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Motorcycle News

It's been a while since we've seen an all new motorcycle subject from Tamiya, but the latest announcement is for a very interesting machine, the Kawasaki Ninja H2R ([TAM14131](#)). Based on the H2 Ninja road bike, this track-oriented lightweight lays claim to being the most powerful production bike you can buy with 310 bhp. The race style spaceframe chassis, carbon fairings and super-charged four-cylinder engine will give the keen modeller plenty to get stuck into. First delivery of the kits is anticipated in the new year.



To follow their well received Brough Superior ([HIR09485](#)), Model Factory Hiro will also be releasing another 1:9 high detail kit which follows the vintage superbike theme. As usual they are keeping us guessing but have revealed enough of the CAD drawings so far for us to identify the engine as a four-valve per cylinder British Anzani, which along with the frame and suspension details gives it away as the magnificent Montgomery ([HIR09540](#)).



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1:24 Ferraris

Having been absent from their range for some time, Model Factory Hiro are re-issuing several classic Ferrari GT racers in 1:24 scale. There are two multi-option kits of the 250 TdF ([HIR24290](#) & [HIR24291](#)), a 330LMB ([HIR24292](#)) and joining re-issued multi-version 1960 ([HIR24293](#)) and 1961 ([HIR24294](#)) 250SWBs will be two new kits of the Rob Walker car from Goodwood 1960 ([HIR24541](#)) and 1961 Le Mans ([HIR24542](#)).



STOP PRESS

Things are looking up for Indycar collectors with **Spark's** ever expanding series of race winners, occasional releases in the **Replicarz** and **Formula Models** ranges and now from an unlikely source, Boillot's 1920 Peugeot coming from **Norev** ([NOR479972](#))... In addition to their 1:12 Kawasaki (see separate story), **Tamiya** are releasing a 1:24 plastic kit of Honda's new NSX ([TAM24344](#))... **Aoshima** also have several new 1:24 plastic kits in development, some competition cars in co-operation with **Beemax** we have had listings of for a little while, but there's exciting news for supercar fans with a Lamborghini Diablo GT ([AOS01050](#)) and Pagani Huayra ([AOS01090](#)) both due very soon. Slightly less dynamic, but one that is sure to get the imaginations of diorama builders going is a race car trailer ([AOS05260](#)), perfect to put with the soon to be re-issued **Italeri** Ford Transit ([ITA3687](#)) and maybe a **Belkits** Ford Escort ([BEL006/BEL007](#))... A new name for plastic kit builders, **Platz** are to release the 2016 Spa 24 Hours winning, Rowe Racing BMW M6 GT3 in 1:24 ([PLZPN24001](#)), another welcome addition for GT racing fans... **Arena** have five interesting looking racing Corvettes on the way and these will be joined by several Porsches... **Ebbro** have confirmed production of many more entries from the 2016 Super GT series as 1:43 diecasts and also 1:24 diecast releases of the super-rare Toyota 2000GT... If pre-war racing Alfa Romeos are your thing, first of all you have fine taste, secondly there are several new kits and hand built models coming from **FB Model** and **GCAM**... **Minimarque** is making limited edition hand built of the Jaguar XKSS with cars owned by Steve McQueen ([MNMGRB119A](#)) and Ralph Lauren ([MNMGRB119B](#)) to come...

COVER GALLERY

We start our front cover this issue with one of the more colourful entries from the 2016 Le Mans 24 Hours, the Michael Shank Racing Ligier JS P2, coming soon from Spark ([SPK5130](#)). Alongside is another 2016 GT racer, this time from the LMS Spa 6 Hours, the Ford GT which finished second in class ([TSM430105](#)).

The distinctive vintage Rolls Royce is a hand built from Carbone ([CAR4394](#)) of a replica of Charles Rolls' unique 'balloon car'. From the early days of motoring to the future next and Spark's 1:18 model ([SPK18215](#)) of the McLaren MP4-X F1 design study.

Over to Japan and from Ebbro ([EBB45270](#)) we have the Drago Modulo Honda NSX GT-Concept from the 2015 SuperGT series. Back to Le Mans and a 1:18 hand built by BBR ([BBRR1828](#)) of the Scuderia Filipinetti Ferrari 275 GTB from the 1967 race.

Another 1:18 Ferrari hand built is at bottom left, this time in the RGM Design range ([RGMCAR51809](#)) replicating actor Charles Bronson's 365 California Spider as shown in restored condition at Monterey in 2007. We end our cover as we start, with a head-turner from this year's Le Mans, the Clearwater Racing Ferrari 458 Italia, modelled by Look Smart ([MRCLSLM037](#)).



EDITOR'S CHOICES

Our favourites from this issue's new releases



Profil 24

Profil 24 - New 1:24 resin & metal kits

[PFL24101](#)
[PFL24102](#)

Peugeot 205 T16 Evo2 Monte Carlo 1986 £219.85
Peugeot 205 T16 Evo2 Corsica 1986 £219.85



Audi proved the worth of four-wheel drive in rallying with the Quattro but the next quantum leap in rally car development came in 1984 with the arrival of Peugeot's 205 T16, a car which looked outwardly like their production shopping trolley but which in reality only shared lights and a few trim pieces. By 1986 the Evo 2 version of the car had serious competition from the Lancia S4 but still won six of the eleven rounds in the championship and the title for Juha Kankkunen. The well cast resin parts provide plenty of detail with the rear body section, doors and bonnet all cast separately. There is some suspension detail and a full engine with all of its turbo plumbing in the rear allowing some scope here for personalising your model with extra wiring etc. The most obvious difference between the parts for Monte Carlo and Corsica is the style of the wheels but there are also a few subtle changes under the skin, so pay careful attention to the instructions. Each kit offers three decal options with Salonen and Saby on both events joined by Kankkunen on the Monte and Mouton in Corsica.



CMC - New 1:18 premium diecast model

[CMCM143](#) Mercedes high speed transporter 1955 £352.95 £328.24



One of the most famous racing transporters ever created, this mighty machine was built to transport the W196 and 300SLR race cars for Mercedes during the 1955 season, with power coming from the new 300SL road car. CMC have modelled it before but this is a new and improved pattern with additional details. As usual the doors open to reveal a cab trimmed in realistic fabrics and the engine cover can be removed to expose the six-cylinder power unit. Underneath there is full chassis and suspension detail and on the rear of the truck there are removable ramps, secured with neat leather straps and over-centre clips. To support these there are legs which hook over the spare wheels. There are also tie-down straps for whichever of CMC's Mercedes racing car models you choose to display on the back. You'll need a large and strong shelf though!

GROUP 7

Group 7 - New 1:43 resin & metal kit & hand built model (by Marsh Models)

[GRP43003](#)
[GRP43003M](#)

Porsche 917-10 Edmonton 1971 Siffert - kit £71.95
Porsche 917-10 Edmonton 1971 Siffert - built £188.95



Group 7 may not be a familiar name to a lot of kit builders and collectors, but if you have an interest in Can-Am then Marsh Models will be and this is their production for Group 7 in Denmark. For the Edmonton race late in the 1971 season, Siffert ran his familiar orange machine with additional blue panels on the front end, making for a unique livery. The kit is based on Marsh's previously released Siffert kit with additional decals for the specific details. The parts are as we would expect with a cleanly cast resin body, resin and metal ancillary parts and photo-etch for the finest details. On the hand built model the main orange paint finish is extremely bright and assaults the eyes when opening the box. The blue sections on the front of the car and all other decals have been neatly lacquered in to give a uniform high gloss finish in typical Marsh style. The small details are all carefully placed and overall it makes for a very attractive model.

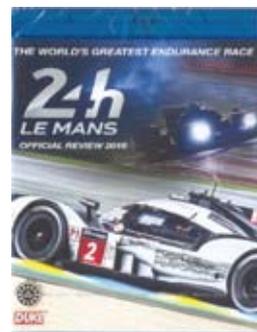


New DVD & Blu-ray - Region 0 PAL

[VIDLM2016](#) Le Mans 2016 DVD
[VIDLM2016BLR](#) Le Mans 2016 Blu-ray

£14.95
£16.95

The 2016 running of the Le Mans 24 Hours saw the race start behind the safety car due to heavy rain and then when things got underway properly we were in for a classic race. The lead swung to and fro between the three works teams and Toyota looked set for a long overdue maiden victory when cruelly robbed on the penultimate lap. There were fierce battles in the other classes too and it all makes for exciting watching. Relive the drama with four hours of carefully edited highlights, complete with commentary from the knowledgeable Radio Le Mans team.



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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.



Esdo - New 1:43 resin & metal hand built models

ESD107M Renault Fregate Ondine Ghia 1953 £130.95

Kit available [ESD107](#)

The Ghia styled Ondine convertible was first shown at the 1953 Paris Motor Show and three fibreglass-bodied replicas were built and used by Renault for promotional purposes. The cars were used to head the Tour de France 'caravan' and the example modelled here was also photographed with Edith Piaf in period. The shape of the car looks very good and the smaller detailing is delicately done with nice touches including tinted sun visors. The fine metallic green colour is a little dark when compared with photos of the restored car but the general finish is good.



ESD108M Peugeot 402 Monoplace 'Wooden' Buck £99.15

In 1939 Darl'Mat apparently produced a unique single seater based on Peugeot 402 running gear but with war breaking out the car was hidden away and unused until 1947. We've not been able to find photos of the body former used to create the aluminium bodywork but this finely made hand built sculpture is an inspired view of what it may have looked like. An interesting piece, particularly for collectors of unusual coachwork or those with a Peugeot theme.



Look Smart - New 1:43 resin & metal hand built models

MRCLS460 Lamborghini Centenario Geneva 2016 £140.75
Also available [MRCLS460B](#) Yellow, [MRCLS460C](#) Green, [MRCLS460D](#) Red & [MRCLS460E](#) White

Lamborghini created the Centenario to celebrate what would have been Ferruccio Lamborghini's 100th birthday and all forty examples, half coupes and half convertibles, were pre-sold long before the car made its show debut in Geneva. The show car was finished in raw carbon to show off the manufacture of the body panels and that finish is superbly replicated here. The roof has a satin finish with the rest of the car evenly lacquered and there are vivid yellow highlights on the body, the wheels and the interior trim. There are small folds visible on those edging decals for the rear diffuser, but otherwise the finish is flawless.



MRCLS461B Lamborghini Huracan LB 2016 White £129.65
Also available [MRCLS461A](#) Red, [MRCLS461C](#) Black & [MRCLS461D](#) Blue

Lamborghini's are usually fairly aggressive looking things but if you feel that they are a little too discrete and need to be beefed up, Japanese 'tuner shop' Liberty Walk offer a dramatic wide arch bodykit in their LB Performance range. Our sample is modelled in white and this really shows the new lines off well. The design of the modifications makes it clear that these are additional panels with distinct join lines and fixing bolts and these are very neatly picked out in black, the rear spoiler is raw carbon and there are plenty of other, dare we say it, subtle details too.



RGM Design - New 1:43 resin & metal hand built model (by BBR)

RGMCAR035 Ferrari 250 Europa Vignale Pebble Beach 2015 £215.45

Chassis 0295EU was the first 250 Europa produced and was sent to Vignale for a very distinctive coupe body. The car made its debut at the 1953 Paris Motor Show and soon after was sold to America where it has lived ever since. The car is modelled as it is now, having been displayed at Pebble Beach last year, and is finished in a beautiful combination of deep metallic burgundy and black. The detailing on the model is very well done, the paint finish is excellent and the model is from an edition of just 68 numbered pieces.



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

BBRC176A Alfa Romeo Giulia QV 2015 Red £102.60
Also available [BBRC176B](#) White, [BBRC176C](#) Black, [BBRC176D](#) Grey & [BBRC176E](#) Blue

Since the demise of the 75 in the early 90s, Alfa Romeo saloons have been front wheel drive and built on platforms shared with (usually) Fiats. Not any more, the Giulia sees the revival of a classic Alfa name and also an all new rear wheel drive machine intended to go head to head with the BMW 3-series. It's fitting then that the flagship model should be this subtly styled sports-saloon with 500 or so horsepower. The subtle curves of the car are well modelled and the main paint finish on our sample is a dark red similar to that used on the racing Alfas of yore. There are discrete vents on the bonnet and front wings, fitted as etched inserts on the model, and at the rear we see a carbon trimmed spoiler.



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

MM261M Ferrari 712 4th Watkins Glen 1971 Andretti £188.95
Kit available [MM261](#)

Based on a spaceframe chassis previously run under 512S and 512M bodywork, Ferrari's Can-Am machine with 7-litre engine made only one appearance in 1971. The engine produced good power and this helped Andretti to fourth overall at Watkins Glen despite less than ideal handling. The numerous aerodynamic fences and small spoilers are etched parts in the kit and on the hand built the red parts have been fitted prior to painting for a seamless finish and the white front fences carefully added afterwards. The decals are all neatly placed and have been lacquered in and there are some very fine details on the rear of the car including etched plug-wire harnesses on the engine.



MM274M27 Porsche 908/02 3rd Sebring 1969 #27 £188.95
MM274M28 Porsche 908/02 Sebring 1969 #28 £188.95
MM274M29 Porsche 908/02 5th Sebring 1969 #29 £188.95
MM274M30 Porsche 908/02 7th Sebring 1969 #30 £188.95
MM274M31 Porsche 908/02 Sebring 1969 #31 £188.95

Kit available [MM274](#)

Sebring was the first outing for the new Porsche 908 spiders and while their performance in practice showed promise, reliability gremlins sidelined two of the cars during the race although the slowest car in practice ran steadily to record a respectable third place. All of Marsh's hand built models are very well finished with plenty of fine detailing around the rear chassis and exposed areas of the engine. Race photos show the cars sometimes with Canard fins and sometimes without (or in the case of the #28, just one!) and the cars are all modelled with them as they were at the start.



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

ABC330 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost Kegresse 1921 Lenin £251.30
Kit available [BRK43330](#)

We were impressed with the kit parts for this model of the Rolls Royce converted for winter use by Lenin at the Gorky dacha on the outskirts of Moscow and made it one of our Editor's Choices in the last issue. The completed model makes for an imposing piece and for the most part the finish on our sample is very good. One of the smaller side windows doesn't fit very well but the rest of the small detail trims have been carefully placed. The roof is wrapped in a leatherette fabric to add realism and contrasts well with the smooth grey paint on the bodywork. The rear track assemblies are quite heavy and the model is carefully packed to keep these stable, but care will be needed if removing from the case for display.





SMTS - New 1:43 metal kit & hand built models

CL097 AC Cobra 427SC - kit £47.95
CL097M AC Cobra 427SC Blue - built £119.95

As SMTS say in the introduction on their instructions, the 427-engined version of the Cobra wasn't successful when compared with its smaller engined siblings, but its fearsome reputation for huge power and scary handling made it an instant classic and one which has been much mimicked.

The kit parts are very cleanly cast with minimal flash to remove on our sample and assembly looks to be straightforward, which is just as well as the instructions consist of a parts list and very simple written directions on preparing the castings for paint. The choice of left or right hand drive is included and there are plated parts for the windscreen frame, rollbar, exhausts and various lights and handles. Our hand built sample is smartly finished in Guardsman Blue with dual white stripes neatly painted on the centreline and lacquered in (there are no decals in the kit). The windscreen frame looks a little heavy and may have been better as an etched part, but otherwise the model looks very smart and the coloured sun visors on top of the screen are a nice touch.



CL084MW Jaguar XK120 Roadster White - built £125.95
 Also available **CL084MCG Clark Gable, CL084MG BRG, CL084MR Red, CL084MRW Red - wire wheels, CL084MS Silver, CL084MWW White - wire wheels**

The almost square windscreen frame and the small vent panels in the front wings, along with disc wheels, mark this out as an early example of the XK120 and overall the shape of the model looks very good. The windscreen frame is a little heavy and is a plated casting in the traditional English style of modelling rather than etch and we also see plated castings for the grille, lights and bumpers. The paint finish on our sample is very good and the interior is neatly painted in a deep red.



RL113AM Jaguar XK120 1st Dundrod TT 1950 Moss - built £125.95
RL113BM Jaguar XK120 Jabbeke Record 1949 - built £125.95
RL113CM Jaguar XK120 #36 Ecurie Ecosse - built £125.95
RL113DM15 Jaguar XK120 12th Le Mans 1950 #15 - built £125.95
RL113DM16 Jaguar XK120 15th Le Mans 1950 #16 - built £125.95
RL113DM17 Jaguar XK120 Le Mans 1950 #17 - built £125.95
RL113EM Jaguar XK120 5th Mille Miglia 1950 #432 - built £125.95

*Kits available **RL113A, RL113B, RL113C, RL113D & RL113E***

Jaguar's claim that the 120 in the name of their new sports car referred to top speed needed proving and the car's first competitive outing was on the Jabbeke motorway in Belgium where test driver 'Soapy' Sutton set a speed of 126mph with windscreen and roof in place and then nearly 135 with an aeroscreen, hard tonneau cover and faired in mirror as seen here. The aeroscreen and faired mirror became a regular layout on early competition cars and they were raced with varying degrees of success. The Ecurie Ecosse car was one of three which formed the foundation of the team, the car modelled being owned by Ian Stewart and the colour on this one is slightly bluer than we're used to seeing for traditional Ecurie Ecosse 'flag blue'. Overall the build quality on all of the models is good with well-placed decals and small details. The paint on the two cream coloured cars (Jabbeke and Le Mans #17) is slightly heavy and has flooded the side vents on our samples, but otherwise no problems.



RL113AM



Alfa Model 43 - New 1:43 resin & metal hand built model

AM430356 Alfa Romeo 6c 2300 Spider MM 1937 #107 £139.95

We've been unable to find any photos of this car in action but do know that Teagno and Barbieri finished eighth overall driving Alfa Romeo #107. The body style is an unusual one with the two seat cockpit almost exactly central and a long rear deck balancing the bonnet. Obviously we can't comment on accuracy but the paint finish on the model is excellent over crisp panel engraving and the smaller details including a very fine windscreen frame are neatly fitted.



Hiro - New 1:43 & 1:12 resin & metal kits

HIR43057 McLaren MP4/4 Early Season 1988 Senna £133.20
HIR43058 McLaren MP4/4 Mid Season 1988 Senna £133.20
HIR43059 McLaren MP4/4 Late Season 1988 Senna £133.20

McLaren dominated the 1988 F1 season with only one race, Monza, not seeing either Senna or Prost as the winner. All bar the opening round in Brazil are listed among the options in the kits, with the first kit offering the choice from rounds two to seven, the second kit having wet tyres for Silverstone and Monaco practice and the third kit rounding the season out. There are subtle changes to some vent parts too and the intercoolers were changed for late season. A two-tone paint finish will be needed, not an issue for those tackling high detail kits such as these.



HIR43060 Williams FW16 Brazil 1994 £133.20
HIR43061 Williams FW16 San Marino 1994 £133.20

The difference between the parts in these two kits is in the rear wing, with the other variation between Brazil and San Marino being which part of the vacform to use for the tiny windscreen. The majority of the kit components are in very fine white metal and multi-piece bodywork reveals plenty of chassis and engine detail, although as usual for Hiro's 1:43 kits you may wish to add some wiring. For the fine detailing there is a Joe Honda photo book (HIRJH15) available which will be very useful. A two-tone paint finish will be needed and there are blue panels on the decal to match to and the decals also include carbon for the inner wing surfaces.



HIR12529 Ferrari 126CK 1st Monaco 1981 1:12 £636.80
 Also available **HIR12530 Holland**

As usual with a 1:12 Hiro kit, there's plenty to enjoy here for the advanced modeller. The build begins with the chassis and suspension and from the start attention must be paid to the instructions for specific detailing depending on which version of the kit you are building, with variations even to the instruments and routing of wiring. The engine is relatively simple by Hiro terms with a large resin casting for the main block although there are still timing covers, clutch parts etc. to fit either end. The bodywork is a typical selection of very fine resin parts designed to be removable so that all of that detail work can be enjoyed.



Jolly Model - New 1:43 resincast models

JOL6042 Maserati 200S Le Mans 1957 #25 £67.70

This subject was one of five Maseratis entered at Le Mans in 1957 and one of four which failed to finish, a fuel leak putting Behra and Coullibeuf out in the fifteenth hour. As is often the case with this range, the model captures the spirit of the car but there are a number of inaccuracies. The wheelbase is very long with the extra appearing in the front wing. The windscreen is far too upright and should extend back along the cockpit sides and there should be a taped over additional light at the front. On the plus side, the main headlights are neatly taped over and the paint finish is excellent.



JOL6041 Aston Martin DB2 1953 Green £67.70

The general shape of this Aston Martin looks pretty good in profile and the deep metallic green paint finish is to a decent standard. The front grille is a little shallow at the bottom and most unusual is the inclusion of the three porthole vents in either front wing, these fitted as neat etched parts but not normally seen on production examples of the car.





Profil 24

Profil 24 - Re-issued 1:24 resin kit

PFL2465 Audi Quattro Sport Monte Carlo 1986 1:24 £205.55

We were very impressed with this set of parts when first released back in 2010 and if you missed out then, here's your chance with this re-issue. One of the most dramatic machines to take to the rally stage, the Audi Quattro S1 makes a great modelling subject and Profil's kit is packed with detail, providing full engine and suspension and in the rear boot the complex radiator set up. To fit this lot in the boot lid is made up of multiple parts of photo-etch and the main piece must be carefully folded to fit. The bonnet is a separate cast part and there is plenty for the keen modeller to get their teeth into. Two decal options are included, Mikkola & Rohrl's third and fourth placed cars from the Monte.



Top Studio - New 1:12 accessory set

TOPMD29015 McLaren MP4-6 1991 Detailing Set £369.55

Made to fit Tamiya kit [TAM89721](#)

The parts in this extremely comprehensive detailing set are the combination of no fewer than eight sets previously released by Top Studio, so if you'd missed the earlier releases now is the chance to really go to town. There are aerials, brakes, radiator and ECU parts, bulkhead detailing sets including master cylinders and steering rack in the case of the front and of course plenty for the engine. A multi-page instruction booklet deals with each area individually and the close up photos included show just how realistic these parts are. With some careful detail painting you could create an absolute show stopper.



Aoshima/Beemax - New & re-issued 1:20 & 1:24 plastic kits

AOS08191 McLaren MP4-2B 1st Monaco 1985 1:20 £61.95

AOS09799 McLaren MP4-2B Detailing Set 1:20 £34.45

Accessory parts available [STUTAB20144](#) additional decal & [STUCD20036](#) carbon decals

As with their kit of the previous year's MP4-2 ([AOS08189](#)), there is plenty of detail included here with full chassis, suspension and engine beneath multi-piece bodywork. The clearly printed decals include the orange sections of the livery but not the title sponsorship, so you'll need the Tabu Design decal sheet to correctly livery the car as Prost's Monaco winner. The kit instruction book includes placement of the parts in the additional accessory set which includes plenty of photo-etch, three sheets of carbon fibre decals for adding extra realism to the chassis and a sprue of plated hose end fittings which will need a touch of clear colour to replicate the anodised finish of the real parts. Out of the box this will build a pretty good model but with all the available extras you could create a show-stopper.



AOS09788 Toyota Celica GT-Four 1st Safari 1990 1:24 £54.50

AOS09789 Toyota Celica GT-Four Safari PE Set 1:24 £19.20

This is the third variation of Aoshima's relatively simple set of parts to be offered and decals this time are for Bjorn Waldegaard's winning car from the Safari, an event of high attrition which he won by quite a margin. There are plenty of additional parts over previous kits, with auxiliary lighting and bull bars adding visual interest. This is a pure kerbside model with a tiny bit of engine detail moulded into the main chassis that will then be covered with a large sump guard and there is a small amount of suspension detail. The main paint finish is a simple white with the red panels of the livery included on the decals and there are painting masks included for the windows and also templates for reflective window film. Sponsorship is mainly correct, but has been censored a little. The etched parts offer a huge number of subtle brackets and fixings along with some rather larger parts such as co-driver's footrest and replacement roof vents. Some modification of kit parts will be needed to fit the etched pieces and all is detailed in the main kit instructions.



AOS05162 Nissan Skyline Gr5 1982 1:24 - re-issue £27.95

Although Masahiro Hasemi had been campaigning their products prepared by his own company, Nissan had officially been away from motorsport for a decade when they returned in 1982. Hasemi prepared and drove again but with full factory blessing this full Group 5 silhouette machine was created. This was one of the first subjects that we saw from Aoshima and makes a welcome reappearance. The kit parts are pretty simple offering a well-proportioned kerbside model and the most complex aspect of the build will be the two-tone paint finish, but with very distinct panel lines to mask to, this shouldn't be a problem.



Ebbro - New 1:20 plastic kits

EBB20010 Lotus 88B UK 1981 £59.95

Accessory set available [STUFP20150](#) Photo-etched detailing set, [STUCD20037](#) Carbon decals & [MUSDC20807](#) Additional decal

Silverstone was Lotus' final attempt to run their twin-chassis 88, now in modified B form, but although the cars were deemed legal by the RAC and passed scrutineering, protests from several teams saw them excluded from the meeting during first qualifying. There are subtle changes to the kit parts when compared with Ebbro's release of the first version of the car (EBB20011) and this includes the removal of some duplicated parts as full chrome side skirts are not needed. There are chrome decals for the sides though and the inset vent panels are also plated. In most photos the car is shown wearing just Courage, Tissot and Essex sponsorship but in free practice it ran alternative sponsors which are included on the Museum Collection decal sheet.



EBB20015 McLaren MP4-30 Japan 2015 £49.95

Accessory set available [TOPTD23162](#) Driveshafts, [TOPTD23163](#) Exhaust, [STUFP20148](#) Etched detailing set, [STUTAB20145](#) Additional decals & [STUCD20030](#) Carbon decal

McLaren's renewal of their partnership with Honda in 2015 wasn't the greatest of successes and battling for more performance the car underwent significant aerodynamic changes mid-season with a radically different nose and front wing design the most obvious changes. The general shape and body details look pretty good here and the well moulded parts look as if they will build well straight from the box. There's plenty of scope for personalising your model too with the various accessory parts (although these were designed for earlier versions of the car so not all parts will fit) and with the additional decal sheet from Tabu Design there are minor sponsorship changes which will allow the car to be built from various other late season races.



Hasegawa - New 1:24 plastic kits

HAS20274 Mazda Cosmo Sport Marathon 1968 £39.95

Mazda's Cosmo was their first rotary engined sports car and the company chose to prove its reliability and speed by entering the gruelling 84-hour Marathon de la Route on the Nurburgring in 1968. Two cars started and ran in formation for much of the race, one retiring late on with rear axle failure while the sister car came home a very respectable fourth overall. The decals in this well-proportioned kit offer the choice of either of those cars, with the images and placement drawings concentrating on the finisher. The kit contents are relatively simple with no opening parts but a decent level of chassis and suspension detail visible beneath.



HAS20276 Honda Civic JTCC #14 JACCS £35.50

The Mooncraft team started using the EG6 model of Civic part way through the 1992 racing season and finished third overall in the driver standings that year and took the title the following campaign, the decoration being virtually identical on both. The kit parts here are very simple and assembly and detail painting shouldn't take long. This is a kit for those who like to decal as most of the car will be covered in clearly printed transfers.



Museum collection

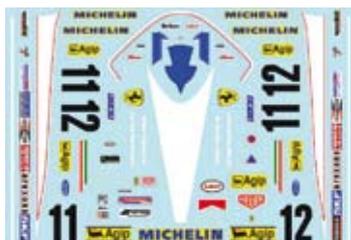
MUSDC12796 Honda RC213 V MotoGP 2015 Pedrosa 1:12 £16.95

Made to fit Tamiya kit [TAM14130](#)
Although this sheet is nominally to convert Tamiya's 2014 Marquez bike to team-mate Pedrosa's mount for the following season, the most obvious change being the addition of Red Bull sponsorship at the base of the fairing and the front mudguard. With a little creativity, this sheet and the original kit set should allow either rider's mount to be made from either year, so plenty of options.



MUSDC20808 Ferrari 312T3 1st Canada 1978 1:20 £18.50

Made to fit Tamiya kit
Tamiya's original kit of the 312T3 was released soon after the car raced and so if you have the original issue in your unbuilt kit stash, these fresh new decals will allow it to be built with confidence. The airbox will need painting white but the flash for the front cowl and the top edges of the side pods are included along with numbers for either driver, all sponsorship and decoration for a driver figure to celebrate Villeneuve's first win.



MUSDC20810 Lotus 97T F1 1985 1:20 £18.50

Made to fit Fujimi kits
This simple 'additional' decal sheet offers title sponsorship printed in the correct oatmeal colour along with helmet decals for both de Angelis and Senna and decoration for the overalls of the latter. The sheet is divided into labelled sections for different parts of the car and on the monocoque part there are also several fasteners.



MUSDC20798 Tyrrell 020 1991 Test 1:20 £18.50

Made to fit Tamiya kit
Tamiya's kit offers the Tyrrell-Honda in full grey and white race livery but this sheet offers the alternative of building the car in its very attractive blue and white pre-season test colour scheme. Careful masking will be needed for the two main colours and the silver stripes which separated the main shades are included on the decal along with names, numbers and helmet decoration for both drivers.

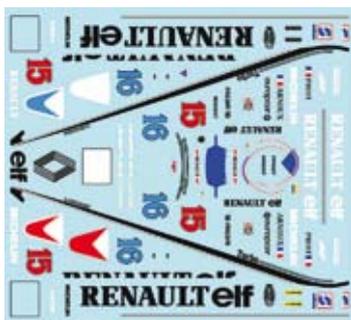


MUSDC20797 Renault RE30B F1 Decal 1:20 £20.95

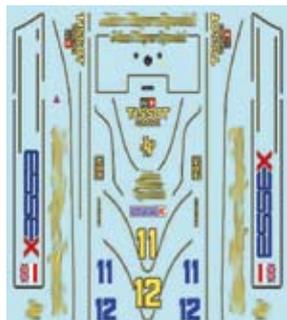
Made to fit Tamiya kit
This clearly printed full livery sheet is intended for an older Tamiya release and is ideal for rescuing an old model where the original decals have deteriorated. A two-tone paint finish will be needed but the black stripes are there along with all sponsorship for either driver and subtle detail changes for several races.

MUSDC20807 Lotus 88B UK Test 1981 Decal 1:20 £20.95

Made to fit Ebbro kit [EBB20010](#)
The decals in Ebbro's kit offer the controversial Lotus accurately presented as it ran in televised qualifying, but on the Friday the car appeared in 'full' livery. This clearly printed decal sheet offers all of the sponsorship and colour matched striping to build this version.



[MUSDC20797](#)



[MUSDC20807](#)



BBR - New 1:18 resin & metal hand built model

BBRC18003 Ferrari 330 TRI 1st Le Mans 1962 £214.95

Their second consecutive victory at Le Mans saw Phil Hill and Olivier Gendebien become the first unchanged driver pairing to win back-to-back races and their Ferrari was the last front-engined machine to win too. BBR's model of the car has, as we would expect, an immaculate paint finish and most of the body details look to be very good with well-proportioned vents and scoops. The shape of the roll-hoop isn't quite right however, it should have a slight upsweep at the front and this draws our eye to the side windows which on our sample are rather unevenly trimmed, very unusual for a BBR.



CMC - New 1:18 premium diecast models

CMCM155 Ferrari 250GTO 2nd Le Mans 1962 #19 **SOLD OUT**
CMCM157 Ferrari 250GTO TDF 1964 #172 **SOLD OUT**

We saw road going versions of the GTO from CMC some time ago and while they were generic models with no chassis specified, these have to be far more exact in the details and looking at race photos, they are. Positioning of the lights, the shape and number of vents and brake ducts and the positioning of decals all look to be very good. Guichet & Noblet scored a class win and impressive second overall at Le Mans with chassis 3705GT, while Bianchi & Berger won the Tour de France outright in their well campaigned 4153GT in 1964. As well as the external detailing, there is plenty under the skin to enjoy with opening bonnet, doors and boot revealing full engine and interior.



Top Speed - New 1:18 resincast model

TSMTS0003 McLaren 570S Orange £115.95

Also available [TSMTS0005](#) Black
McLaren's 570S is the closest so far that the company has come to a mass-market machine but that still provides plenty of drama and performance. The shape of the car is well replicated here with very crisp moldings and the main finish is an excellent solid orange. A satin carbon finish is applied to the roof, floor edges, door inserts and engine cover with satin black tail panels adding contrast. Some engine detail is visible through the engine cover mesh and there are neatly textured interior finishes visible through the crystal clear windows.



Cult Scale Models - New 1:18 resincast model

CML011-1 Aston Martin DBS 1968 Yellow £128.95

The specific car modelled here is perhaps the second most famous Aston Martin after Bond's DB5, the Bahama Yellow DBS driven by Roger Moore in the TV series "The Persuaders". The model bears the BS 1 registration used in the series (Moore's character being Brett Sinclair) and has all of the correct V8 detailing, even though it was an older standard DBS (the V8 had been launched by the time of filming but all cars were spoken for). Some of the smaller trim, such as the decal windscreen frame, is slightly uneven on our sample, but the overall shape looks good and the paint finish is excellent with crisp panel lines beneath.





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resincast models*

TSMCE151804 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B Touring Spider 1:18 £199.95

No chassis number is specified for this beautiful Alfa Romeo but comparing the model with photos of the cars as they are now it would appear to be 412019, a car originally owned by the Maharajah of Indore and until very recently part of the Ralph Lauren collection, which explains the non-original black paint! The finish on our review model is generally very good with the paintwork having no blemishes and the small trim neatly fitted, the treatment of the windscreen being particularly fine. On the restored car we see bright chromed or polished wheels and while the etched spokes on the model are bright, the rims have a deliberately dull finish. The cream interior has a very realistic look and matches the side spear and the display base.



TSM154328 GM Futurliner 1954 Out of Muddle £119.95
Alternative versions TSM154327 "Dimensional Sound" & TSM164351 "Power for the Air Age"

General Motors built twelve of these unusual exhibition trucks, each carrying a different display on their 'Parade of Progress' touring events in the early 1950s. The driver's cab was on the upper level, accessed via doors in the front and a staircase and the sides of the trucks opened up to feature interactive displays. The model can be displayed either open or closed, with a city design display that slots into place when open. The centre section of the roof was on a pantograph and again this can be displayed either up or down. On our sample the spacing of the wording on the edge of the open side panel is slightly compressed, but otherwise it looks very good. TrueScale have announced three of the twelve vehicles so far. A full set would be stunning!



TSM164313 Bentley Continental GT3 1st R.America 2015 £79.95

Chris Dyson scored a number of podium finishes during the 2015 Pirelli World Challenge but his best result came in race two at Road America with a victory. There were subtle changes to the decoration of his car between practice and the race and these specific details are correct on the model. There's plenty of fine etch and much of this has a carbon finish applied.



TSM164319 Porsche 935 K3 2nd Los Angeles IMSA 1980 Apple £79.95

In every photo that we've found of the Rahal/Garretson Kremer-Porsche from Riverside they show subtle changes to the minor sponsors as logos were added over the weekend. Obviously we can't expect to match all of those but the model here does correspond with one! The colours of the wheel discs seemed to vary too and we see blue on the rear with yellow on the front. These should have a subtle relief moulding of the BBS wire wheel design on but are smooth, otherwise the model checks out pretty well.



TSM164372 Porsche 997 GT3 Cup Grand-Am 2011 Brumos £79.95

No particular race from the 2011 Grand Am series is specified for this model and one or two details differ from the race images that we have found but the decoration does match very well with the car as preserved in the Brumos collection and displayed at events such as the Rennsport Reunion. The finish is excellent with neatly applied decals over a smooth paint finish, with crisp panel lines and fine detailing both inside and out.



TSM164347 Porsche 935K3 Nurburgring 1977 #7 Jagermeister £79.95

We've seen a number of 935 derivatives from TrueScale and generally speaking the shapes are good, but this time in profile the front bonnet is far too flat and actually dips on top of the wheel arches. A shame as the finish is excellent and the decals are all correctly placed for the car of Schurti & Kelleners who finished sixth.



TSM164345 Jaguar F-Pace 2016 Silver £79.95

Also available TSM164344 Blue
SUVs are an ever more important market sector, particularly among the prestige car makers and Jaguar are the latest to join the battle. Rather than platform sharing with sister firm Land Rover, they created their own chassis and the car is aimed more at road than off-road use, something made very evident by the huge wheels and low profile tyres on this R-Sport version. The shape of the model looks very good and the castings are very fine leading to an extremely lightweight miniature! This is in part thanks to the large glazed areas including roof panel which could have looked very clumsy at the edges if the mouldings weren't as delicate as they are. The panel engraving is nice and sharp and the silver paint finish (often a problematic colour) is evenly applied.



TSM154313 Alfa Romeo 4C Spider Concept 2014 Red £74.95

Also available TSM154314 white
Alfa Romeo's pretty 4C coupe has, despite its shortcomings, received plenty of rave reviews since first seen and a similar reception greeted the car in open topped form. A few subtle styling changes have improved the look around the lights and the windscreen frame and roll-hoop top are now finished in raw carbon fibre. These details are all neatly modelled and the overall shape looks good. The paintwork on our sample is excellent and presentation is the usual clean TSM white based case with Alfa Romeo branding.



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Kess - New 1:43 resincast models

KES43000212 Alfa Romeo 1900 CSS Ghia Coupe 1955 Silver £79.95

Ghia created nine coupes on the Alfa Romeo 1900 chassis, each of them subtly different, and the car modelled here is chassis 01837. The car has, in recent times, had a central bumper blade added but is modelled here in original form without, the front end just having upswept corner bumpers. It's a distinctive design which has been well captured but on our sample some of the smaller trim could be more neatly fitted.



KES43032010 Chrysler New Yorker Ghia Coupe 1954 Blue £85.95

With a design derived from the Ghia Thomas Special, the GS1 as it became known was intended as a production model with a target of 400 examples to be built for the European market, but only twelve examples made it out of the Ghia factory. The most notable unique detail on this example is the very low position of the headlamps, which isn't really in keeping with the other very elegant lines. The car is modelled as it appeared at Pebble Beach in 2012 and compares favourably with the show photos. The finish is very good on our sample and it will make an interesting addition to many collections.



KES43037005 Mercedes 320 (W142) Autobahnkurier 1938 £79.95

The term Autobahnkurier usually conjures up an image of the streamlined 540K coupe but this rather less well known four door saloon also bore the name. The restored car survives in the Mercedes Museum and it is this that the model is based upon, the main change from original being the addition of wire wheels. There are some interesting styling touches such as a narrow spine on the boot lid which ends in a Mercedes badge and rear wheel spats which mimic a wheel. It's all neatly modelled and the fit and finish on our sample is excellent.



KES43037011 Mercedes 540K (W29) Erdmann & Rossi 1936 £79.95

Also available KES43037010 Silver King Hussein of Jordan
The magnificent roadster built by Erdmann & Rossi for the young King Ghazi of Iraq is one of the most spectacular pieces of coachwork ever to grace a Mercedes chassis. The model is smartly finished in pale yellow with a tastefully contrasting dark green interior and there is some neat detailing, particularly the etched windscreen. The flowing lines of the wings and rear deck are very well replicated but the bonnet is rather too long and the radiator too far forward, it should be just behind the front axle line although it looks better the way it is here!





Spark resincast [SPK4333](#) - Brabham BT7 1st France 1964 Gurney



Matrix resincast [MTX50108-101](#) - Aston Martin Jet 2 by Bertone 2013



Ixo diecast [IXOLM1984](#) - Porsche 956 1st Le Mans 1984



Look Smart resincast [MRCLSLM035](#) - Ferrari 458 Italia Le Mans 2016



Aoshima 1:24 plastic kit [AOS08579](#) - Nissan 240RS New Zealand 1983



Aoshima 1:24 plastic kit [AOS01090](#) - Pagani Huayra 2012



Autocult resincast [ATC12003](#) - Toyota Land Cruiser FJ56F Fire Engine 1976



GCAM [GCAM43083](#) (kit) [GCAM43083M](#) (built) - Cougar C01 Le Mans 1982



Minichamps resincast [MIN417160011](#) - Force India VJM09 2016 Perez



Kyosho 1:18 diecast [KYO08891GW](#) - Bentley Flying Spur W12

Autocult - New 1:43 resincast models

ATC04005 Adler Trumpf Rennlimousine 1939 Silver **£89.95**

The Adler Trumpf was a fairly conventional looking machine in standard form, but beneath the staid exterior there was a front wheel drive chassis with independent suspension. This streamlined version was designed by aerodynamicist Paul Jaray who took his inspiration for the construction from airship design, the end result being a very low and sleek coupe. It is believed that six were built and the car modelled is one of two known survivors. The details on the model match this car as it appeared at auction a few years ago and the general finish and detailing are all neatly applied with a very fine grain to the paint and flush fitting etched window frames.



ATC06013 Leichtbau Maier 1935 Grey **£89.95**

Aeronautical engineer Friedrich Bauer was one of many to answer the call to build Hitler's car and the lightweight design featured a rear mounted DKW engine and some innovations such as a swivelling headlight and height adjustable seats for which he applied for patents. He didn't win the contract and the car remained a one off, unseen until acquired by a film prop company in the mid-1970s and then rather ignominiously dumped upside-down on a bomb site for a TV series plot. Rather ironically a VW engine was fitted to make the car mobile and the car is modelled with this. At first we thought the exhaust on our sample was damaged but photos of the real car pre-restoration show the normal beetle silencer with one of the outlets blanked off. The model is finished in a dull military grey green as per the filming, but the car has since been restored in a vivid red. Another very interesting subject from an imaginative maker.



ATC02006 Anadol A1 1966 Green **£89.95**

Anadol was the first independent Turkish car manufacturer and was one of a number of brands around the world created with assistance from Reliant who provided moulds for the Ogle-designed fibreglass bodywork to be made in countries with no pressed steel manufacturing industry. Mechanical parts came from the Ford Anglia which was already built under license in the country. By Autocult's standards, this is a very mass market machine with several thousand examples of the A1 made in a nine-year production run. As usual from this maker, the shape of the model looks very good and the finish is to a high standard, the pale green chosen being a match for the car in original sales material.



ATC05013 Denzel WD 1300 Super 1954 Red **£92.95**

In the early post-war period Viennese garage owner Wolfgang Denzel quickly built a reputation for tuning VW's flat four engines and building lightweight sporting cars to put them in. His early efforts were very functional and often based on military surplus Kegelwagen parts but after a few years his designs became more refined and this pretty two-seater became his first series production model with roughly 65 examples believed to have been built. The car modelled appears to be based upon one which has been for sale recently with a Belgian dealer and the shape and small detailing looks very good, as is the paintwork.



ATC11002 Mercedes L312 Roadshow 1956 Melisana **£150.95**

In the mid-1950s, Cologne-based pharmaceutical firm Klosterfrau commissioned Buhne of Berlin to create this distinctive exhibition truck to promote their 'Melisana' herbal remedy. Initially the mobile exhibition and shop was used on tours of Germany wearing Klosterfrau branding on the upper signboards and then a slight rebranding occurred when it was taken on a tour of Spain, after which it was never heard of again. Period photos show that the unique shape has been well modelled here but the decoration seems to be a combination of the original scheme and the later one as with the Melisana primary advertising there should also be text in Spanish on the lower panels and this is shown on the images included with the history leaflet in the model. Still a very unusual truck to add to the ever growing number of one-off advertising vehicles being modelled.



ATC03006 Maico 400/4 1956 Red **£86.95**

German motorcycle manufacturer Maico was one of many firms which looked to join the microcar boom of the mid-1950s and their four-seat saloon was available with either 400 or 500c.c engines. The car modelled is one of the less powerful examples, with its Henkel derived engine creating around 15 horsepower and fairly good economy. The shape looks good and the model is finished in a fetching two-tone burgundy and white, although there is a slight bleed where the two colours join on our sample.



NOREVA Norev - New 1:43 & 1:18 diecast models

NOR517846 Alpine Vision Gran Turismo 2015 Blue **£34.95**

Also available **NOR517845** white
For the fifteenth anniversary of their computer racing sim/game, the developers of Gran Turismo put out a call to car manufacturers to create virtual machines for the latest version. Many answered the call and this spectacular offset single seater was Alpine's contribution. There is no real car but the model matches the digital renderings very well. The main metallic blue body finish contrasts well with vivid orange infill panels and at the rear we see suspension tucked away inside a deep venturi section.



NOR070013 Austin A125 Sheerline 1947 Beige/Red **£29.95**

This unique four door convertible on an Austin Sheerline chassis was the work of Belgian coachbuilders Vesters & Neirinck for Mr Gillet of the Gillet-Herstal motorcycle company and also apparently used by the Belgian royal family. The original colour is a dark blue and we've found no images of the real car in the burgundy and cream colour scheme seen here but the model is well finished and the decoration certainly suits the flowing lines.



NOR270543 Ford Focus RS 2016 White **£34.95**

With 345bhp and four-wheel drive, the latest incarnation of Ford's hot Focus is a very quick piece of machinery but still fairly subtle, particularly when finished in white as seen here. The car is modelled in five-door form and overall the shape looks very good. The model is a traditional diecast and the panel lines are a little soft as a result and there is a little paint bleed as the finish is quite thin.



NOR270031 Jaguar XK140 Coupe 1957 Blue **£34.95**

NOR270032 Jaguar XK140 Cabriolet 1957 Grey **£34.95**

The XK140 may not have had the purity of line of the XK120 which preceded it, but that was in part due to larger bumpers for the all important American export market and also because it had grown a little to incorporate more comfort. The overall shapes of the cars, both in closed and open forms, looks very good and the models are finished in period correct colours with a deep blue on the coupe and a dark grey for the cabriolet. Some of the detailing is a little heavy, but the wire wheels are pretty good and these are very inexpensive diecasts, so still offer decent value.



NOR188518 VW Golf GTI 2013 Grey 1:18 **£59.95**

We don't often see Norev's larger scale diecasts but this well finished example of the current generation Golf GTI shows them to be very good value. The overall shape of the car looks accurate and the doors, bonnet and tailgate all open to expose a decent level of detail in the engine bay and interior. Under the bonnet is all plastic, but then that's pretty much the case when you look inside any modern car anyway! The dark metallic grey paintwork has a very fine grain and the interior trim includes a retro tartan finish on the seats which is a nod to the original GTIs of the '70s.





Schuco - New 1:18 diecast model

SHU00395 Porsche 911 Carrera GTS Cabrio 2015 White £117.95
Alternative version **SHU00390** Coupe & **SHU00394** Targa

The GTS is aimed at a broad audience with the power and much of the dynamic ability of the GT3, but with the comfort and equipment offered in the less powerful S. Schuco's model is well proportioned and when we open the box we find the car in open form, showing a fairly well detailed interior. A thinly moulded plastic roof is also included and this fits very snugly in place if you prefer to display the model in closed form.



Oxford - New 1:43 diecast model

OXF43RRP5001 Rolls Royce Phantom V James Young Silver/Blue £24.95

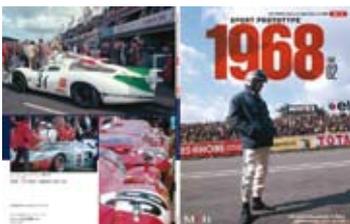
The very elegant Rolls Royce limousine was built to James Young body design number PV22, a very popular style and considered by many marque aficionados to be one of the finest examples of post-war Rolls Royce coachwork. The midnight blue over silver paint scheme suits the design of the car superbly and the masking between the two colours is very neatly done. The silver on the lower panels has obscured the panel lines rather, but otherwise the finish is good.



New books

HIRSS14 Joe Honda Sportscar Vol14 Sports 68 (pt2) £29.45

Weight 700g
Also available **HIRSS13** Part 1
Volume two of Joe Honda's study of 1968 sports car races concentrates on two of the biggest races on the calendar, the Nurburgring 1000kms and Le Mans 24 Hours. We see works cars from Porsche, Alfa and Alpine at both races along with Fords at Le Mans but it is the many privateers featured that are perhaps the most interesting and also very useful for modellers, there are plenty of rear end shots of the cars too, something often very hard to find. JAPANESE TEXT.



HIRBOOK3 Honda RA300 In Detail £16.95

Weight 400g
The title of this excellent reference resource for modellers is pretty much self-explanatory. Thirty A4 pages are packed with close up, high detail images of the RA300 preserved in Honda's museum. There are no words, just dozens of images. A super-detailer's dream.



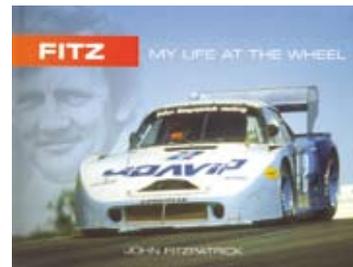
SUPERGT2016 2016 Super GT Official Guide £23.65

Weight 900g
This Japanese language publication is always one that we look forward to as it shows the varied and colourful machinery competing in both the GT500 and GT300 categories of the Super GT series. There are many new sponsors and several new cars used this year and we see a host of very attractive potential model subjects, many of the larger cars already announced by Ebbro and no doubt plenty more to follow. All bar one of the cars is illustrated both in the main magazine and on a double sided wall chart, the one omission being a GT300 Audi ironically entered by Braille Racing. For those interested in the technical details, there are plenty of close up images of the front running machinery. A must for fans of this series and collectors of the fabulous looking subjects. JAPANESE TEXT.



ISB9780692725436 Fitz, My Life At The Wheel £49.99

Weight 1.6kg by John Fitzpatrick
John Fitzpatrick enjoyed a very successful 22-year career as a racing driver but initially he had hoped to become a professional golfer. As an 18-year-old he had stopped for fuel at Ralph Broad's garage in his modified Mini and this chance meeting led to the young 'Fitz' trying his hand at circuit racing and the foundation of the Broadspeed racing team. A few years later another chance meeting saw a fruitful relationship develop with Kremer and the experience with them and Porsches ultimately led to retirement from racing at the age of 40 to concentrate on team management. The whole story is told in the man's own words and is written in a light conversational style which really engages the reader and the story is superbly illustrated with photos from the family archives and numerous other sources.



ISB9781907085543 Iso Bizzarrini, The Remarkable History Of A3/C £30.00

Weight 1.3kg by Richard Heseltine
Chassis 0222 was the last of the front-engined Iso Grifo racers built and made its race debut in the 1965 Nurburgring 1000kms before going on to race at Reims, Le Mans, Zeltweg and in hill-climb competition during the season. The car was then sold as a road car to a charismatic American living in Rome and re-registered as a new Bizzarrini. After its new owner went bankrupt in the 1970s, the car then passed through the hands of various collectors and dealers before ending up in pristine restored condition as the centre piece of the Bruce Meyer Collection in California. This lavishly illustrated edition charts the history not just of this particular chassis but also its predecessors and the images are a mix of carefully selected period images and excellent detailed studio shots.



LMTECH2016 Le Mans WEC Technology 2016 £27.40

Weight 800g
This fascinating insight into the technology of today's Le Mans machinery is a special edition from Japanese publication Motor Fan Illustrated and consequently the vast majority of text is in Kanji, the exceptions being the titles. There are four cars featured, the factory hybrid LMP1 machines from Toyota, Porsche and Audi and Ford's striking GT. For all of these there are a wealth of close up detail photographs of the cars and in the case of the LMP cars there are also photos of the engines on their own. For Le Mans the prototypes run low drag bodywork and the differences between this and the higher downforce setup seen in other WEC races are highlighted too. All interesting stuff and particularly helpful for detail modellers. JAPANESE TEXT.



GPC016 GP Car Story Vol.16, Ferrari 412T2 £18.95

Weight 600g
Bound in the traditional Japanese style with a right hand spine and much of the text arranged vertically, this is a very detailed look at the Ferraris driven by Jean Alesi and Gerhard Berger. The former gets the most exposure, unsurprising given his high status in Japan and if you can read the Kanji there is a long interview with him. The cars are our main interest and they are covered race by race showing the subtle detail changes through the 1995 season and there's a section of excellent close up detail images ideal for modellers. JAPANESE TEXT.



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Spark resincast [SPK5146](#) - Morgan LMP2 Nissan Le Mans 2016



Minichamps diecast [MIN076977](#) - Porsche 911 GT3 RS Sebring 2007



SMTS [RL113B](#) (kit) [RL113BM](#) (built) - Jaguar XK120 Jabbeké 1949



CCC [CCC208](#) (kit) [CCC208M58](#) (built) - DB Panhard HBR4 Sebring 1959



Ixo diecast [IXORAM586](#) - Hyundai i20 Antibes 2014 Bouffier



Spark resincast [SPKTF070](#) - Porsche 903/03 1st Targa Florio 1970



Look Smart 1:18 hand built [MRCLS18005E](#) - Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Konrad Motorsport



Carbone hand built [CARCHR067](#) - Bugatti T57 Atlantic



Look Smart resincast [MRCLSLM036](#) - Ferrari 458 Italia Le Mans 2016



Tamiya 1:24 plastic kit [TAM24344](#) - Honda NSX 2015



Minimarque hand built [MNMGRB119A](#) - Jaguar XKSS 1956 Steve McQueen



Spark resincast [SPKUS014](#) - Porsche 991 GT3R Daytona 2016 - 1st GTD



GCAM [GCAM43082](#) (kit) [GCAM43082M](#) (built) - Alfa Romeo 8C 2900A Le Mans 1937



BBR 1:18 hand built [BBRR1836](#) - Ferrari 250 TDF Le Mans 1959



Minichamps diecast [MIN417810337](#) - March 812 F2 1st Suzuka 1981 Nakajima



TrueScale Miniatures resincast [TSM164356](#) - Porsche 935-80 1st Sebring 1981



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MIN400810001 Williams FW07C 1st Long Beach 1981 Jones £59.95

Alternative version [MIN400810002 Reutemann](#)

The most obvious visual change between this and the FW07B is at the front of the chassis where the front wing mounting and subsequently the tub are very different. There were plenty of changes to the mechanical parts too and the separate top body section means that the chassis, engine and cooling system are all shown off. The new car worked well and Jones was able to start the defence of his title in perfect style, winning in Long Beach with his teammate close behind.



MIN430791202 Lancia Stratos RAC 1979 Alen £59.95

Officially 1978 was the final season for factory Lancia Stratos entries but the works found and prepared a car for Markku Alen to drive on the 1979 RAC rally although it was run under the Lancia-England banner. Alen led the early stages of the rally but brake and other issues slowed him in the forests and he was eventually classified fifth. All photos that we have found of Alen on the event are from gravel stages where the wheels were much narrower than on the tarmac stages as modelled here, but from these we can see that the decoration is all neatly and correctly placed.



MIN436860001 McLaren MP4-2C World Champion 1986 Prost £59.95

The display for this addition to Minichamps' World Champions Collection lists Prost's wins during the 1986 season but when we look at the details of the model it appears to be based on the car as it raced at Germany, where Prost ran out of fuel on the last corner and heroically attempted to push the car home. The model looks a little short to us in profile but is well finished as usual and the decoration for Germany is all correctly placed.



MIN400064331 Porsche 356B Cabriolet 1960 red £54.95

Alternative version [MIN400064332 Ivory](#) & [MIN400064334 Yellow](#)

Porsche launched the 356B late in 1959 and the new model featured a number of technical and subtle detail refinements over its predecessor. Our review sample is finished in a classic bright red with black interior and the detailing both inside and out is generally well done. The wipers are moulded rather than etched but they are very fine and we see a neat etched vent on the rear deck and very delicate quarter windows.



MIN430761223 Lancia Stratos RAC 1976 Walfridson £59.95

Per-Inge Walfridson was in good company on the RAC rally as his name appears in a list of very famous names who failed to finish the tough event. His Stratos was entered by London Lancia dealers The Chequered Flag and their black and white livery works very well on the angular lines of the car. The shape and decal placement look very good and the car is sat on tarmac specification wheels and tyres.



MIN410150444 Mercedes F1 W06 1st USA 2015 Hamilton £59.95

Alternative version [MIN410150044 Australia](#) & [MIN410150344 Japan](#)

The US Grand Prix saw Lewis Hamilton win in tricky conditions and secure his third World Championship. Torrential rain had hampered practice and qualifying and the track was still wet when the race started, with most drivers opting to start on intermediate tyres. This is how we see the car modelled with the subtle tread pattern visible and green sidewall markings. The sponsorship is all correct for the race and the overall finish is up to the usual standard with very fine detailing on the front wing, less so on the rear, and carbon pattern on suspension and floor pan parts.



MIN436930002 Williams FW15C World Champion 1993 Prost £59.95

The sponsorship on the Williams cars changed subtly almost race by race in 1993 and the closest match that we have for Prost's championship-winning car here is the German GP, where all but the yellow areas match. These are deliberately left blank but should have the logo but not the wording for a tobacco brand which cannot be included for licensing reasons. The model is otherwise well finished and looks pretty accurate.



MIN436990001 McLaren MP4-14 World Champ 1999 Hakkinen £69.95

Mika Hakkinen won five races on the way to his second F1 crown but on both occasions where the McLarens raced with "Mika" and "David" where the title sponsor would usually be, he finished second. Looking at the smaller details on the decoration, this appears to be from the French Grand Prix. The overall finish is very good and the model is smartly presented in the now familiar World Championship series packaging showing details of the cars and a summary of Hakkinen's results.



MIN540834307 McLaren MP4-1C Test 1983 Senna £59.95

MIN530834398 McLaren MP4-1C Test 1983 Bellof £59.95

At the end of the 1983 season, McLaren staged a test at Silverstone for three promising young drivers, Ayrton Senna and Martin Brundle who had dominated the British F3 Championship and Stefan Bellof who had impressed with Porsche in sports car racing. Here we see the cars of the Brazilian and German and in terms of shape and wing details things look to be pretty accurate. The livery is in politically correct form, as usual for Minichamps, and the orange sections have a satin finish as they have been printed rather than painted. The Senna car is presented in Senna branded packaging, while the Bellof car has Minichamps standard F1 design.



MIN436060001 Renault R26 World Champion 2006 Alonso £59.95

Another addition to Minichamps' World Champions collection, the presentation is the now familiar packaging listing technical details of the car and the race wins for Alonso during the season. Looking through race photos, the closest match we can find to the model is Brazil (not a winning race), where the car wore the Team Spirit sponsorship and also had the upper elements of the front wing extending into the nose. It's not quite a perfect match but it is close and the overall standard of finish is very good.



MIN540944302 Williams FW16 F1 1994 Senna £69.95

The only race during the 1994 season which saw the Williams cars run with a barcode livery was France, so Senna never raced the car in this exact livery, his three starts of the 1994 season being with full sponsorship. However, there are museum cars which are decorated in this manner, so we could say that this is one of those. The model is generally well finished and is in Minichamps Senna series with themed packaging.



MIN417160011 Force India VJM09 F1 2016 Perez - resin £89.95

MIN417160027 Force India VJM09 F1 2016 Hulkenberg - resin £89.95

No races are specified for these very well finished resincast offerings but as sponsorship on the Force Indias has subtle changes race by race, we've managed to narrow them down to at least one race as they match photos from Spain. The main black and silver colours are neatly applied and the vivid orange and green stripes stand out well against them. Our pet gripe of thick rear wing endplates appears again, but the rest of the detailing is neatly done with carbon on the floor and suspension and very delicate parts in the front wing.



MIN117870005 Williams FW11B 1st UK 1987 Mansell 1:18 resin £179.95
MIN117870006 Williams FW11B Japan 1987 Piquet 1:18 resin £179.95

These resin releases are a real step up in 1:18 F1 releases from Minichamps. They are kerbside but there is some excellent detailing on show with realistic shock absorber units just about visible on the rear, along with plumbing and wiring in this area. The suspension parts all have a convincing satin finish and there is plenty of fine carbon on the wings and Kevlar in the side pods. The seat belts on the driver figures are very good and the decoration both on the car and the drivers is complete and correct, even including the sponsors we weren't expecting to see.



MIN122111127 Honda RC212V MotoGP 2011 #27 Stoner 1:12 £134.95

We don't often see Minichamps' 1:12 bikes but this reminds us that they make for impressive display pieces. There isn't the level of finesse in the detailing that there would be in a well-built kit, but there is still plenty to enjoy with the main fairings removed to show engine, radiators and drive chains. Those fairings are diecast metal and clip together at the bottom so the model is ideally displayed either fully closed or fully open, the weight of just one side both trying to pull the remaining panel off and unbalancing the model on its display stand. We'd go for open.



MIN076977 Porsche GT3 RS Sebring 2007 #77 Bratislava £69.95
MIN086977 Porsche GT3 RSR Sebring 2008 #77 Bratislava £69.95

Although at first glance very similar, there are numerous subtle differences between these two Porsches run by the Autoracing Club Bratislava at Sebring in consecutive years, both physically and in minor sponsorship. The changes have all been made and the overall shape and finish of both models looks to be very good. These are more traditional diecast releases based on older patterns (they were announced several years ago) so the details such as wing supports are a little heavy, but overall they make for attractive miniatures and will certainly stand out on the shelf with their vivid liveries. Be quick though as they are limited to just 336 examples of each.



MIN417160003 Red Bull RB12 F1 2016 Ricciardo £89.95

Alternative versions **MIN417160026** Kvyat & **MIN417160333** Verstappen

As is often the case, Minichamps don't specify a race for this model and looking at the camera position and a couple of other small details it appears to be based on the press launch car. The decals are very clearly printed but are a little dark against the matt blue paintwork suggesting that they are maybe a little thin. The paint itself is very good and we see very fine suspension parts with a carbon weave printed on and a very subtle carbon finish to the floor.



DMC - New 1:43 & 1:24 decals

DMC24410 Ford Escort RS 1st Finland 1974 1:24 £9.95
DMC24407 Ford Escort RS Sweden 1974 #33 Timex 1:24 £9.95
DMC24408 Ford Escort RS Denmark 1970 Castrol 1:24 £9.95
DMC24409 Ford Escort RS Belgium 1970 #19 Chevron 1:24 £9.95
 Made to fit Belkits **BEL006** & **BEL007**
DMC43449 Ford Escort RS Denmark 1970 Castrol £6.95
DMC43451 Ford Escort RS Belgium 1970 #19 Chevron £7.75
DMC43450 Ford Escort RS Sweden 1974 #33 Timex £7.75

Made to fit Trofeu diecast or Scala 43 kits

The best known of these alternative livery sheets is Mikkola's Rally Finland winning Colt Racing backed machine and this will also be one of the simpler to build with a white base finish and all other colours on the decal sheet. The pretty Timex-backed car of Bo Emanuelsson from the Swedish Touring Car championship will need a two tone pale blue and white finish and you will need to dig for images for this. The Castrol backed machine of Mette Kruuse is also a simple single colour paint finish, this time red, and perhaps the prettiest of all of the options here is the Chevron backed car of Yvette Fontaine, which will need a two-tone finish. None of the decals in this delivery included any instruction images but we have added some to our web listings where available and Google is your friend!



Ixo - New 1:43 diecast models

IXOLM1984 Porsche 956 1st Le Mans 1984 £32.95

In terms of paint finishes and decal print and placement, Ixo have done a very good job on the winning Joest 956 of Ludwig, Pescarolo and Johansson. The shape we're less convinced by. Overall the castings lack crispness, with the panel lines being rather soft and the fences which carry the rear wing looking very thick and compared to the race photos the tail of the car is also a little short.



IXOLMM244 Audi R18 Le Mans 2013 #3 £32.95

This model of the third-placed Audi from Le Mans is very much a traditional diecast and when compared with the offerings from the likes of Spark, it lacks in finesse particularly around the rear wing and the complex aerodynamics on the flanks. It is significantly cheaper though. There is a seam visible where the top bodywork has been cast separately but on the plus side the paintwork is excellent and the decoration has all been neatly fitted and matches race photos.



IXORAM586 Hyundai i20 Antibes 2014 Bouffier £32.95

The Hyundai i20 made its WRC debut in 2014 and in preparation for the first tarmac event of the calendar in Germany, development driver Bryan Bouffier was entered on the Rally Antibes. It was a successful outing with a first win for the car and the information gathered helped the team to go on and win in the German vineyards. The overall shape of the car is very good but our first reaction was that the main body colour is a little too blue. It appears to be the exact shade used on the real car and the way it appears is a matter of scale, it looking slightly greyer at full size. An important piece of modern rally history, neatly finished.



IXORAM622 Ford Fiesta RS WRC Monte 2016 Ostberg £32.95

Usually with the more traditional diecast production delays there are quite long production delays so this miniature of Ostberg's fourth placed Fiesta from this year's Monte Carlo rally is fairly prompt arriving. The lighter blue on the front of the car is evenly painted and the remainder of the livery as the colours fade through to the rear is neatly applied as decal. There's a carbon wrap on the (slightly chunky) rear wing and at the front we see the additional light pods used for the night stages. Overall, a good looking model.



Porsche Museum - New 1:43 resincast model

CTMMAP02017115 Porsche 718 3rd Targa Florio 1962 #108 £61.45

For convenience, all of the works Porsches on the 1962 Targa Florio were entered by Scuderia Venezia although only the car of Vaccarella and Bonnier was painted red. Period reports says that it was done at Vaccarella's suggestion as some of the local Mafiosi had been taking pot shots at the silver cars during practice but not the red ones! The red paint was described as a distemper and the model is appropriately given a matt finish. Packaged for the Porsche Museum and celebrating Vaccarella and celebrating Vaccarella on the reverse of the box, the model is actually made by Spark and as we would expect the shape and detailing are well done including what at first glance appear to be driving lights on the nose but were actually powerful air horns.





Spark resincast [SPKSE083](#) - Porsche 934 1st Sebring 1983



Alezan hand built [ALEAC080](#) - Alfa Romeo 164 Spider



TrueScale Miniatures 1:18 resincast [TSM161807R](#) - Bentley Continental GT3 Nurburgring 24 Hours 2015



GCAM [GCAM43086](#) (kit) [GCAM43086M](#) (built) - Alba Giannini Le Mans 1984



Minichamps 'Maxichamps' diecast [MIN940066120](#) - Porsche 924 Carrera GT 1981



Look Smart resincast [MRCLSLM038](#) - Ferrari 458 Italia Le Mans 2016 1st GTE Am



Norev diecast [NOR150961](#) - Citroen E-Mehari 2016



SMTS [RL113D](#) (kit) [RL113BM17](#) (built) - Jaguar XK120 Le Mans 1950



Renaissance [REN4391C](#) (kit) [REN4391CM](#) (built) - Gordini T20S Le Mans 1957



Matrix resincast [MTX51302-101](#) - Mercedes 600 SWB Landaulet 1970



Neo - New 1:43 resin cast models & resin kit

NEO45760 La Salle Series 50 Coupe 1937 Red £69.85

La Salle was a 'companion marque' to Cadillac, the cars built by the latter but pitched at a slightly lower price to fill the gap between Cadillac and Buick. This well-proportioned coupe was one of the later designs released and with its Cadillac V8 engine helped contribute to a healthy increase in sales for the brand, but not enough to save it. The lines of the model look very good and it is smartly finished in a deep burgundy colour with delicate brightwork and whitewall tyres brightening things up.



NEO46670 Mercedes 280 E Monte Carlo 1980 #21 Boss £69.85

Three examples of the Mercedes 280CE were on the entry list for the 1980 Monte Carlo rally and this was the second of them home, Bohne and Ahrens bringing the unwieldy machine home in eighteenth position. It's slightly odd that this rather than the near identical class winning sister car has been modelled, but it is the more photographed of the two as far as we can find. The decoration is all carefully applied and checks out pretty well with real car photos, as does the shape.



NEO46820 Daimler D18 Special Sports Barker 1952 £69.85

According to a current owner and Daimler marque specialist, the name of this three seater drophead coupe is slightly mysterious as the cars are neither sporty nor particularly rare with over 600 built. They are elegant grand tourers though and the two-tone cream and dark blue colour scheme on the model suits the lines very well. The masking between the two colours is a little uneven on our sample, but it is otherwise well finished and the detailing neatly applied.



NEO44391 Jensen Healey Mk2 1973 Green £63.50

With the end of Austin Healey 3000 production in 1968, the Healey company were looking for a new larger sports car and teamed up with Jensen, who had built various bodies for them in the past. The project was delayed for a number of reasons, most notably Jensen being in financial trouble, but eventually in the early 1970s the car made production. Within a few months of the launch there were a few adjustments and upgrades, largely down to poor reliability, particularly of the untested new engine that had been a joint Vauxhall/Lotus project and was adopted unproven by Jensen. Neo's model is instantly recognisable and the small details are well observed but the rear of the car looks very odd with the boot sloping downwards quite abruptly when it should be close to horizontal.



NEO45830 Chevrolet Fleetline Coupe 1942 Grey £69.8

With America drawn into war following the attack on Pearl Harbor, civilian car production was curtailed early in 1942 and the Chevrolet Fleetline Aerocoupe was one of the last models produced. Neo's model captures the attractive lines of the car well and is finished in a sober pale grey rather than the two-tones which were popular options. It suits the shape of the car though and the brightwork is all neatly placed on our sample, though some of the decals could be more accurately applied.



NEO46310 Ford Zodiac Mk3 Abbott Estate 1962 £69.85

Abbotts of Farnham was a well-established coachbuilder but like many of these specialist companies work was slowing up in the 1950s and their lifeline was a contract from Ford to convert their larger Consul/Zephyr saloon series to estate cars. Top of the range was the Zodiac and here we see all of the correct brightwork details fitted to differentiate this from the lesser trim levels. The fit of the side windows on our sample could be better but the overall shape looks pretty good and the paint finish is to a decent standard.



NEO46640 Birkin Bentley Number 1 1929 Red £84.15

Tim Birkin's 'Blower' Bentleys never won any of the great touring car races of the 1920s and 30s but he did enjoy success at Brooklands with this purpose built single seater. The car evolved a fair amount during its competition career and here we see it modelled as it has been restored, resplendent in bright red. The distinctive exhaust should have a matt white rather than a silver finish but apart from that the model looks pretty accurate and there are some fine details visible on the chassis and exposed supercharger.



NEO43923 Daimler Sovereign 1967 Black £63.50

The Daimler Sovereign was the second 'badge engineered' model to be released by Jaguar after their acquisition of Daimler but unlike the MkII-based 2.5 Litre V8, this car was pure Jaguar under the skin. The Sovereign was visually identified from the 420 on which it was based by a fluted radiator and of course badging. These small details are all well replicated and neatly fitted on our sample. The black paintwork is excellent and a red interior provides an authentic colour combination and some contrast.



NEO45527 Saab Sonnet PV4 1966 Green £63.50

Saab's lightweight Sonnet coupe was produced with a view towards amateur competition, particularly in America, and the lightweight fibreglass body and 60 bhp two-stroke engine gave it peppy performance, certainly enough to compete with Triumph Spitfires and MG Midgets/Healey Sprites. It was produced in very low volume, with only around 300 units built in two years, the car finding greater sales success when the two-stroke engine was replaced by a more conventional Ford V4. Neo replicates the slightly unusual shape of the road car very well and we see no obvious flaws when comparing with photos of preserved cars.



NEO46729 Dodge Polara 1972 - kit £53.95

A new departure for Neo, rather than coming as a fully finished resin cast model this is in component form. The resin castings are very clean with no flash to remove prior to painting and most of the parts are laid out in a fitted vacformed tray. There are small bags with fine details such as window frames and lights in and also decals for the badging and the body trim. What is lacking however is any kind of instructions, not even an image of a finished model.



Premium X - New 1:43 diecast model

PRX0316 Ford Mustang Monte Carlo 1966 #145 £34.95

We've seen a fair number of early competition Mustangs in this range and this will sit well with the others. Like the previous releases, we feel the shape isn't quite right in profile, but it is instantly recognisable and the finish is very good. The detailing is well done too with the decals accurately placed and plenty of small accessory parts such as lamps and the rather prominent roof mounted spare wheel all adding plenty of character to this car driven by Maurice Trintignant.



WSI Collectibles - New 1:50 diecast model

WSI410205 Renault K520 Dakar 2016 #509 Mammoet £120.95

Martin Van Den Brink began a three-year programme with the Renault in 2015 and having finished in the top ten hoped for greater things in 2016, but unfortunately failed to finish. The truck is very similar to last years but the specific decoration changes are well observed. The cab can be tilted but the engine is set so far back there isn't much to see and on top we see a deep scoop for the radiators and intercoolers.





Spark - New 1:43 & 1:18 resin cast models

SPK1296 Peugeot 504 Ivory Coast 1976 #21 Makinen £50.95

Peugeot's 504 saloons had enjoyed success on the rough African rallies but looking for more power they turned to the V6 coupe version of the car. These suffered with reliability but when they did make it to the finish it was usually well placed and the first significant result came with Makinen winning the Ivory Coast event in 1976. The shape of the car is well modelled and the decoration is accurately placed but it is the small details which make the model with very fine mud flaps front and rear and delicate grab handles.



SPK3376 March 711 Spain 1971 Pescarolo £50.95
SPK3380 March 711 Italy 1971 Peterson £50.95

Alternative version SPK3379 Lauda
 These two models show extremes of set up for the March 711 during the 1971 season, Pescarolo's car running with large wings front and rear for the tight parkland circuit at Montjuich, while at Monza Peterson's car had no front wing and a tiny rear one. The details on both cars are well observed and we see fine paint finishes, well placed decals and a fair level of engine detail on show. In Spain Pescarolo qualified his Williams-run car midfield but retired with damaged rear suspension, while the Monza race saw the famous mass dash for the line, Peterson losing out by the length of the car's nose-cone in a photo-finish.



SPK4399 Lotus 11 Le Mans 1957 #55 £50.95
Alternative version SPK4401 #41, SPK4400 #42 & SPK4398 #62

Lotus enjoyed Le Mans in 1957 with all four cars finishing and taking class wins for 1100c.c and 750c.c along with the Index of Performance. This was the car which took the latter two prizes and it was classified fourteenth overall. From all of the angles we have photos for the shape and decoration looks good, although the front of the car is nice and clean whereas in a lot of images the car has tape around the headlamps.



SPK4438 Porsche 962 GTI Le Mans 1992 #53 ADA £50.95

Having previously attempted Le Mans with the Gebhardt C2 and a car of their own construction, ADA Engineering returned to the race having bought two 962 GTIs from Richard Lloyd and with Derek Bell on the driving team returning from semi-retirement to race with son Justin. The car was beset with problems but they kept going to finish twelfth. The shape of the car looks good and the decoration over the simple red paint finish is well applied, with the subtle differences side to side well observed.



SPK4441 Porsche Carrera Le Mans 1993 #49 £50.95
Alternative version SPK4440 #48

This colourfully decorated Porsche was one of a pair entered by Belgian Team Paduwa and despite a lack of Le Mans experience for any of its drivers it made it to the finish. There was some damage along the way and the front bonnet was obviously changed as the sponsorship in some images differs from that seen here, but the model is correct for the start of the race. The overall finish is as we would expect and the decals are all clearly printed.



SPK4689 Porsche 935 4th Le Mans 1976 #40 £50.95

Porsche's 935 proved that it wasn't just fast in a sprint at Le Mans and finished the 24 Hours fourth overall and won its class, all despite having lost time to repair accident damage. The shape and the decoration on the car look very good, with a vivid orange for the stripes and nose and the correct dark door circle on the right hand side only. The rims on the rear wheels are rather shiny, but otherwise very good.



SPK4700 Alpine A220 Le Mans 1969 #30 £50.95

Alternative version SPK4701 #31
 Alpine entered several of their sleek long-tailed A220s at Le Mans in 1969 and they all qualified in a mid-field group. Their race performances were equally consistent, all suffering engine failures! This is perhaps the most colourful of them with dayglow orange trim on the nose, front canard fins and sill panels and these parts contrast well with the fine metallic blue paintwork to make a pretty model.



SPK4366 Alfa Romeo 33/2 4th Le Mans 1968 #39 £50.95
Alternative versions SPK4367 #38, SPK4368 #40, SPK4369 #37 & SPK4370 #41

The arrival of this class-winning Alfa was a pleasant surprise as it appeared to have been cancelled, but is clearly now back on. At first we were confused by race photos as they show the rear fins sometimes red, sometimes green then realised that it depends on which side of the car we are looking at, as they had identification colours on the right (pit) side only! This is neatly replicated on the model and the overall shape and decal placement looks very good. Unusually our sample has slightly orange-pealed paint on the rear deck, but the rest of the finish is very good.



SPK4756 Porsche 956 2nd Le Mans 1982 #2 £50.95
Alternative version SPKLM082 #1 1st & SPK4757 #3

The blue and white works Porsches are a familiar sight having been modelled a number of times and here we see the middle one of the trio, driven to second overall by Mass and Schuppan, both future winners of the race. The model is well finished but there are a fair number of easily found decals which will need to be applied to complete the sponsorship, so photos will be handy.



SPK4874 Alfa Romeo 33/2 2nd Targa Florio 1968 #186 £50.95

The 1968 running of the Targa Florio saw the lead swinging back and forth between the Porsches and Alfas and at three-quarter distance it looked as if the Italian cars had the upper hand, but a flying final couple of laps saw Elford snatch the win for the Germans, despite the best efforts of the very quick Galli in this car. We have plenty of images of the car to check the model against and the model looks excellent. The shape is well replicated, the paint finish is up to Spark's usual standards and the decals are all carefully placed.



SPK4878 Peugeot DKR Dakar 2016 #314 Loeb £51.95
Alternative version SPK4877 test, SPK4950 Despres, SPK4876 Peterhansel & SPK4877 Sainz

2016 marked Loeb's debut on the Dakar and he led for much of the first week before getting caught out by the terrain and badly damaging the car in a high speed roll, eventually finishing the event ninth. We commented when we saw the test car model that the 2016 version of the DKR is much evolved from its predecessor and this is much easier to see with the car in full livery. That decoration is neatly applied with the yellow and red sections as decal over a good blue paint finish and chrome foil applied to the roof.



SPKPP086 Audi Quattro 1st Pikes Peak 1986 Unser £51.95
Alternative version SPKPP085 Mouton & SPKPP087 Rohrl

The cars of Michelle Mouton and Walter Rohrl from Pikes Peak have been modelled many times but poor old Bobby Unser's 1986 win in the event seems to get overlooked and it's a shame because his was one of the best looking Audis to win the race. The shape of the car is very similar to Rohrl's with plenty of downforce from a huge rear wing and deep front splitter while the minimal sponsorship is picked out by smart red and blue striping. The fit of the rear spoiler casting isn't the best that we've seen from Spark but the rest of the finish is good and typical for their Pikes Peak Winners series, there is a driver figure behind the tinted windows.



SPK4895 Lotus Evora 400 2015 Blue

£48.50

Also available [SPK2229](#) green

At first glance this subject looks like a facelift version of the Evora but Lotus say that approximately 60% of it is new beneath the skin. The 400 of course refers to power output and along with increased grunt there is reduced weight and plenty of chassis tuning to make this the most powerful and fastest production Lotus to date. The subtle lines of the car are crisply moulded and the metallic blue paint on our sample is excellent with a fine grain and with the right lighting it really shines. We're not sure about the red interior, but it does help to highlight the cabin detail.



SPKSA095 Porsche 997 GT3 R Macau 2015 #20 Gulf

£51.95

This Gulf-sponsored Porsche usually ran in the GT Asia series but is modelled here as it appeared in the FIA GT World Cup at Macau, an event which brought together drivers from several GT series all driving GT3 machinery. Belgian Driver Dylan Derdaele was the driver for this race (he usually shared with various Japanese gentleman drivers in the GT series) but failed to finish. The livery on the car, with unique details for the event, is all neatly applied and there are numerous small canard fins etc. to try and create as much grip as possible on the twisty street circuit.



SPK5003 Sauber C35 Australia 2016 Ericsson

£51.95

SPK5004 Sauber C35 Australia 2016 Nasr

£51.95

The first thing we noticed on these models of Sauber's 2016 F1 machines was a distinct square pattern carbon fibre design on the front suspension, something we'd expect to see only on the bodywork rather than suspension parts. It is correct though and for contrast at the front there is a more conventional diagonal weave on the push rods. There's plenty more carbon on the floor, wings and rear body section and the remaining bodywork is smartly painted in blue with carefully applied white and yellow trim. The overall effect is an attractive model whether you choose Nasr's fifteenth placed car or that of Ericsson who failed to finish.



SPK5003

SPKSE016 Ligier JS P2 HPD 1st Sebring 2016 #2

£51.95

Following their win at Daytona a few weeks earlier, the Extreme Speed Motorsports team's win in a rain hit Sebring 12 Hours made them the first outfit in eighteen years to complete the Florida double. As with the Daytona car which Spark also released recently ([SPKDA016](#)), the main satin black and green livery is smartly replicated with the green being particularly vivid. The smaller decals are also well applied and the fine detailing all looks good.



SPK5007 Red Bull RB12 4th Australia 2016 Ricciardo

£51.95

SPK5008 Red Bull RB12 7th Bahrain 2016 Kvyat

£51.95

When the 2016 Red Bulls first appeared in race trim it was something of a surprise to see a matt paint finish but the team argued that the lack of a gloss coat saves several kilos and that weight is better distributed low in the chassis. Another advantage of the matt paint is that the sponsorship really stands out and the decals have all been neatly placed. As usual the rear wing elements could be thinner but otherwise the detailing is generally good with plenty of carbon on the suspension and floor areas with particularly fine components forming the front suspension.



SPK5007

SPKSE090 Nissan GTP ZXT 1st Sebring 1990 #83

£51.95

Alternative version [SPKSE089](#) 1st 1989

The 1990 Sebring winning Nissan looks extremely similar to the previous year's car and for good reason, it was the same chassis! There are a few subtle detail changes between the years, the most obvious being mirror position. Curiously the drivers named on the car are Brabham and Daly, who were a regular and successful pairing during the season, but for this race Brabham was in the sister car and Daly was joined by Earl. Race photos show the markings are correct though and the shape of the car looks very good too, with the long tail extensions as fine etched parts which fit seamlessly into the main body, the only clue being a texture change as these parts are decalced rather than painted. On the subject of decals, a couple of small easily found logos will need to be applied above the GTP decals on either side to complete decoration.



SPKAS021 McLaren 650S GT3 1st Bathurst 12hrs 2016

£51.95

With V8 Supercar regular Shane Van Gisbergen setting a new lap record along the way, Tekno Autosports scored the best result to date for the McLaren 650 GT3 with an outright win in the Bathurst 12 Hours. The car was factory supported and finished appropriately enough in bright orange with white and carbon trim. The paintwork on the model is all very good and the carbon areas are neatly decalced with a subtle weave to the roof and front air vent areas among others.



SPKJ035 Mercedes F1 W06 1st Japan 2015

£51.95

Alternative version [SPK4622](#) 1st USA

The Japanese Grand Prix was unusual in that all of the starters were classified as finishing the race, even if one of those had broken down on the final lap. Hamilton took the lead at the start and held it in a commanding drive. The subtle details for the race are neatly replicated with the correct small wing parts and minor sponsor decals all well observed. For the rigours of Suzuka's very high speed corners, the cars ran hard tyre compounds and so we see orange tyre markings.



SPKRS150 BMW 3.0 CSL 1st Ring DRM 1975 #135 Krebs

£73.95

Albrecht Krebs won a number of DRM races with his BMW in 1975 and for the support race to the Grand Prix he had a new engine which provided him with plenty of power to take advantage of the long Dottingher Hohe straight and after pole-sitter Wollek damaged a wheel in his Porsche his only serious challenge came from Grohs in another BMW. The red and white livery of the Schnitzer prepared car is very neatly replicated, with fine gold pinstripes edging the red. A semi-lowered driver's window adds a little life and is very neatly done, as are the other small details.



SPKSP118 Porsche 911 GT3R Spa 2012 #33 Almeras

£51.95

This Porsche was one of many retirements from the Spa 24 Hours, but it is one of those subjects that is of interest for the decoration rather than achievements. Over the white and black base colours of the Almeras prepared machine there are numerous cartoons promoting the then fairly new "Antoine le Pilote" comic books. The decoration is brightly coloured and neatly applied and also continues on the packaging. Great fun and something a little different.



REPLICARZ
Five Scale Models for the Race Enthusiast

Replicarz - New 1:43 resincast model

SPKRS151 Porsche 962 Supercup 1989 #5 Hexcel

£73.95

Jochen Dauer's 962 usually ran in TicTac livery in the Supercup, but for the first Nurburgring race it was in a different green and white scheme for composites manufacturer Hexcel. The model has most of the body painted white with the dark green tail section also painted and the lighter greens in between as decals. It's all neatly applied, the logos are clearly printed and the placement all looks good when compared with photos and video of the race.



RPZ43005 March 85C 1st Indy 1985 Sullivan

£98.30

Despite a full 360 spin while battling Mario Andretti for the lead, Danny Sullivan won the Indy 500 in his Miller-sponsored Penske-March. That spin was captured on film and handily gives us clear views of the car from several angles showing that Replicarz have done a pretty good job. Some of the wing parts are a little thick, as is the windscreen, but the shapes are good and the finishes are excellent all over. The decals are well placed, the two-tone paint finish has been neatly applied and the suspension parts are very fine photo-etch.



MATRIX

Matrix - New 1:43 resincast models

[MTXLM02-1311](#) Maserati A6G 2000 Frua Spider 1956 **£90.95**

Of the fourteen A6G 2000 chassis fitted with Frua bodies, nine were convertibles, the example here being chassis #2192. All were of a similar style but these being bespoke machines there were subtle detail changes. The car modelled lives in the Louwman Museum in the Netherlands and the specifics of the car look to be well replicated. A small flyer is included with the model which shows some images of the real thing and from these and other online images, the colour looks a little pale to us but it is expertly applied.



[MTX41311-021](#) Maserati A6GCS by Frua Silver **£77.95**

Usually we're very happy with the shapes of Matrix models but every now and then one pops up which is not quite right, something that can happen to any model maker. Here the unique Frua spider looks a little long in the tail and the top surface at the rear is also a little too flat. A shame as the detailing is all neatly fitted and the metallic paint has a very fine grain.



GLM - New 1:43 resincast models

[MTX40402-041](#) Daimler DB18 Empress Convertible Hooper 1951 **£77.95**

Around 100 examples of the Hooper Empress saloon were built on the DB18 chassis but the convertibles were rather rarer. The car modelled is the most photographed survivor and the sweeping lines make for a very attractive subject indeed. The lighter of the two greens on the model looks rather vivid when compared with photos and the matching interior should have dark green piping on the edges of the seats. The shape and the standard of finish is well up to standard though.



[GLM219001](#) Kahn Flying Huntsman 6x6 2015 **£106.95**

Kahn design offer a number of modified Land Rovers, this Chevrolet LS-powered example being the most extreme (for the moment!). It's more than just a six-wheeled Defender, the main cabin has been moved back on the chassis and the bonnet extended and inside there are six leather-clad bucket seats for high speed off-road comfort. The model is based on the original prototype and very well finished in a satin metallic dark grey with bright red interior and it all matches publicity photos of the real thing superbly.



[MTX40803-031](#) Horch 930S Stromlinie 1939 Maroon **£107.95**

Horch unveiled their streamlined car of the future at the 1939 Berlin Motor Show, the design including a pillarless door closing arrangement to allow easy access to the rear passengers and even a fold out washbasin with hot and cold water fitted in the front wing! Unfortunately, only six examples were built. The car modelled matches the example in Audi's museum very well and is finished in a smart burgundy with what little brightwork the car had neatly fitted.



[GLM215101](#) Rolls Royce Phantom Hooper Sports Limousine **£129.95**

Although built in London by Hooper, this unique sports limousine body was to a design by Saoutchik and that influence can be seen on the distinctive chrome side trims on the bonnet, doors and wings. The trims on the bonnet of our sample are slightly uneven in their fitting, but the rest is well placed and the very dark blue paintwork offers an excellent backdrop. The car had large sunroofs and the front portion is modelled open so that the interior can be better seen.



[MTX50405-021](#) Dodge Firearrow II Concept Ghia-Exner 1954 **£107.95**

The first Dodge Firearrow was a non-running concept but was so well received that the go ahead was given to build this functioning car, designed by Virgil Exner and built in Italy by Ghia. It's a big car for a two-seater but the lines are very well balanced and there are plenty of delicate details such as the frameless windscreen. These are neatly modelled and the pale yellow paintwork matches photos of the real car.



[GLM218001](#) Aston Martin Lagonda S4 Blue **£121.95**

Although the basic shape of the William Towns designed Lagonda didn't change during the car's twenty-year production run, the details did and in 1987 the final variant was launched. The most obvious styling upgrade is around the lights and there were also new wheels, details that are all well replicated here. The main paint finish is very good in a dark metallic blue and the right hand drive interior is in a pale cream, allowing us to see plenty of detail.



[MTX50206-051](#) Buick Series 80 Opera Brougham Fernandez **£106.95**

This extremely distinctive machine was built for the 1938 Paris Motor Show and after the show passed through the possession of several high profile European owners. The line of the dramatically raked windscreen continues through the flanks of the car with a basketwork panel contrasting from the main blue paintwork. The details on the model are all neatly done and the windscreen on the rear saloon is posed in a partially open position.



[GLM43107401](#) Packard Twelve 1407 Convertible Coupe 1936 **£134.95**

GLM describe this as a Bohman and Schwartz body but from the images of several cars of this body style that we have found, including a number of auction catalogues and reports, it appears to be the standard Convertible Coupe produced for Packard by Dietrich. The pastel blue paintwork suits the design of the car very well and the model is fitted with the twin side mounted spare wheel option (some cars had a single spare behind the rear luggage rack). The panel engraving is nice and crisp and there are plenty of fine etched details, all adding up to make an attractive miniature, just what of?



[MTX40201-141](#) Bentley S2 Continental Sports Hooper 1959 **£119.95**

This subject is one of great historical significance as Hooper's 1959 London Motor Show car BC1AR was the first Bentley S2 Continental chassis completed, the only S2 clothed by Hooper (although there were a handful of S1s with similar bodies) and also the last body produced by the Hooper works. The car has been in and out of the country a few times and now wears an incorrect 1963 registration number and it is as the car survives that it is modelled. The rear number plate on our sample isn't on quite straight but otherwise things look good with delicate trim, very sharp panel lines and fine silver paintwork.



K-Model - New 1:43 resincast model

[KMD004](#) Porsche 935 Mugello 1982 #2 Vega **£56.95**

The only images that we've managed to find of this class winning machine in action other than those on the packaging, show us that the shape of the model is generally good and that the decoration has been accurately applied on the bodywork but doesn't answer the one question that we have. One of the suppliers listed on the car is Dunlop and yet there are Goodyear logos on the tyre sidewalls. With such a tricky subject to research and such a well finished model it seems unlikely to be an error but is certainly unusual!





Norev diecast [NOR270031](#) - Jaguar XK140 Coupe 1957



Spark resin cast [SPKUS018](#) - McLaren F1GTR 1st Curitiba 1996



Spark resin cast [SPK4736](#) - Osca MT4 Le Mans 1954



TrueScale Miniatures resin cast [TSMCE164310](#) - Cadillac V16 Convertible Sedan 1936



Autocult resin cast [ATC09002](#) - Commer Dormobile Coaster 1972



Look Smart resin cast [MRCLSLM039](#) - Ferrari 458 Italia Le Mans 2016



Minichamps resin cast [MIN417160003](#) - Red Bull RB12 2016 Ricciardo



GCAM [GCAM43084](#) (kit) [GCAM43084M](#) (built) - ADA C03 Le Mans 1990



PremiumX diecast [PRX0316](#) - Ford Mustang Monte Carlo Rally 1966



Minichamps diecast [MIN430067331](#) - Porsche 911 Carrera 2 Cabriolet 1990



Ebbro - New 1:43 diecast models

EBB45268 Lexus RC F SuperGT 2015 Denso **£65.45**

Following a season as a test driver in the DTM, ex-F1 pilot Heikki Kovalainen headed for Japan and a seat with the SARD Lexus team, consistent finishes in the lower points meaning thirteenth in the final standings. The decoration on the car is fairly simple and has been neatly applied to the model. We see typically fine parts for the rear wing and smaller frontal aerodynamic details, there's a fair amount of carbon decal and overall the model matches photos from the Okayama race except for tyres, which should be wets not slicks.



EBB45270 Honda NSX Concept-GT SuperGT 2015 Drago **£65.45**
EBB45274 Honda NSX Concept-GT SuperGT 2015 Epson **£65.45**

These two examples of Honda's very swoopy NSX Concept GT500 machine enjoyed mixed fortunes in the opening Okayama round of the Super GT, the car of series newcomers Drago Modulo Racing team finishing sixth and the Epson team car in its familiar blue and white livery failing to finish. Both are good looking cars and the decoration is neatly finished although there is a slight mismatch of colour between decal and paint on the red areas of the Drago car. Also, as we've mentioned with other cars from the Okayama race, they should really be on wets not slicks.



EBB45270



EBB45274

EBB45328 McLaren MP4-30 Japan 2015 Alonso **£73.10**
EBB45329 McLaren MP4-30 Japan 2015 Button **£73.10**

Alternative versions **EBB45324** Alonso early, **EBB45325** Button early, **EBB45326** Alonso mid & **EBB45327** Button mid

With significant changes to first the livery and then the shape of the McLaren during the 2015 season, Ebbro have had plenty of options to make. The late season nose has been well modelled and the overall finish of the model is very good with a fine grain to the dark metallic paint, vivid orange decals for the highlights and good density on the white sections. The rear wing endplates could be a little thinner and we'd like to see the vents open, but there's plenty of carbon on the very delicate suspension parts. An omission which seems to occur on all models of the recent McLarens is the sponsorship from the cockpit sides (in this case Johnnie Walker) and so aftermarket decals (MUSDC43795) will be needed to complete the decoration.



EBB45328

EBB45294 Subaru BRZ Super GT300 2015 #61 R&D **£65.45**

It's a slight shame that Ebbro have chosen to model this subject from the first race of the season as it was one of the poorer results for the team and they scored class podiums later on. The rear diffuser is particularly prominent on this car, extending way beyond the rear bumper and neatly modelled with fine elements carefully assembled. The coral and black striping contrasts smartly with the excellent blue paintwork and the chrome roof and rear screen area is good and smooth.



EBB45397 Nissan GT-R SuperGT 2016 #1 Motul **£57.95**

Alternative version **EBB45380** Sugo

The first release from Ebbro for the 2016 SuperGT series is the car of defending champions Matsuda and Quintarelli who started in perfect style with wins of the first two races. The car is here modelled from the second round so we see tiny decals for the success ballast on the side windows and these along with the rest of the decoration are neatly placed. The aggressive lines of the car are well replicated and particularly fine are the long aerodynamic fences along the sides of the car.



Kyosho - New 1:43 diecast model

KYO03660BL Nissan Concept 2020 Vision Blue **£46.95**

Also available **KYO03660GR** Gunmetal & **KYO03660S** Silver

This is the third subject on the Concept GT series from the PlayStation game that we've seen modelled and the third model maker involved. With twenty subjects in the game, there are plenty more potentials out there! The Nissan connection is an appropriate one as they have successfully used the GT platform for their academy to find new drivers. The car has certain styling cues linking it to the recent GT-R and Z car production models and the main body on the model is very crisply moulded and our sample has excellent metallic blue paint. As a concept, there is no interior detail, just blacked out windows, but these are neatly fitted as are the external details for brakes, wheels and splitters.



Carbone

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

CAR4393 Mercedes Tourenwagen 1935 Beige **£285.90**

This is the fourth variant of Mercedes elegant two-door roadster that Carbone has created and the car modelled here is subtly different to the others with a different front wing line. We're not sure exactly which of the ten cars clothed in the Tourenwagen style this is as the photos that we've found of the real car at Pebble Beach don't include this information and neither has the model maker. The subtle two-tone paint finish is very neatly applied and there's plenty of fine detailing with very delicate etch for the windscreen frame and roof irons and plated parts for various lamps, prominent horns on the front and the bumpers.



CAR4394 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost Balloon Car 1910 **£285.90**

Alternative version **CAR4395** open

One of the hobbies of Charles Rolls was flying a coal gas heated balloon and in 1908 he commissioned H.J. Mulliner to create a unique 'Victoria de Luxe' body on a Silver Ghost chassis with a long rear deck to carry his balloon. That car was destroyed long ago but two replicas were built in the early 1970s, this being one of them. The car is modelled as it was a few years ago in bright red (it has since been repainted) and has the occasional 'dickie' seat which folds into the rear deck in the open position. The brightwork on the car is brass rather than silver or chrome plated and this adds plenty more colour. The roof frame is particularly delicate on the model, being very neatly made in etched brass and the wheels are beautiful.



CARCHR066 Bugatti T57S Atlantic 1936 Grey **£285.90**

CARCHR067 Bugatti T57S Atlantic 1936 Bordeaux **£285.90**

Also available **CARCHR068** black

These models depict the same car, chassis 57473, at different stages in its life. The third of the Atlantics built, the car was seriously damaged in the 1950s when hit by a train, killing its occupants. The wreckage was found in a scrapyard in the mid-60s and a long restoration took place, with the car being painted a deep burgundy but it has since been painted again in the original colour. The colour that Carbone describes as grey looks rather too blue to us but the 'Bordeaux' does compare well with photos. The models are typically well finished with excellent paint and neatly fitted trim and the small detail changes between the car as it was and as it is now such as the location of the number plates and the additional turn signals above the door hinges.



CARCHR066



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

CCC208M58 DB Panhard HBR4 Sebring 1959 #58 **£124.10**

Kit available **CCC208**

Driven by Bill Wood and Henri Perrier, this was the second of three factory DB entries at Sebring in 1959 (two spiders and a coupe). Due to the clean design of the car it's quite a simple model and the finish is one of the better that we have seen from CCC. The detail painting on the wheels is a little uneven but otherwise the main paintwork is excellent and the few small details that there are all neatly fitted. The trimming of the vacforms is particularly neat and decals snuggle down into panel lines very well.



Centenary celebration

Building Yowmodellini's Aston Martin CC100

by Richard Loveys

The centenary of the company that we know today as Aston Martin Lagonda was achieved in 2013 and the Company made the car called CC100 to celebrate its first 100 years. The car was introduced with yellow highlights and it was said that only one was built – but there are pictures of CC100 with blue highlights, and rumours that this is a second one made to special order. It took rather a long time for a model manufacturer to get it into production, nothing being available until early 2015 when Yowmodellini released their 1:43 resin kit ([YOW43168](#)). To date no other models of CC100 are available.

The kit came in Yow's usual transparent box with the small components neatly packed in cellophane envelopes, it comprised 22 resin parts, most of which needed to have thin moulding 'flash' removed – especially where items such as seats and wheels are meant to have holes. There were excellent lamps, three different sized pairs for the front and one pair of red ones for the rear; one exhaust tail pipe (to be sawn into two); a pair of axles of the right length; and well-fitting vacuum formed headlamp covers. The only photo etched part was the petrol filler; it would have been appreciated if there had been some photo etched parts for the leather straps which are such a feature of the car's interior and perhaps for the panel fasteners as well.



[YOW43168](#) kit parts - 22 resin castings, well fitting vacforms and a few other sundries.

The beautifully detailed one piece wheel rims and spokes were moulded in the same pale coloured resin as the other parts, the tyres were made of rigid black resin. The wheel rims were painted, then drilled and tyre inflators added. It is the first time that your scribe has found four resin brake callipers included in a 1:43rd scale kit, this is a nice detail, especially as the front and rear are of different dimensions. The plain washers supplied for brake discs were, however, all the same size; but at least there were four of them. Unfortunately it was found that the resin callipers were much too thick to fit between the wheel spokes and the washers and they were replaced with ones made from a thin piece of metal.

Yow kits do not seem to include instructions, there is a postcard sized sheet with four good quality photos of the car itself, but none showed the car's interior. A search on the internet provided a lot of helpful images. Similarly there is only a minimal number of rather fragile transfers with the white '100' disc, the Aston Martin centenary logos, a pair of AM 'wings' badges, and the six black panel catches. There was nothing for the instruments, and even worse, no carbon fibre. The painted yellow lines which are such a distinctive part of CC100 are provided in the form of a piece of yellow sticky backed plastic which is quite unsuitable as it is rather thick and stiff and there is no pattern to show the necessary shapes, in the long term the adhesive is likely to dry out and the strips to then fall off; as was noted in 'FSW' 06-2015 "that really won't do". These two omissions are not what the writer expected in a kit as expensive as this one.

It was good to find that the resin parts were well moulded although some of the scribed panel joins needed to be cleaned out and the holes for the axles had to be drilled without any indication of their positions. The grille on the car is filled with black mesh; in the kit this was smooth resin which was cut away so that suitable photo etched mesh could be inserted. The interior of the car can be seen easily and so the pedals and the handbrake lever were made and added, it was also decided to fit a bulkhead ahead of the pedals and make the drilled heel board which is shown in many of the pictures.



All parts painted after minimal clean up of resin parts

The resin parts needed little preparation before painting. The colour chosen was Ford Neptune Green which looks right, Yow gives no guidance on colours. The two seats and the instrument panel are well detailed separate parts which facilitate the detailed painting and finishing. The seat belts and buckles are not provided and came from the parts box. A small piece of thin self adhesive aluminium rather like Bare Metal Foil was included in the kit, this was used for the four chromed strips and the rear view mirrors; the clear lacquer was applied over this and the various transfers.



Decals applied and lacquered over and sub-assembly started

The CC100 has a lot of exposed carbon fibre which is a striking feature of its appearance. The simplest solution for the model would be to use black paint but this does not look much like carbon fibre. Sheets of transfer (decal) material are available and one was purchased from Grand Prix Models, unfortunately it looked rather like black paint and GPM replaced it free of charge. The second version looked the part but incorporated very heavy ink (or is it paint?) which broke rather than flexing over some of the body's curves. A third version made by Scale Motorsport ([SKU1543](#)) was purchased and this was satisfactory although it needed the liberal application of Decalset and a lot of patience. Yow provided no patterns and so it took a long time to cut the transfers to size and then fit them in place. The yellow plastic was discarded and the lines painted by hand, you can see the end result in the pictures.



Richard's completed model, built from Yowmodellini kit [YOW43168](#)

The finished article is very pleasing, with the overall shape of the car well represented. Making the model was a lengthy process due to the application of the carbon fibre and the need to improve the interior. In your scribe's opinion this is perhaps not a kit for the novice model builder, but given time, patience and a steady hand the resulting model can be very good. Be adventurous and have a go!



Spark resincast [SPK3376](#) - March 701 Spain 1970 Pescaraolo



GCAM [GCAM43085](#) (kit) [GCAM43085M](#) (built) - Spice SE87C Le Mans 1990



Norev diecast [NOR270032](#) - Jaguar XK140 DHC 1957



TrueScale Miniatures resincast [TSM154359](#) - Tyrrell 011 Monaco 1982 Henton



Minichamps diecast [MIN086977](#) - Porsche 911 GT3 RSR Sebring 2008



Aoshima 1:24 plastic kit [AOS09830](#) - Honda Civic JTCC 1988



Ixo diecast [IXORAM622](#) - Ford Fiesta WRC Monte Carlo 2015 Ostberg



BBR hand built [BBRC176E](#) - Alfa Romeo Giulia QV 2016



SMTS [RL113E](#) (kit) [RL113EM](#) (built) - Jaguar XK120 Mille Miglia 1950



Spark resincast [SPKSF102](#) - Renault RS01 RST Champ 2015