body sprayed white. The decals are clearly printed with all of the red striping included and there's a fair amount of fine etch for the smallest details.



ARE823 Chevrolet Corvette C3 Atlanta 1970 #48 - kit £65.80
ARE823M Chevrolet Corvette C3 Atlanta 1970 #48 - built £211.95
ARE824 Chevrolet Corvette C3 SCCA 1971 #48 - kit £65.80

Hand built available [ARE824M](#)

Here again we have two subjects which could perhaps have been options in one kit? The main body castings and larger parts are identical, as is the decal sheet but there are detail changes to the livery, the most obvious of these being the design of the roll-over bar which can clearly be seen in the photos provided for decoration. Results show that John Greenwood finished second overall and won his class at the 1970 SCCA Road Atlanta races and went one better the following year. Our hand built sample of the 1970 car is very well finished with the decals all neatly snuggled down into panel lines and then lacquered over. The joint of the bracing bar to the main roll-hoop isn't quite right if we're being very picky, but overall it is a very attractive model.



ARE816 Chevrolet Corvette L88 Daytona 1969 #7 - kit £65.80
ARE818 Chevrolet Corvette L88 Daytona 1969 #1 - kit £65.80

Hand built available [ARE816M](#) & [ARE818M](#)

These two subjects, sister cars in the same 'Race of Champions' event could really have been offered as options in one kit as the main castings all look to be unchanged and the decal sheet is shared with these and other Owens Corning 'Vettes in the Arena range. The resin parts are all cleanly cast with excellent panel engraving and clean-up will be the removal of some feed tags and a minimal amount of flash. Individual decoration sheets for the instructions show that the winning #7 car of Jerry Thompson had a slightly taller windscreen than Tony De Lorenzo's #1 machine.



ARE819 Chevrolet Corvette C3 3rd Daytona 1973 #5 - kit £65.80

Hand built available [ARE819M](#)

As with the Owens Corning car from Sebring in 1970 ([ARE817](#)) the body in this kit is cast with the bonnet and headlights as inserts, but it is a different casting with a few subtle changes. There are a few feed tags to remove but very little flash and the engraving is nice and crisp. Your main paint finish will be a simple white affair, with those headlight inserts needing satin silver to match the 'tape' decal that edges them. The decals appear to be complete and correct but there are a couple of small placement errors on the doors in the instructions, so you may wish to double check race images for 100% accuracy.



ARE820 Chevrolet Corvette C3 Trans-Am 1975 #30 - kit £65.80

Hand built available [ARE820M](#)

The main body for this Corvette roadster is another moulded with a separate bonnet and this can be fitted before painting as the main finish is a simple white. The decals include all of the red and blue striping, the smaller parts are all typically well-made and your finished model will depict the car of Alex Davidson as he finished fourth in the Pocono Trans-Am race.



ARE821 Porsche 911RSR 9th Mid-Ohio 1975 Brumos - kit £65.80

Hand built available [ARE821M](#)

This unique variant of the 911RSR made its race debut in the Mid-Ohio 6 Hours and came under a fair degree of scrutiny from competitors and officials due to the way in which the team had interpreted the rules. The long-tail bodywork was certainly innovative, pre-dating a similar design on 935s by several years and it makes for an interesting subject. The castings are typical of an Arena release with crisp engraving and very little flash and this will build an important addition to those Porsche racing collections.



ARE825 Porsche 911 Carrera RSR TDF 1973 #108 - kit £65.80

ARE826 Porsche 911RSR 14th TdF 1974 #127 - kit £65.80

Hand built available [ARE825M](#) & [ARE826M](#)

These two kits offer the same car as it appeared on two consecutive Tour De France events. Claude Ballot-Lena was behind the wheel in 1973 and battling for the lead when forced to retire on the final day with clutch problems. The following year Charlotte Verney and Madeleine Fouquet brought it home in fourteenth place overall and second in the Coupe des Dames. Most of the components are common between the two kits but the separate front bumpers are subtly different. In the Verney car the bumper must be painted white, while on the Ballot-Lena version it appears to need a fiddly three colour paint scheme which could have been negated with a couple of decals.



ARE827 Porsche 911S Tour de France 1970 #138 - kit £65.80

Hand built available [ARE827M](#)

We've been unable to find a photo of this vividly decorated Porsche in action but do know that it failed to finish the Tour de France, the reason recorded as 'off track'. The main body finish is a simple dark green over which brightly printed decals complete the 'hippy' livery.



ARE828 Porsche 911RSR Mid America 1977 #38 JLP - kit £65.80

Hand built available [ARE828M](#)

Arena often mould their Porsches with separate bumpers but this unique body is one piece, with the deep shovel of a front spoiler cast integrally. The rear wing is also a very distinctive design and this is made up of two resin pieces with etched bracing. The only race photos that we have found of the car show a different wheel style and also some slight placement changes to the decals, for example the Pennzoil logos shown on the rear wing in the instructions are on the front bumper in the race shots. Easy enough to adjust as you build the model.



ARE829 Porsche 911 Daytona 1994 #91 - kit £65.80

Hand built available [ARE829M](#)

The photos that we have found of this very distinctive 911 are from Sebring rather than Daytona but the basics are the same with just a slight change to the striping on the front wing. It was a tube frame car and the front end is pure 935, while at the rear we see a unique design with extended rear corners coming to a point and a tall central wing on an etched mount. The yellow, blue and green sections of the livery are all included on the decals meaning the main paint finish is a simple bright red. The green sections of the decal are a little dull but it will still make an interesting and striking model.



ARE830 Porsche 934 7th Silverstone 1977 #9 Momo - kit £65.80

Hand built available [ARE830M](#) & [ARE831M](#)

Two kits again offering the same chassis at different points in its career and this time wearing very different liveries. The common thread is Gianpiero 'Momo' Moretti who drove with Vittorio Brambilla to a class win at Silverstone, the car entered here under the Jolly Club banner, and as sponsor for Chester Vincentz in American races. The castings are typically clean and clearly printed decals include the majority of the decoration, the Silverstone car just needing the lower edges of the bumpers painting satin black in contrast to the main red.



ARE822 Chevrolet Corvette C3 Mid-Ohio 1974 #68 - kit £65.80

Hand built available [ARE822M](#)

This is certainly the brightest of the Corvettes in this significant batch from Arena, bright red decal stripes to be laid over a yellow base coat. The decal for the nose is one long piece and we'd be tempted to separate this into three for application. The rear view mirror is to be mounted on a very fine tripod stand and this is included as a fold-up piece on one of several sheets of etch. A great looking subject, even if the best image we have of the real car shows it broken-down at the side of the track!



CCC - New 1:43 resin & metal hand built model

CCC107M DB Panhard Le Mans 1961 #48 £122.75

Kit available [CCC107](#)

When reviewing the kit parts for this model a few months ago we commented that it is an older pattern and that the decals were slightly yellowed. This discolouration barely shows on the finished model and the decals are accurately placed, but the fit of the vac-formed windows does show older design to a degree. Otherwise the overall finish is excellent with a smooth paint finish and carefully fitted smaller details. The shape of the car matches race photos well and it makes for an attractive miniature.



BBR - New 1:43 & 1:18 resin & metal hand built models

BBR256A Ferrari 212 Inter Vignale 1951 £216.95

Also available [BBR256B](#) black/red

For much of its life, this early 212 Vignale coupe (Ch. 0080E) was finished in red with a black roof but in the past few years has been restored to its original silver over black. The shape of the car looks very good and the two-tone paint finish on our sample is excellent, with an extremely fine etched trim marking the paint join. The other small details are also carefully placed, as is usually the case with BBR, giving an end result of a very attractive model.



BBRC176CAR Alfa Romeo Giulia 2015 QV Carabinieri £103.50

Very high performance machines in Italian police liveries have become quite a regular sight in the motoring press and in model collections and a handful of Alfa Romeo's 500 horsepower sports saloons have found their way into the Carabinieri's garage. A few gadgets have been added inside but it is the exterior that concerns us here, the midnight blue paintwork lifted with vivid red stripes and a slim-line blue light on a white roof panel. The finish is excellent throughout and only 168 pieces of the model have been made.



BBRC181C Fiat 124 Spider 2016 Silver £97.95

BBRC181D Fiat 124 Spider 2016 Metallic Blue £97.95

BBRC181RS Fiat 124 Spider 2016 Metallic Red £97.95

Also available [BBRC181A](#) Red, & [BBRC181B](#) White

It's fifty years since Fiat released their first 124 Spider, a true sports car which enjoyed a long production life and almost cult following. For a new version, rather than starting from scratch, they chose to platform share with Mazda and used the core structure of the hugely popular and successful MX5, restyled with cues from the original Italian machine and with a Fiat engine. The end result is a stylish roadster and our three samples show what a difference the colour chosen can make. All three models are finished to BBR's usual high standards but the dark silver doesn't do the shape any favours, while the bright metallic red and blue look very smart indeed.



BBRC184A Ferrari SF16H Oz 2016 Vettel LAST STOCK £146.50

Vettel started the 2016 season with a podium finish in Australia, bringing his Ferrari home behind the two Mercedes. BBR's model is, as expected, finished to a very high standard with excellent paint and clearly printed decals. The carbon on the suspension has a rather high gloss lacquer over it but the carbon on the exposed floor, diffuser and wing parts is a more realistic satin. There are a couple of tiny winglets omitted from the outsides of the front wing endplates and the central part of the nose touched the centre of the wing rather than having a gap, but otherwise superb.



BBRC185A Ferrari GTC4 Lusso Geneva 2016 Grey £143.30

Also available [BBRC185B](#) White & [BBRC185C](#) Red

Ferrari launched the replacement for the FF at the 2016 Geneva show and despite the name change; it was effectively a simple facelift and update. As we expect from BBR, the car is very crisply modelled with excellent paint and neatly fitted small details, down to machined valves on the wheels. The packaging describes the model as being the Geneva show car and externally matches well, but inside we see red trim whereas the launch car had tan.



BBP18123 Ferrari 488 GT3 Press 2015 Red 1:18 £351.95

Ferrari unveiled their GTE and GT3 variants of the 488 late in 2015 and the cars have raced extensively over the past season. Here we see the GT3 launch car smartly finished in bright red. Some of the vent detailing on the main body is unusually heavy for BBR but the paint finish is, as usual, excellent. We can see plenty of cabin and engine detail through carefully fitted glazing and the smaller additional parts for the front splitter, rear wing and complex diffuser are all very finely made.





ABC Brianza - New 1:43 resin & metal kit & hand built model

BRK43336 Ferrari 250 Testarossa Hardtop 1957 - kit £89.40
ABC336 Ferrari 250 Testarossa Hardtop 1957 - built £227.95

Strictly speaking the subject here isn't really a 250 TR, but what was described as a tool room copy when your reviewer saw it for sale in a specialist dealer's showroom a few years ago. At the time I wondered how on earth one would get in and out with the roof in place and it transpires that it hinges backwards which will simplify things somewhat! It certainly makes for an aggressive looking machine and one that Ferrari perhaps should have built! The shape is very well replicated and ABC's finished model shows that the kit parts will go together well to create a pretty accurate miniature. Certainly one of their better efforts and continuing a recent theme of very imaginative and unusual subjects.



SMTS - New 1:43 resin & metal hand built model

RLRC001M Spirit of America Sonic 1 1965 £199.95

Kit also available [RLRC001](#)

In a busy season of record breaking in 1965 Craig Breedlove twice topped the list of fastest man on earth, ending the year in this position after becoming to the first to top 600mph. This is the first of several LSR subjects coming from SMTS based on classic Western Models patterns. The main body is cast in resin and has fine panel engraving and the majority of the smaller parts in white metal adding plenty of weight. The decals are nice and bright with no obvious colour bleed on our built sample and snug down well over an even paint finish. As packed, there are delicate stabilising fins and a pitot tube which will need slotting into position for display.



FB Model - New 1:43 resin & metal hand built models

FBM046BM Alfa Romeo RLSS Mille Miglia 1927 #43 £111.95
FBM046CM Alfa Romeo RLSS Mille Miglia 1927 #49 £111.95
FBM046DM Alfa Romeo RLSS Mille Miglia 1927 #94 £111.95

Kits available [FBM046B](#), [FBM046C](#) & [FBM046D](#)

The paint finishes on the two-tone #43 and #49 cars seen here have been neatly masked and evenly applied, as has the white on #94, but the preparation beneath leaves a lot to be desired with a large gap visible between the chassis and body. A shame, as the smaller detailing is quite fine with very good wheels and delicate windscreen frames. We're aware that this is an older FB pattern and it shows. Subjects for the serious Alfa or Mille Miglia collectors.



FBM096BM Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 Tourist Trophy 1929 #41 £111.95
FBM096CM Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 Tourist Trophy 1929 #43 £111.95
FBM096DM Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 Brooklands 1930 #30 £111.95
FBM096EM Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 Le Mans 1930 #23 £111.95

Kits available [FBM046B](#), [FBM046C](#), [FBM046D](#) & [FBM046E](#)

The kit parts for these subjects were among the better castings that we've seen from FB but the finished models are still rather inconsistent in quality. The cars were bodied by Carlton of London and the overall shape isn't bad, when compared with the photos of the Le Mans car that we've found. The placement of the front number for the Tourist Trophy is correct on the #41 car but should also be over the headlight on #43, rather than the grille. The paintwork is reasonable and the smaller details such as wheels and screen frames are nice and fine, but the castings prior to paint haven't been well prepared underneath.



Carbone - New 1:43 resin & metal hand built model

CARCHR072 Delahaye 175S Dandy Cab Chapron 1949 Red £296.95

Alternative version [CARCHR071](#) blue/white

Delahaye laid down ten left hand drive chassis in the early post war era with a view to the lucrative American market and this rare four-seat tourer was one of those cars. The chassis was built in 1947 but it was 1949 before the Chapron body was completed and the car delivered to its new owner via a dealer in Holland. The car survived more or less unmolested for many years and received a sympathetic restoration in 2004 which saw the roof and interior colours changes. The model depicts the car post restoration and the contrast between the two body colours is a little exaggerated but the finishes are excellent throughout as expected from Carbone.



GPM Studio - New 1:43 resin & metal hand built models

GPS031 Porsche 911S Le Mans 1966 #35 £179.95
GPS032 Porsche 911S Le Mans 1969 #41 £179.95
GPS033 Porsche 911S Le Mans 1970 #67 £179.95
GPS034 Porsche 911S Le Mans 1970 #45 £179.95
GPS035 Porsche 911S Le Mans 1970 #62 £179.95
GPS038 Porsche 911S Le Mans 1970 #43 £179.95
GPS039 Porsche 911S Le Mans 1970 #47 £179.95
GPS041 Porsche 911S Le Mans 1970 #42 £179.95
GPS043 Porsche 911S Le Mans 1968 #64 £179.95
GPS045 Porsche 911S Le Mans 1970 #66 £179.95
GPS046 Porsche 911S Le Mans 1971 #37 £179.95

As we are working with a handful of collectors to complete their Le Mans collections, we find sometimes-surprising gaps. These Porsches are either cars that have never been modelled before or not for a very long time and having managed to source decals we have then worked with Arena to provide correct kit parts, which has required a fair amount of mixing and matching with a body from kit A, wheels from kit B, bumpers from kit C etc. Our studio builders have then brought the parts together to create well finished hand built model which are as accurate as we can make them. The decals are a little thin, so there is some colour bleed on occasion but overall they match race photos very well. A rare opportunity to fill some gaps (including a couple of class winners) in your Le Mans collections. So far we have built a maximum of five pieces per model, but can build more to order.



Formula Models - New 1:43 metal kits & hand built model

FOR051 Lotus 95T 3rd Brazil 1984 - kit £80.95
FOR051M11 Lotus 95T 3rd Brazil 1984 De Angelis - built £206.95

Alternative version [FOR051M12](#) Mansell

FOR052 Lotus 95T UK 1984 - kit £80.95

Hand built available [FOR052M11](#) de Angelis & [FOR052M12](#) Mansell

FOR053 Lotus 95T Canada/Detroit/Portugal 1984 - kit £80.95

Hand built available [FOR053M11](#) de Angelis & [FOR053M12](#) Mansell

FOR054 Lotus 95T Austria 1984 - kit £80.95

Hand built available [FOR054M11](#) de Angelis & [FOR054M12](#) Mansell

The number of wing configurations used by Lotus during the 1984 season makes for some pretty confusing research, especially when at some races, such as the British GP, where between them the two drivers used virtually all configurations over the weekend! The kit parts are based around the same core main body and chassis castings with a variety of smaller castings for the wing layouts included as applicable. The large etched sheet includes all of the different endplates, so there is also potential for a few additional versions not listed on the instructions. Decals vary between kits too depending on whether races were 'smoking' or not and all sponsor logos are correct. The instructions point out that there is a slight print error with the numbers and an additional sheet is supplied to overlay these and correct this. Our hand built sample shows the decals to be effective and it is beautifully finished with the main bodywork all lacquered over and the carbon wrapped wing surfaces left satin for a little contrast.





Carbone hand built [CAR4399](#) - Cadillac 452A V16 Roadster Farina 1931



Looksmart hand built [MRCLS469A](#) - Lamborghini Huracan Performante 2017



GPM Studio hand built [GPS039](#) - Porsche 911S 7th Le Mans 1970



Autocult resin cast [ATC03009](#) - Reyonnah 1951



Spark resin cast [SPK5198](#) - Peugeot 208 1st France WRX 2015 Hansen



GCAM [GCAM43087](#) (kit) [GCAM43087M46](#) (built) - Jowett Jupiter Le Mans 1952



MG Model [MGMGT0052](#) (kit) [MGMGT0052M](#) (built) - Ferrari 250GTO 1966 Delgado



GLM resin cast [GLM220001](#) - Citroen DS21 Limousine 1969



Norev diecast [NOR513077](#) - Renault Dauphine 1961



TrueScale Miniatures resin cast [TSM430154](#) - Porsche 911 Carrera RSR Turbo 5th Brands Hatch 1000kms 1974



Hiro - New 1:12 resin & metal kit

HIR12553 Ferrari 250TR 1st LM/TF 1958 #14/106 **£611.95**

This may be a kerbside kit rather than an all open one as we've used to seeing Hiro's 1:12 classic racers, but there's still plenty to enjoy. In the cabin area, there is exposed chassis framing, a battery in the passenger side footwell and plenty of other electrical parts. The wheels are works of art with nearly 150 individual components going into each one, a jig provided to ease assembly. The aeroscreen pivots and the windscreen wiper for the larger screen even has a proper rubber (well, vinyl!) blade. Two winning race options are offered with the Hill/Gendebien from Le Mans or the Musso/Gendebien on the Targa Florio and there are subtle changes to bodywork and other smaller details such as the steering wheel to be chosen from the many components.



Aoshima - New 1:24 plastic kits & accessories

AOS01050 Lamborghini Diablo GT **£58.75**
AOS01053 Lamborghini Diablo GT Detailing Set **£18.65**

Although much of it will be hidden when full assembly is completed, there's a fair level of detail in this kit. At the rear we find a full V12 engine, the top of which will be visible through an opening engine cover and there is double-wishbone suspension at each corner. The main body is well proportioned and in addition to the engine cover the doors and lower panels are also separate mouldings, the former designed to hinge. The detailing set includes fine etched parts for grilles, brakes, seat belt furniture, wipers and badges, along with a pair of machined exhaust tips.



AOS01090 Pagani Huayra 2012 **£58.75**
AOS01092 Pagani Huayra Photoetched Detailing Set **£18.65**

We've been looking forward to seeing this kit ever since the pre-production images first appeared some months ago and the size of the box is a good indicator of the amount of detail included. The build sequence starts with the complete front subframe, then moves through the central tub (which is moulded with the roof structure separately) and then a rear chassis assembly with V12 engine. The body parts are designed to open and reveal the detail beneath, or can be placed closed. There's plenty of detail out of the box but if you wish to add more the detailing set includes a sheet of extremely fine etch for various grilles, brake facings and badges, along with machined aluminium exhaust tips.



AOS05260 Brian James A4 Transporter Trailer **£45.75**

A slightly unusual choice for a plastic kit subject, but one which offers plenty of options for diorama builders. Brian James is a leading maker of trailers and the one on offer here is a flatbed car transporter with slide in loading ramps. The parts are all well designed and thought out and it will make for a simple build out of the box and also allows a little scope for extra detailing such as adding a winch cable. Hooked to the back of an Italeri Transit (ITA3687) or one of Aoshima's own 4x4 kits, you just need to decide which classic or race car to load onto it!



Tabu Design - New 1:20 decal

STUTAB20147 Lotus 91 1982 Additional Decals 1:20 **£14.30**
Made to fit Ebbro kit [EBB20012](#)

Ebbro's first Lotus 91 kit offers the car from the British GP, so for race trim it can be built accurately straight out of the box as it ran in politically correct form. In most other races however, there were not only tobacco sponsors but also alcohol and soft-porn backers on display! This sheet fills all the gaps and also includes driver names for Roberto Moreno and Geoff Lees who deputised for Mansell in Holland and France respectively.



Studio 27 - New 1:20 & 1:24 decals & accessories

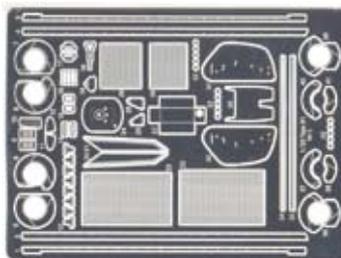
STUCD20043 Lotus 91 Templated Carbon Set UK 1982 1:20 **£24.65**

Made to fit [EBB20012](#) & [EBB20019](#)
 We're in the early days of carbon fibre construction in 1982 so the parts in this pack are relatively simple. There are two sheets of decal and they will wrap the monocoque and the wing surfaces, with alternative parts for the latter included depending on which of Ebbro's kits you are building.



STUFFP20151 Lotus 91 Etched Detailing Set 1:20 **£26.95**
STUFFP20152 Lotus 91 Etch & Metal Detailing Set 1:20 **£38.90**

Made to fit Ebbro kit [EBB20012](#)
 There are two stages of detailing offered by these sets. The smaller pack is the very familiar Studio 27 etch with various grilles, brake details, skirt trims, rear wing endplates, fasteners and seat belt furniture, with ribbon 'belts' and a tiny metal buckle centre for the latter. The larger set has these etched parts and also cast metal to replace the roll over bar and exhaust tips.



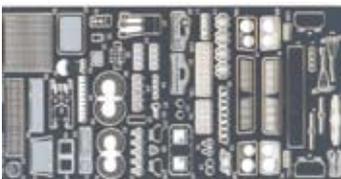
STUTK2067 Lotus 91 Monaco 1982 #11 T'kit 1:20 **£149.20**
Made to fit [EBB20012](#). Alternative version [STUTK2068](#) Nakajima Test

Around the hot streets of Monaco, Elio de Angelis ran his Lotus with the rear engine cover removed and here there are parts to convert the Ebbro kit to this version. The base kit's bodywork is already split, so there is minimal cutting needed although new resin airbox pieces will need to be blended to the plastic original parts. As the engine is exposed there are a fair number of metal detailing parts for the motor including full exhausts and some plumbing and the white metal also extends to a revised rear wing and new wheel centres. Two sheets of etch offer plenty of fine detailing and the set includes carbon decal for the tub and wing parts and decals to provide the correct sponsorship, but check race photos as one or two placement details on the instructions are incorrect!



STUFFP24192 Lancia Delta Integrale Etched Detail Set 1:24 **£25.20**

Made to fit Hasegawa kit [HAS20289](#)
 There's plenty on this etched sheet to add fine detail to your Hasegawa kit, either straight from the box or with one of Studio 27's alternative livery sheets. For the interior, there's a dash panel, seat belt parts, pedals and footrests, while outside there are numerous fasteners, optional roof vents, wipers, brakes, grilles, headlight surrounds and even mud-flap mountings.



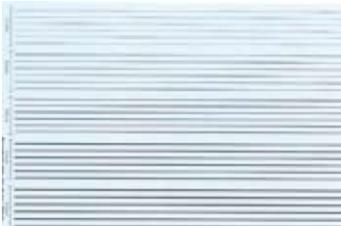
STUDC1182 Lancia Delta Integrale MC/Portugal 1990 Dec 1:24 **£21.20**

Made to fit Hasegawa kit [HAS20289](#)
 There are six options to choose from on this decal, with the cars of Auriol, Biasion or Kankkunen from either the Monte Carlo or Portuguese rallies. The core livery is the same on all and all of the Martini stripes are clearly printed to be applied over a simple white paint finish. Auriol won the opening round of the season with Biasion third and Kankkunen failing to finish, while in round two it was a Lancia podium with Biasion, then Auriol and Kankkunen.



STUFFP033 Black Stripes (Narrow) **£7.45**

Another of those very handy items for the spares box of any model builder, regardless of subject type. Each individual decal stripe is 127mm long and there are six each in widths of 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4 & 0.5mm.





Hasegawa - New 1:24 plastic kits

HAS20287 Porsche 962 Kenwood Suzuka 1989 £41.80

Detail set available [STUFP24190](#)

The core parts of this simple kit go back to when the subject was more or less current and assembly-wise it will be a very simple build. There are additional body parts for a high downforce nose to be fitted before painting and a two-tone paint finish will be needed. The packaging doesn't mention a race but the specific body configuration and driver combination narrows things down to Suzuka.



HAS20289 Lancia Delta Integrale 1000 Lakes 1991 Kankkunen £51.75

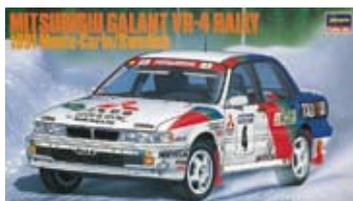
Etched parts available [STUFP24192](#)

The 1991 1000 Lakes rally was the fastest ever run on European stages and saw local Juha Kankkunen win his home event for the first time in eleven attempts. It was also his first win of the season on the way to becoming the first ever triple world champion. Initially we were surprised that this is a single option kit, but then checking the entry lists and results, Kankkunen's was the only Martini Lancia entry, so that makes rather more sense! The kit parts are relatively straightforward and will build a kerbside model, although there is plenty of cabin detail including some etch and ribbon seat belts.



HAS20288 Mitsubishi Galant Vr4 Monte/Sweden 1991 £49.50

Although Mitsubishi ran cars from both Ericsson and Salonen on both the Monte Carlo and Swedish rallies, the decals in this kit offer just one option for each event. Salonen had led both events, accidents dropping him to eighth in the season-opener and out completely in Sweden, while it was Ericsson who failed to finish the Monte having run out of fuel, but he won in the snow of his homeland. It is the finishing cars that are offered. The kit has narrow snow tyres supplied and is a fairly straightforward set of parts to make for a relative quick and easy build project.



HAS20290 Subaru Legacy RS Sweden 1992 £51.75

Second place for Colin McRae in Sweden marked the best WRC result to date for both manufacturer and driver. The kit offers just the single option on the brightly printed decals and there's a fair level of detail both on the underside of the car and for the interior, with a few fine etched flourishes to finish off.



HAS20291 Toyota Celica GT4 Corsica 1992 £51.75

Carlos Sainz was the best placed Toyota driver on the narrow tarmac stages of Corsica, finishing fourth overall. This is the only option offered in the kit and the tarmac-spec wheels and suspension all look good. The livery is missing a number of main sponsor logos which will need sourcing separately, although their placement is effectively shown on the box artwork. Otherwise the kit detailing is similar to the other rally subjects in this group of releases with a realistic underside and full cockpit.



Scale Motorsport - New 1:25 decal

SKU7050 Chevrolet Corvette C7R Templated Carbon £28.65

Made to fit Revell kit [REV07036](#)

This carbon set is slightly unusual in that it is intended for the outer body surfaces of the Revell C7R kit, giving your completed model a full wrap. Ideal as a test car. Two sheets of decal are included with each having patterns printed on the reverse, one sheet for each side of the car. There is also a fair amount of spare decal provided to fill in any gaps or to go in the spares box.



Tamiya - re-issued 1:12 plastic kit

TAM14001 Yamaha YZR500 1980 #1 Roberts 1:12 £24.95 £22.46

As you might have guessed from the part number, this is a re-issue of Tamiya's first 1:12 motorcycle kit, originally released way back in 1981, but with new packaging and updated instructions. By modern standards it's a relatively simple kit, but then the machine is also far less complex. There's still a fair amount to enjoy build-wise though with full frame, engine and separate fairings. If you've never built a bike before, a great first project.



Museum collection Museum Collection - New 1:20 & 1:18 decals

MUSDC20817 Benetton B192 F1 1992 Decals 1:20 £21.95

MUSDC20818 Benetton B192 F1 1992 Green Decals 1:20 £14.95

Made to fit Tamiya kit.

The first of these decal sheets includes all sponsorship for Tamiya's currently out of production Benetton kit. The logos are all clearly printed and decorations for a driver figure are also included. If you don't fancy masking and two-tone painting your model then a sheet with just the green striping is also available separately.

MUSDC18826 McLaren MP4-30 F1 2015 Add Decal 1:18 £19.60

Made to fit Minichamps

There are a number of logos on this additional sheet, some of which are missing from the Minichamps model and others to adjust the decoration from the British Grand Prix.



Looksmart - New 1:43 resincast models

MRCLSLM035 Ferrari 458 Italia Le Mans 2016 #55 £93.95

MRCLSLM036 Ferrari 458 Italia Le Mans 2016 #60 £93.95

MRCLSLM037 Ferrari 458 Italia Le Mans 2016 #61 £93.95

MRCLSLM038 Ferrari 458 Italia Le Mans 2016 #62 £93.95

MRCLSLM039 Ferrari 458 Italia Le Mans 2016 #83 £93.95

Five of the thirteen entries in GTE Am were Ferrari 458s and here they all are in one go! Taking them in race number order, the first had an all British driver line-up and was painted in a dark metallic British Racing Green, which certainly makes for a difference. There were Danes on board #60 and here again we see a patriotic livery with a stylised Danish flag sweeping up the flanks of the car. The one that we really can't miss visually is Singapore-based Clearwater Racing, their car having a chrome wrap with bright orange roof, the orange continuing on various other parts of the car including the dragon graphics. The all-American crew of Bell, Segal and Sweedler had finished third in the category in 2015 and in a car very similarly decorated to their previous mount they were class winners in 2016. Finally we have another near duplicate of the previous year's entry, with the Franco-Portuguese piloted AF Corse #83 also improving two positions in class to finish second. All of the models are finished to a high standard with plenty of fine detailing visible in the cockpit and through the rear screen into the engine bay. The paintwork and decals are excellent whether the liveries are simple or complex and they all make for attractive models.



MRCLSRC005 Ferrari 312B3 2nd Argentina 1974 Lauda £93.95

MRCLSRC006 Ferrari 312B3 2nd Brazil 1974 Regazzoni £93.95

Physically there was no change between the Ferraris as they appeared in the first two races of the 1974 season, which they finished second to McLarens on each occasion. There were very subtle variations on the decoration though and unfortunately Looksmart have fallen into the trap. In Argentina neither car had a Goodyear decal on the front of the cockpit cowling but both models do and on the lower edge of the right-hand sidepod Lauda's car had a small "Fram" decal which is omitted. The decoration on both models is correct for Brazil though. Another small detail, both drivers carried "Marlboro" wording on their crash helmets which have unsurprisingly been left off and for which there are no additional decals included. These very small decoration details aside, the overall shapes and level of finish are very good.





Spark resin cast [SPK5133](#) - Porsche 911 RSR Le Mans 2016



Faenza 43 hand built [FAE280](#) - Ferrari 750 M-Mercedes Venezuela 1957



Minichamps diecast [MIN530164122](#) - McLaren MP4-31 Monaco 2016 Button



GPM Studio hand built [GPS038](#) - Porsche 911S Le Mans 1970



MG Model [MGMGTO055](#) (kit) [MGMGTO055M](#) (built) - Ferrari 250 GTO Tour de France 1962



Spark resin cast [SPK5664](#) - KTM X-Bow Euro GT4 2016



Norev diecast [NOR870060](#) - Volvo S90 2016



Arena [ARE816](#) (kit) [ARE816M](#) (built) - Chevrolet Corvette L88 Daytona Race of Champions 1969



Formula Model [FOR051](#) (kit) [FOR051M11](#) (built) - Lotus 95T 3rd Brazil 1984 de Angelis



Looksmart resin cast [MRCLSRC005](#) - Ferrari 312B3 2nd Argentina 1974 Lauda



Meri Kits hand built [MKSPL43001](#) - Maserati Boyle Special 1st Indy 500 1940



Arena [ARE825](#) (kit [ARE825M](#) (built) - Porsche 911 Carrera RSR Tour de France 1973



TrueScale Miniatures resin cast [TSM430178](#) - Bentley GT3 Spa 24 Hours 2016



GCAM [GCAM43089](#) (kit [GCAM43089M](#) (built) - Spice SE88C Le Mans 1989



Alezan hand built [ALEAC083](#) - Bugatti EB110 Bertone Concept 2 1991



Autocult resin cast [ATC04007](#) - McQuay-Norris Streamliner 1934



Looksmart hand built [MRCLSIDG01](#) - Italdesign Zerouno Geneva 2017



Ebbro diecast [EBB45402](#) - Nissan GT-R GT300 SuperGT 2016 Gainer



Spark resin cast [SPKUK001](#) - Porsche Carrera Cup UK Champion 2016



J-F B Models hand built [JFB43056](#) - Maserati 250F Meadowdale 1959 Arkus-Duntov



Spark - New 1:43 resincast models

SPK4071 Ford GT40 Spider Le Mans 1965 #15 France £50.95

This spider was one of a handful of open GT40 prototypes built and like the sister machines, it had a very short career. The removal of the roof hampered rigidity and aerodynamics but it was transmission failure which saw Trintignant and Ligier stop after just two hours. This was to be Trintignant's last international race appearance. The overhead photo we have of the car in the pits shows an aluminium plate over the intakes, rather than exposed throttles seen on the model but the remaining details all match very well.



SPK4333 Brabham BT7 1st France 1964 Gurney £50.95

Alternative versions SPK5250 Gurney Holland & SPK5251 Brabham Monaco

The 1964 season saw Brabham emerge as a serious contender in the team's second full season as a constructor, with several privately entered cars run alongside works machines for the boss and Dan Gurney. This is an historic subject as Gurney's victory in France was the first for the marque. The model is well proportioned and the dark green and gold livery is neatly replicated with the race number on the nose correctly positioned low on the roundel.



SPK4450 Porsche 911GT2 Le Mans 1999 #67 FAT £50.95

Larbre Competition's second entry in the 1999 Le Mans race featured two fast and experienced drivers with de Thoissy and Jarier and a rising star in the shape of twenty year old Sebastian Bourdais. Sadly engine failure stopped a strong run after just a few hours. The car wore the familiar backing of Chereau trailers and FATurbo Express transport and the decoration is all neatly placed and matches race photos.



SPK4707 Courage C36 Porsche Le Mans 1996 #5 £50.95

Alternative version SPK4706 #3

Although the race report doesn't mention it, it appears that the rear bodywork on this Courage was changed at some point during the 1996 race (perhaps when the clutch was being repaired) as the sponsorship ahead of the rear wheels changed! The model depicts the car as it was at the end of the race and the neatly applied decals check out well with photos, of which there are many, and will sit well with the other similar cars released by Spark over the past few months.



SPK4709 Chevrolet Corvette C1 Le Mans 1962 #1 £50.95

The single Corvette appearing at Le Mans in 1962 was entered under the banner of Scuderia Scirocco and was a little modified production example, complete with original bright red interior. The simple decoration is neatly applied over a well-proportioned bodyshell and the small race specific details such as the bug deflector on top of the bonnet and the fuel filler through the rear screen are neatly fitted.



SPK5024 McLaren MP4-31 Malaysia 2016 Button £52.95

Alternative versions SPK5012 Australia & SPK5022 Italy Halo test

Jenson Button will probably want to forget most of the 2016 F1 season, the McLaren-Honda package being less than competitive. There was some cause for celebration in Malaysia though as he became only the third driver in the history of F1 to start 300 races and that milestone is celebrated here. The basic model is very similar to the previous MP4-31 releases from Spark, so is generally well finished and nicely proportioned but is missing a couple of sponsors from the cockpit sides (MUSDC43843). Mounted to the display case base is a neatly modelled etched pitboard, depicting the way the team congratulated Button on his record.



SPK5023 Red Bull RB12 1st Malaysia 2016 Ricciardo £52.95

Alternative version SPK5007 Australia

Spark have already made early season versions of the 2016 Red Bull and here we see Ricciardo's car adjusted slightly for the Malaysia Grand Prix, one of only two races in the 2016 season that was not won by a Mercedes driver. We have our usual little gripe about the thick rear wing endplates but the suspension and other wing detailing is very fine. The main satin blue paint finish is excellent, the clearly printed decals are all carefully placed and the decoration matches race photos.



SPK5100 Porsche 919 Hybrid 13th Le Mans 2016 #1 £50.95

Also available SPKLM016 #2 winner

Porsche reduced their LMP1 entry at Le Mans to two cars for 2016 and the defending WEC champions Bernhard, Hartley and Webber started the race from pole position, but dropped well down the order when the water pump failed late on Saturday evening leading to a pit stop of over an hour. The car was physically little changed from the previous year but the livery was and both the small body details and the decoration are neatly observed as usual from Spark.



SPK5104 Audi R18 4th Le Mans 2016 #7 £50.95

Alternative version SPK5105 #8

Like Porsche, Audi had reduced their Le Mans entry to just two cars but unlike their rivals they started with a car that was almost entirely new. The aerodynamics are particularly interesting and the front end of the car looks like it's designed to scare the air out of the way; pretty it is not! It has been well replicated here though with a fine aerofoil section linking the bluff front wings and nose. The decoration is all carefully applied and we see very fine details around the rear wing and dorsal fin and in keeping with Spark's other 2016 Le Mans prototypes, it rolls on wet tyres.



SPK5116 Oreca 05 Nissan 9th Le Mans 2016 #33 £50.95

There were certainly plenty of foil finishes on the LMP2 machines at Le Mans in 2016 and here we see very striking red and gold highlights. For those who have a theme of collecting cars from different countries (we know there are at least a couple of you!) this Dutch-based team actually ran under the flag of the Philippines! The decoration is all neatly applied with the foil decals sitting deeply into the panel engraving and we see typically fine parts used for the aero details.



SPK5138 Chevrolet Corvette C7 Le Mans 2016 #50 £50.95

Larbre Competition has a good record at Le Mans with several class wins chalked up over the years and the driver line-up in 2016 was pretty experienced too, Belloc and Ragues each starting their tenth Le Mans and Yamagishi his fifth. It was the Japanese driver who unfortunately crashed the car on Sunday morning but it was repaired and made the finish having recovered a few places on a late charge. The basic livery is familiar from previous Larbre Corvettes with yellow, black and red domination and there is plenty of small personal sponsorship from the drivers, all of which looks to be well placed.



SPKSB123 Audi R8 LMS 3rd Spa 2016 #28 WRT £52.95

Alternative version SPKSB128

The Belgian Audi Club WRT Team has an excellent record at Spa in recent years and third place in the 2016 event was the seventh podium finish for the outfit in the last six runnings of the race. This despite a lengthy pit stop around the six-hour mark for damage repair which saw the #28 machine drop to fortieth in the standings at one point! The model depicts the car pre-accident and the placement of the decoration is to a customarily high standard, with red and black decal panels laid over a satin black paint finish.



SPKSG236 Bentley Continental GT3 7th Ring 2016 #38 £52.95

Run by Christian Abt's team, this very brightly decorated Bentley's main sponsor was the German post office. The livery fades from yellow to black at the rear and rather than using a graduated decal this appears to have been done with paint, giving a consistent gloss finish to the main body. The small aero details are all very fine and there is plenty of carbon on these adding contrast and overall it is a very good looking subject and nicely made.



SPKSG258 Porsche Cayman GT4 Ring 2016 #170 Bott £52.95

The results show that this Manthey Racing Porsche was entered in the Experimental class along with the Glick-ehaus, beating the Honda-powered machine and finishing twenty-third overall. The decoration is based on that of the press launch GT4 Clubsport with a few extra sponsors and it's all neatly done with the two painted main body colours of silver and yellow tied together with graded decals.



SPKUS017 Lancia Beta Monte Carlo Daytona 1980 #4 £52.95

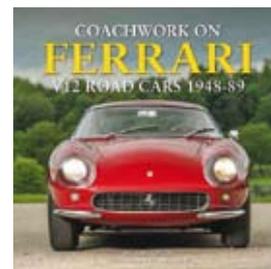
This Jolly Club was the only Beta Monte Carlo Turbo to take the start in the 1980 Daytona 24 Hours and regular driver pairing of Facetti and Finotto, joined by Ricci, brought it home in a creditable tenth overall and won their class. The bodywork is the familiar longer-tailed variation seen for a couple of seasons but the livery was unique for the race, with a simple and attractive red and blue striping over a white base.



New books

ISB9781906133696 Coachwork on Ferrari V12 Road Cars £40.00

Weight 1.3kg by James Taylor
With so many unique bodies on Ferrari chassis, particularly in the early days, a definitive guide to them all would be a huge work (for example, the 'Ferrari by Vignale' book alone is nearly the same size as this). This very colourful collection of images concentrates on the companies who created the bodies rather than every design they created and tells us a little about the firms and then shows examples of their work. We start with Abbot, one of the few non-Italian firms to have clothed a Maranello chassis, and then moves through Bertone, Ghia, Pininfarina, Touring Vignale and more. The photographs used are excellent, with a few period publicity shots and plenty of surviving cars and we are also treated to a gallery of engine shots showing how the cars evolved mechanically.



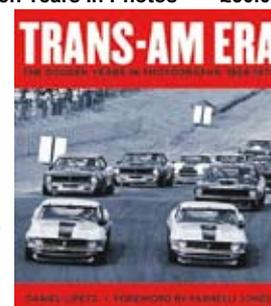
ISB9783927458918 Walter Rohrl - Querlenker, Zeitreise in Bildern £39.95

Weight 2.1 kg by Wilfried Müller
The title for this celebration of the life and career of Walter Rohrl doesn't quite translate into English, as a querlenker is a suspension control arm or wishbone, but then as a driver Rohrl has usually been very much in control! Produced by the Porsche Museum, rather than following a set timeline this colourful publication is alphabetical, so as we dip in we might jump from golf to the Group S Audi prototype, or Monika (Mrs Rohrl) to the Monte Carlo rally. Rohrl turns 70 this year, so a well-timed tribute to one of the all-time great drivers. GERMAN TEXT.



ISB9781935007203 Trans-Am Era, The Golden Years In Photos £60.00

Weight 1.7KG by Daniel Lipetz
When a book is billed as 'In Photographs' we look forward to a feast of colour but with 140 images, a large proportion in black and white, over 233 pages, this falls a little short. We have several Trans-Am reference books and so some of the images are familiar but there are still plenty that aren't and those items in our library are long since out of print. There's plenty of background info included in the well-written text and very brief results for each season. An attractive book but one that could have been so much more.



GPC017 GP Car Story Vol.17, Lotus 99T £24.45

GPC018 GP Car Story Vol.18, McLaren MP4-13 £24.45

Weight 600g
For those who read Japanese these are detailed accounts of the development and racing career of their subjects, with interviews with key team personnel and technical details about the cars. In the case of the McLaren this (apparently, according to the English chapter titles) includes a description of the car's innovative braking system. For the rest of us, they are a fantastic collections of photographs showing the cars race by race with lots of close up detail with the cars at the circuits and in the photographic studio. Very handy for modellers. JAPANESE TEXT.



GPCSPL001 GP Car Story Special Edition, Minardi £24.45

Weight 600g
Usually the individual titles from this Japanese publisher concentrate on a particular chassis type, but this time it is the full 21 year F1 history of the Minardi team. An image gallery shows all of the different chassis types year by year and there is extra detail on some of them, but with such a broad subject to fit into 95 pages and plenty of interviews to include too, it is not as image heavy as the sister titles. The images that are included are very colourful though and it will be a useful quick reference. JAPANESE TEXT.



TrueScale Miniatures - New 1:43 resincast models

TSM154359 Tyrrell 011 Monaco 1982 Henton £89.95

Alternative version TSM154360 Alboreto Vegas
Brian Henton started his final season in F1 in an Arrows but moved to Tyrrell for the European season after the latter had dispensed with the services of Slim Borgudd. Henton's eighth place in Monaco was one of his better results for the season and was the first occasion that he beat team leader Alboreto. The car is generally well modelled with very fine detailing on the suspension and side-pod vents. At the rear the wing has very fine endplates but it would be nice to see the main elements as separate pieces rather than one large moulding. The main blue finish is excellent, although it does look slightly light compared with race photos and the print and placement of the decals is spot on.



Autocult - New 1:43 resincast models

ATC06014 Ford Mach 2 1967 £92.95

The Mach 2 was a mid-engined concept using as many Mustang parts as feasible including the front suspension and small-block V8 engine and first appeared at the 1967 Detroit Motor Show before going on to several more shows. It was a fully functioning machine but sadly the project was dropped. The sharp lines of the car are very well modelled and the finish is excellent, as we're used to seeing from Autocult. Also typical from this maker is that it's a subject that we hadn't previously heard of! A must for Mustang collectors.



ATC05012 Bizzarrini 500 Macchinetta 1952 Blue £92.95

We usually think of large GT cars when we see the Bizzarrini name but like many Italian specialist manufacturers he cut his teeth with a Fiat Topolino based special, creating this lightweight coupe soon after graduating. It may be a little known car today but it impressed enough at the time to earn the young man a contract with Alfa Romeo. The car has been restored and the model matches images of this very well, the slightly hunched coupe design smartly painted in pale blue and with subtle fine detailing.





Spark resincast [SPKSA105](#) - Dallara F314 7th Macau 2014 Verstappen



TrueScale Miniatures resincast [TSM430197](#) - McLaren 650S GT3 1st Donington 2016 Ecurie Ecosse



GPM Studio hand built [GPS035](#) - Porsche 911S Le Mans 1970



Autocult resincast [ATC02009](#) - Steyr-Puch Adria TS 1964



MR Collection hand built [MRC200A](#) - Pagani Huayra Roadster Geneva 2017



GCAM [GCAM43087](#) (kit) [GCAM43087M45](#) (built) - Jowett Jupiter Le Mans 1952



Minichamps diecast [MIN410142424](#) - BMW M4 DTM 2014 Martin



MG Model [MGMT0054](#) (kit) [MGMT0054M](#) (built) - Ferrari 250GTO Coppa Intereuropa Monza 1963



Formula Models [FOR053](#) (kit) [FOR053M11](#) (built) - Lotus 95T mid-season 1984 de Angelis



Ebbro resincast [EBB45490](#) - McLaren MP4-31 Bahrain 2016 Vandoorne

Neo - New 1:43 resin cast models

NEO43210 Mercedes 24/100 1926 Beige £96.95

Neo initially listed this as being from 1924 and the packaging says 1928, but searching through images it appears to be modelled on a 1926 machine in the Mercedes museum. The colour of that museum piece is a richer yellow but the lines match, as do the artillery style wheels. Most of the brightwork is replicated using very good plated mouldings but the rear luggage rack and windscreen frame are particularly delicate etch. Nicely done.



NEO46825 Dodge Dart Phoenix 1961 Red £73.95

Virgil Exner's styling for the 1961 model Dodge Darts was not popular, with a headlight arrangement commonly described as 'in-grown toenails' and poorly positioned tail lights beneath wide fins that were very difficult to see from behind. They still accounted for over half of Dodge's 1961 sales though and three trim levels were offered, the Phoenix modelled here being the most luxurious. The controversial lines of the car look to be well replicated on the model and our sample has neatly placed brightwork over a very fine, deep metallic burgundy paint finish.



NEO46885 Ford Ranchero 1979 £73.95

Changes to emissions regulations in America in the late 1970s saw a switch from car-based pickups to purpose built light trucks and so 1979 was the final year of production for Ford's long-running Ranchero series. The LTD sedan was the base for this final version and it's a big machine. The black paint on the model accentuates this and the luxurious interior is finished in a contrasting red. The window frames and bed rim are painted on in satin silver, while the remaining trim is neatly fitted and plated.



NEO47000 Citroen SM Espace by Heuliez 1971 Blue £73.95

Heuliez unveiled their novel solution to creating an open-topped Citroen SM at the 1971 Paris show. To maintain rigidity, the roof has a central spine and on either side were seven aluminium slats which slid into the middle. Two examples were built and both survive, the model being based on the second of them as it is now. The car is depicted with the roof closed and side windows raised, which perhaps doesn't show off the subject to its greatest potential, but it is well proportioned and finished.



NEO46990 Chevrolet Special de Luxe Coupe 1941 Black £73.95

When the new Chevrolet models were launched in 1941 they were an instant hit, with modern styling including blended headlamps and running boards and the longest chassis for a Chevy to date affording plenty of interior space. Nearly six hundred thousand of the Special De Luxe models were sold in six body styles, the coupe as modelled here being the second most popular. The shape of the car looks pretty good and the detailing is neatly fitted and is deliberately slightly dull to replicate the stainless steel on the original rather than chrome. The choice of plain black wheels rather than with optional trim rings or whitewall tyres also makes things look a little heavy.



NEO47015 Plymouth Valiant Sedan 1960 White £73.95

Officially this should really just be called a Valiant, the model launched as a stand-alone brand initially and this being an early car. The car modelled is one of the lower trim versions without brightwork on the tops of the wings and with simpler bumpers and the overall shape and detailing looks very good. We've found images of a few cars with the same cream bodywork and deep red interior and the overall effect is pleasing and accurate.



NEO45263 Cadillac S&S Superior Flower Car 1959 £87.95

To an Englishman used to funeral cars being some looking machines usually finished in black, the American equivalents convey a far more positive, celebration of life. Flower cars are going out of fashion but Cadillacs such as the one modelled here were produced in fair numbers, the casket being transported out of sight beneath the raised flower deck. The model is based on one of the few survivors and finished in an unusual pale metallic green. The standard '59 Cadillac styling cues remain and interestingly, so do the rear doors which we presume are for access to storage?



NEO46685 Phantom Corsair 1938 Black £88.95

This spectacular 'car of the future' was the dream of Rust Heinz, heir to the food company and he had hoped to put it into limited production. The base vehicle was a Cord 810, the most advanced chassis available in America at the time and bodywork was by Bowmann & Schwartz based on a sketched design from Heinz. It's a huge vehicle which seats six, with four abreast in the front (one to the left of the driver) while in the rear there are only two places due to space taken up by drinks cabinets! The interior was originally trimmed in red but on the model we see the black of the restored car which is a little lost through the small windows. To emphasise the sweeping lines, the car was painted deep gloss black and there is a similar deep finish on the miniature making for a real beauty.



NEO47107 Packard 902 Standard Eight Convertible 1932 £99.95

The 1932 Packards were a stylish group of machines and the most elegant was this convertible body, also known as a Roadster Coupe. Two-tone colours were popular and there are various fine body mouldings picked out in burgundy to match the wings on the model and contrast smartly with the rich cream main body. At the rear, there is a rumble seat, closed on the model but with a step for access on the right rear corner and the cars also featured a compartment for golf clubs on the right. A fine example of a quality 1930s machine.



Norev - New 1:43 diecast models

NOR350093 Triumph TR6 1970 BRG £39.95

In terms of body-shape, Norev have done an excellent job on the last 'proper' Triumph TR sports car, the panel engraving all being crisp and most of the small details carefully placed. We say most as on our sample the exhaust is a little twisted and the tyres look very wide. Viewed from the front three-quarter or the side and it looks very good.



NOR910029 Cadillac 1956 Queen Elizabeth II £44.95

In 1938 the US Government had two special Cadillacs built and they were christened "Queen Mary" and "Queen Elizabeth" after the famous ocean liners. These cars were replaced in 1956 by "Queen Mary II" and "Queen Elizabeth II". Eisenhower was first to use the new cars and they carried on in the service of Presidents Johnson and Kennedy. There are numerous handles and footplates on the outside of the car that the secret service bodyguards would have stood on during motorcades and these parts are finely made. The windscreen is a little clumsy, but otherwise a well finished model.



NOR519515 Renault Type PG2 Vivasix 1928 Cream/Black £34.95

There were two levels of the Vivasix produced by Renault in 1927 and 1928 and the version offered here is the less expensive of the pair. They were also the last of the Renaults to have the chisel nose with no radiator intake, as the radiators were moved to the front for 1929. Several body styles were available and the car modelled is a conventional saloon. The shape is generally good and the paint finishes are neatly applied.



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Minichamps - New 1:43 & 1:18 diecast & resincast models

MIN400720006 Lotus 72 Canada 1972 Wisell £62.95
MIN400720011 Lotus 72 USA 1972 Walker £59.95

Having been a regular at Lotus in 1971, Reine Wisell stood in for Dave Walker as the team felt he stood a better chance of winning than some prize money than the Australian. He was unhappy with the balance of the car in practice and Ron Tauranac, who was helping Lotus that weekend, redesigned the rear wing mounting and endplates to try and improve things, only for an engine problem to cut Wisell's race short. Walker was back for the following race at Watkins Glen with the car in the same configuration, but also retired. The bodywork is fairly good in terms of shape and the decoration on the rear wing endplate looks good, but the extensions added to the tops of the endplates have been omitted and the wing is lying back a little. As usual for Minichamps, the decoration is in politically correct form, so some sponsor decals will need sourcing elsewhere.



MIN400720006

MIN410142423 BMW M4 DTM 2014 #23 Wittmann £69.95
MIN410142424 BMW M4 DTM 2014 #24 Martin £69.95
MIN410152431 BMW M4 DTM 2015 #31 Blomqvist £69.95

The BMW M4 was new for the 2014 DTM season and there's been a rather frustratingly long wait but at last we see the first of Minichamps' models. The overall shape of the car looks very good and the decoration is, as usual, very neatly applied. Some of the aerodynamic detailing is rather chunky but overall the models look the part. Marco Wittmann used his example to great effect starting the year with a win and occupying the top step of the podium three more times during the campaign to win the championship. Experienced BMW GT racer Maxime Martin was also winner during his first DTM season in 2014 as was F3 graduate Tom Blomqvist the following year.



MIN410152431

MIN530164114 McLaren MP4-31 Monaco 2016 Alonso £59.95
MIN530164122 McLaren MP4-31 Monaco 2016 Button SOLD OUT

McLaren's 2016 season was poor by their usual high standards, with their best results coming in Monaco with Alonso fifth and Button ninth. The race started wet and then dried, seeing the drivers use three different tyre types but here we see the purple-marked 'ultra-soft' slicks used in qualifying. We've already seen 2016 McLarens from other races by Minichamps and as with the previous releases, the finish on these models is excellent but there are missing Chandon logos (MUSDC43843) on the cockpit sides and the rear wing endplates could be finer.



MIN530164114

MIN537164222 McLaren MP4-31 Test 2016 Button - resin £89.95

With very strange mesh fences to carry airflow sensors fitted behind the front wheels, this makes for a very interesting alternative version of the 2016 McLaren. As usual for MP4-31s from all makers, the model is missing the Chandon logos (MUSDC43843) from the cockpit sides, but the test equipment covered most of this anyway, so it is far less of an issue than on the race versions. The rear wing endplates are typically thick, but the rest of the model is very well done and those sensors are particularly fine.



MIN410066120 Porsche Cayman GT4 2016 White £59.95
 Also available **MIN410066121 Black** & **MIN410066122 Green**

Many at Porsche were apparently not keen on the Cayman GT4 project, fearing that the mid-engined platform fitted with the 3.8 litre 911 Carrera S motor would take sales away from the 911. The car's production was therefore limited and it sold out in advance of launch, surprising even those most in favour of its creation! In addition to the upgrades beneath the skin, there are a fair few styling changes with wider bodywork covering larger wheels and an aggressive rear wing. Our sample model, fitted with the optional stripe package, is very well finished and matches press photos.



MIN107716836 Porsche 911S Le Mans 1971 #36 - 1:18 resin £189.95

First impressions of this well-finished resin model are very good. The paintwork is nice and bright and the decals are clearly printed with excellent colour density and appear to be correctly placed from the images that we can find. We do have a query about some on the roof though. On either side there are two decals which say SKIOLN but the main sponsor is OLIN Skis. The only rear view of the car shows that there is something in this position and that the rest of the rear is correct, but this seems an odd change of spelling to us.



MINCAT17-1 Minichamps Diecast Catalogue 2017 (pt1) £4.99

Weight 800g

With close to two hundred pages, this is the largest Minichamps catalogue we've seen to date. Included are several hundred photos of models either in current production, due for release at the time of printing or real car images illustrating many more that are planned further in the future. The content is divided by scale and category (motorcycles, F1, other race cars, road cars etc) with the subjects alphabetically by marque where possible.



Premium X - New 1:43 diecast models

PRX0557 Jaguar XJS Lynx Eventer 1983 Green £39.95

The Lynx Eventer is one of those vehicles you never realised you wanted until it appeared, a two-door, high-performance shooting break based on Jaguar's XJS and so stylishly converted that it could have come off the line at Browns Lane. The shape of Premium X's models isn't quite perfect but it is very close and the paint finish is a deep metallic green with a slight hint of blue and is excellent. We've not been able to find images of an example of the car (there were only 67) with stripes like those seen on the model but they are carefully placed.



PRX0549 Chevrolet Camaro RS 1969 Green £39.95

Chevrolet adjusted the styling for the final year of the first generation Camaro with a much more aggressive look making the car appear lower and wider than in previous years. The car is seen here in RS trim, which was the most common, and the sharp edges of the body panels are very crisply moulded.



The bright metallic green paintwork is evenly applied and the white decal stripes have good colour density and conform to the body lines, the edges of the bonnet bulge being particularly crisp.

PRX0366 Ford Mustang GT Fastback 1967 Black £39.95

The early Mustang coupes that we've seen from Premium X had us questioning the profile but this slightly later fastback is much better. The exterior vent details all look good and the body has an excellent black paint finish with neatly applied white trim. The white continues to the interior and we see lap belts on the rear seats and seat belt buckles for the front seats too, although the latter are missing the main belts. Still good value though.



PRX0535 Jaguar XKSS 1957 Silver £39.95

Over the past few months we've seen a number of Jaguar XKSS models announced, the interest presumably inspired by the completion of the last nine 'original' cars by Jaguar sixty years after the first sixteen rolled out of Brown's Lane. The car modelled here is a modern recreation too, but one built in New Zealand on slightly more modern Jaguar running gear. At first glance the model looks very good and the union flag and extinguisher decals on both sides are correct. Closer inspection shows the wheel arch line isn't quite right and the windscreen is a little low.





GPM Studio hand built [GPS032](#) - Porsche 911S 10th Le Mans 1969



GCAM [GCAM43088](#) (kit) [GCAM43088M](#) (built) - Monopole X84 Le Mans 1954



Faenza 43 hand built [FAE293](#) - Ferrari 750M-Mercedes
1st Mare Pedro Garia 1957



Meri Kits hand built [MKSPL43004](#) - Maserati 8CTF Germany 1939 #32 Pietsch



Norev 1:18 diecast [NOR182718](#) - Ford Capri 280 Brooklands 1986



Ebbro diecast [EBB45401](#) - Nissan GT-R GT300 Super GT 2016



Spark resin cast [SPK5142](#) - Porsche 911 RSR Le Mans 2016



Looksmart resin cast [MRCLSLM060](#) - Ferrari 275LM 8th Le Mans 1969



MG Model-Rare 1:18 hand built [MGMR118015](#) - Ferrari 512M 3rd Daytona 1971



Top Speed 1:18 resin cast [TSMTS0071](#) - McLaren 675LT Spider



REPLICARZ
The Scale Model For The Race Enthusiast

ReplicarZ - New 1:43 resincast model

RPZ43020 Olsonite Eagle Indy 500 1972 LAST STOCK £109.95

It's been a while since we last saw a new release in this range and it's certainly a welcome sight. The car modelled is that of Bobby Unser who started the Indy 500 from pole position and surged into a commanding lead before being forced to retire when the rotor arm broke up! The basic shape of the car looks good and the suspension parts are very finely detailed. Exposed at the rear is a full engine, complete with wiring and some plumbing such as to the oil cooler. A few of the smaller parts have a slightly over the top chrome application, but overall a fine looking model.



WSI Collectibles - New 1:50 diecast models

WSI011837 Iveco 3rd Dakar 2016 #514 Villagra 1:50 £84.95

Argentinean Federico Villagra was a multiple national rally champion in his home country and made the switch to rally raids in 2014. His first Dakar was behind the wheel of a MINI and for his third participation he stepped up to the trucks, finishing an impressive 3rd in the category. The truck was prepared by de Rooy and featured a colourful livery which we're unsure whether is supposed to depict a dragon or a volcano! It looks great whatever and is neatly modelled with good paint, clearly printed decals and a fair level of detail on the model parts, particularly on the chassis.



WSI011900 Iveco 10th Dakar 2016 #518 Vila 1:50 £84.95

Pep Vila was starting his sixteenth Dakar in 2016 and finished a creditable tenth in the truck category after a consistent run. His Iveco was wearing Petronas sponsorship and was another de Rooy prepared machine. Although visually very different to the Villagra truck which arrived in the same delivery, the chassis underneath is very similar and there's a decent level of detail beneath the brightly decorated bodywork.



Oxford - New 1:43 diecast models

OXFVA003 Volvo Amazon Blue Green £23.95

Alternative version [OXFVA001](#) Light Green & [OXFVA002](#) Red
This is the third colour option that we've seen from Oxford of the car which really brought Volvo to the global mass market and they've done a decent job. Yes, the window frames and side trim are painted and slightly dull but they are precisely done, the overall shape of the car looks good, the paintwork is evenly applied and the plated bumpers and wipers are delicately made and neatly fitted.



OXFBN6003 Bentley MkVI 1951 Green/Black £23.95

Also available [OXFBN6001](#) Ivo Peters, [OXFBN6002](#) two-tone green, [OXFBN6004](#) grey/blue & [OXFBN6005](#) two-tone grey
Introduced in 1946, the MkVI was Bentley's first post-war model and some five thousand were built during a six year production run. The model depicts a 1951 example that is often seen at classic car events in the UK and is smartly finished in two-tone Brewster Green and Black. The paint application is very neat, with precise masking of the two colours and by Oxford standards the trim is very fine.



Ixo - New 1:43 diecast model

IXORAM624 Hyundai i20 Argentina 2016 Paddon £37.95

New Zealander Haydon Paddon scored his maiden WRC victory on the rough stages of Argentina, clinching victory from Ogier on the final power stage. The car appears to be modelled as it was on the opening 'super-special' with a comprehensive light-pod fitted on the bonnet. The rest of the detailing is as we would expect from this event, with raised ride-height, gravel tyres and neatly fitted mirror tint on the side windows. The overall finish is very good and this will be a fine and historic addition to any WRC collection.



BoS Models - New 1:43 resincast model

BSM43750 Mercedes W154 Streamliner 1939 £39.95

Both Mercedes and Auto Union used modified versions of their Grand Prix machines for record breaking during the 1930s and the Class D times set by Carracciola in this machine at Dessau were to be the last records set on German soil before the outbreak of war. It is, arguably, the best looking of all of the streamlined 'silver arrows' and the shape is very well replicated here. The panel engraving is all nice and crisp and a satin silver paint finish is used to represent the bare aluminium of the original. As with all German racers of the era, there should be swastikas on the head fairing which are omitted, but otherwise the model looks accurate and is very well priced.



Paragon - New 1:18 diecast model

PAR98342 Jaguar E Type Lightweight Coupe #4 Sutcliffe £129.95

The only reference that we can find for Peter Sutcliffe's Lightweight E Type wearing #4 are from Kyalami (where he won the GT class with Dickie Stoop) and while the positioning of the numbers for this race is correct on the nose and doors, nothing else about the decals is. Most of the physical details of the car are close, although we can't find any images of this chassis with the small additional deflector panels behind the front wheels. On the plus side, the cockpit detailing is realistic and there's plenty to enjoy under the bonnet.



Ebro - New 1:18 diecast models

EBB81024 Nissan GT-R SuperGT 2015 #46 S-Road £259.95

EBB81041 Nissan GT-R SuperGT 2015 #1 Motul £259.95

SuperGT machinery generally makes for impressive modelling subjects and in 1:18 these Nissans are particularly imposing. There are plenty of small aerodynamic details for the model makers to have fun with and for the most part these are very fine pieces with the splitters, dive planes and rear wing all very finely done, although some of the small winglets on the sides are a little heavy. There's plenty of subtle carbon in evidence and both of our samples have flawless chrome roof finishes. Opening doors reveal pretty good interior detail, again with plenty of carbon on show and there are cool air pipes for the driver and realistic seat belts. The models are delivered with the mirrors and aerials packed separately to avoid damage and these will simply plug in for display.



Alfa Romeo and the first Mille Miglia

by David Blumlein

It is entirely appropriate to think about the Mille Miglia race in the spring of 2017 for this is in turn the ninetieth anniversary of the race's beginning, the sixtieth anniversary of its final demise and the seventieth of its post-war revival.

It was long considered wisdom that city-to-city races were far too dangerous and the tragic Paris-Madrid race of 1903, stopped at Bordeaux because of fatalities, was the end of that era; the use of closed road circuits evolved to replace them.

But Conte Maggi and three friends thought otherwise and put their minds to devising a thousand mile race from Brescia to Rome and back again for sporting cars, in effect going back to the old format. And, it must be added, there was regional pride at work - Brescia had been squeezed out by the coming of Monza in 1922. So how did this ambitious scheme attain authorisation?

Benito Mussolini had been appointed Chief Minister by King Victor Emmanuel III and, despite his more offensive ideas, came to be seen by the Italians as a man who could get things done. And so this new inter-city race went ahead because it had the support of the Fascist Party, and Mussolini became increasingly involved personally in Italian motor racing projects. After all, was it not Mussolini who saved Alfa Romeo from extinction in 1933, declaring that the Milanese marque was too important an asset for Italy to lose?

The Mille Miglia was essentially an Italian national race, run over a variety of routes to Rome and back but always based in Brescia as the organisers had hoped that it would bring back something of the motor-

racing prestige Brescia had lost. There were twenty-four races in all and in 1927 it was suggested that at least twenty-five thousand or more soldiers lined the route to help control the onlookers. There was a surprising lack of serious incidents as the races followed on but inevitably tragedy caught up and when a Lancia Aprilia crashed into the crowd in 1938 killing ten spectators including seven children, the government banned the race. A one-off race over nine laps of a designated 103-mile circuit, organised by the Brescia Auto Club, was run in 1940 while western Europe was busy waging World War II, and this was accepted as part of the Mille Miglia tradition but of course it was not the real thing.

The real Mille Miglia was revived after the war with Italy now a republic under a democratic government and the fall-out from 1938 was ignored! So in 1947 there was the fourteenth running of the famous race which was to give Alfa Romeo its eleventh and final victory. In 1953 the World Sports Car Championship was inaugurated and the Mille Miglia was enlisted as Italy's round. In the climate of the time, especially after the horrific accident at Le Mans, any serious accident would kill off the Mille Miglia and it came in 1957 when de Portago had a tyre burst at very high speed when lying fourth in the Ferrari; and the ensuing accident scythed through spectators, leaving de Portago and his passenger Ed Nelson dead along with four adults and five children. Inevitably this spelt the end.

The mood of course was different back in 1927 when there was much expectation to see Italian racing revived. The route consist-



FB Models [FBM046C](#) (kit) [FBM046CM](#) (built) - Alfa Romeo RL SS
7th Mille Miglia 1927 - Mercanti/Sazzi

ed of a large figure of eight, both north and south loops meeting at Bologna. The cars set off for Rome down the western side of the peninsula and returned up the eastern side. The race was organised in accordance with CSI regulations laid down in January 1925 in Paris by the AIACR which controlled international events. Based on Appendix C of those rules, there were the now familiar class categories.

Class B (up to 8,000 c.c.) had just the Isotta Fraschini tipo 8ASS to be driven by Conte Maggi and Bindo Maserati who was at the time chief test driver for Isotta. Two of the six-cylinder o.h.v. 4.7-litre Fiat 519s occupied Class C. It was in Class D that we found the chief race favourites: the Alfa Romeo RLSS cars. They were designer Giuseppe Merosi's masterpiece, these RLSS versions having 83 b.h.p. six-cylinder o.h.v. engines with dry sump lubrication and seven main bearings - 293 were made in all. Brilli-Peri, who had won the 1925 Italian Grand Prix, had Presenti with him. Marinoni/Ramponi and "Fratò Ignoto" (Mercanti) were also in works cars; the latter used the pseudonym as he was a Brescian who had helped found Monza and was not too popular in Brescia! Gutermann/Munaron and Arpinati, the Fascist party leader of Bologna, also drove these Alfa Romeos.

Ten of the advanced Lancia Lambdas ran and six of them were specially built in February known as the "Da Corsa" series. They had taller pistons to increase the compression ratio, very short chassis and lighter bodywork with side-mounted spare wheels. Vincenzo Lancia had sternly resisted involving his cars in competitions but could not resist the marketing possibilities of this new race. Completing the Class D were three Bianchi tipo 20s, four Ansaldo 6Bs and three Diattos.

The side-valve six-cylinder two-litre O.M.s were also potential winners, having made their mark at Le Mans the two preceding years. Four of these Brescia-built cars were entered in Class E. Four Itala tipo 61s, with one driven by a young

Corteze, completed the class entries. The 1500c.c. class (Class F) had six Fiat 501s, five Ceirano tipo S 150s, an O.M. 469, a Brescia Bugatti and a Bugatti Type 40. Class G (1100c.c.) was swamped with Fiat 509S models, this being the Turin firm's first "bambina" with a four-cylinder overhead cam 990c.c. engine. Four CGS Amilcars, two Italian S.A.M. C25Fs and a young Luigi Fagioli with his Salmson made up the seventeen entries. Lastly came three Peugeot Quadriettes, these being Type 172 R cars, running with 719c.c. engines in the Class H 750 c.c. category.

Good weather on 26/27 March greeted the starters which were released in descending order of engine capacity. At 8 a.m. the big Isotta Fraschini was flagged away by Augusto Turati, Secretary of the National Fascist Party, from the Piazza Vittorio in Brescia but by Bologna Brilli Peri was in command in the Alfa Romeo RLSS with Minoia. Morandi second in the O.M. By Rome Brilli-Peri still led but then he retired at Spoleto on the return leg - is this the start of the legend "He who leads at Rome never wins"? The O.M.s took over with Marinoni's Alfa Romeo third but this too failed just 120 miles short of the finish, leaving the O.M.s to fill the first three places, followed by two of the Lancias and then Maggi in the Isotta Fraschini. The best Alfa Romeo could do was Mercanti in seventh position and Gutermann ninth. Arpinati retired after an accident at a railway crossing in Rome.

Naturally Maggi won Class B, a Fiat 519 Class C, the Lancia Class D, the O.M. Class E, the Type 40 Bugatti (12th overall) Class F, Fiat 509s came 1-2 in Class G and the Peugeots all finished in Class H, these little cars taking a day and a half to finish! One notes that a certain Tazio Nuvolari brought his Bianchi into tenth place.

The race passed without major incident and it is said that Turati reported back to Mussolini favourably. The Duce replied "It is to be repeated". The Mille Miglia had come to stay.



FB Models [FBM046D](#) (kit) [FBM046DM](#) (built) - Alfa Romeo RL SS
Mille Miglia 1927 - Arpinati



Spark resincast [SPK4263](#) - Eagle Mk7 Olsonite Indy 500 1969 Hulme



TrueScale Miniatures resincast [TSM430194](#) - McLaren 650S GT3 Super Taikyu Fuji 2016



Minichamps diecast [MIN410142423](#) - BMW M4 DTM Champion 2014 Wittmann



Meri Kits hand built [MKSPL43002](#) - Boyle Special Maserati 1st Indy 1939



MG Model [MGMGT0056](#) (kit) [MGMGT0056M](#) (built) - Ferrari 250GTO Brands Hatch 1962



GCAM [GCAM43087](#) (kit) [GCAM43087M64](#) (built) - Jowett Jupiter Le Mans 1952



GPM Studio hand built [GPS045](#) - Porsche 911S Le Mans 1970



Looksmart resincast [MRCLSLM044](#) - Ferrari 250/275LM Le Mans 1968



Arena [ARE823](#) (kit) [ARE823M](#) (built) - Chevrolet Corvette 1st Road Atlanta 1970



Autocult resincast [ATC01003](#) - Ford Model T "The Golden Ford" 1911