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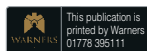
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Welcome



▲ Rick Wilson, Editor

So here we are, as promised last month, we have undergone a bit of a makeover and we rather hope you like it. Since our last revamp three years ago, styles were drifting as articles came and went so it was definitely time for a shake up and a fresh look. It has been said that maybe I could benefit from the same treatment! Apart from the new fonts and page styles, the biggest change that you will first notice is that all the various model reviews, including the specialist sections, are now back under one big "What's New" umbrella section. Full credit and thanks must go to Lynn, our super designer extraordinaire, who has worked long and hard to produce all the wonders you are about to enjoy. Big news for this month is that just a few days after this issue hits the shops or, if you're a subscriber, lands on your doormat, the centenary celebrations of the very popular Southdown Motor Services will be in full swing down on Southsea Common, right next to the Hovercraft Terminal. Here's hoping for good weather! It is sure to be a fabulous event with many wonderful apple green and cream buses and coaches in attendance. We have our own way of celebrating the occasion in this issue with a trip down memory lane courtesy of Stewart Brown. I have spent many happy hours recently building four bus depots to display my models for this too. Although I'm not really sure where I'm going to put them now! Special mention must also go to Wendy at EFE, who has gone beyond the call of duty and dug out some lovely old models from the EFE museum to add into the mix. In addition to the 75th anniversary of the start of the Battle of Britain, which is nearly upon us (see our next issue!), another set of milestones are reached later this year for three of Gerry Anderson's amazing TV shows and Mike Pigott previews these in this issue with his own extensive collection and a little help from mine too (yes, that Tracy Island set you see belongs to me). We had some great fun photographing all these recently. And that's what it's all about: fun. The main reason why I love this hobby is the enjoyment it gives me, a heady mix of nostalgia and appreciation of miniature engineering, both past and present. So I hope this new look helps add to your own fun. Enjoy!

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News & Events

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SUN STAR CONFIRM NEW HERITAGE ROUTEMASTERS

FURTHER to the news in issues 210 and 211, Sun Star has now confirmed that it will definitely be producing two new 1/24 scale Routemasters as per the current London Transport Heritage route number 15 vehicles.

Model No 2918 will be RM2089 (ALM 89B) as it first ran in heritage livery in 2005 with advertisements promoting the new routes. No 2919 will be RM324 (WLT 324). RM2089 is seen here still in service during

December 2014, at the Strand traffic lights, waiting to enter the Aldwych section of the route.

Both models are due to be released in December 2015 (price TBA) so this is perfect timing for a Christmas present to yourself!

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to send in suggestions for the new liveries, it has been great fun helping with the research and, personally, I can't wait for these! ■



RALLY HERO DONATES COLLECTION

A Cumbrian man famed for competing in the Monte Carlo Rally has donated his personal model car collection assembled over more than 70 years to the Lakeland Motor Museum.

Malcolm Tyson, who is from Ambleside, was well known on the car rally scene in the 1960s and has been collecting the models since he was around 8 years old. Over the intervening years, his collection has grown to more than 200 models including rare examples from famous manufacturers such as Dinky, Corgi, Solido, and Politoys.

Malcolm has now gifted his collection to the Lakeland Motor



▲ Malcolm Tyson proudly displays just one of over 200 models donated to the Lakeland Motor Museum.

Museum at Backbarrow. Many of the items are still brand new and in the original boxes.

Malcolm Tyson says, "Cars have been a very special part of my life and this collection brings together some unique motoring memories over the years. I'm proud to pass my model car collection over to the Museum and I hope visitors will enjoy viewing these miniature gems as much as I have enjoyed collecting them."

Director of Lakeland Motor Museum, Bill Bewley, adds, "We would like to say a massive thank you to Malcolm for donating this fascinating collection. It is fantastic that Malcolm is now

giving younger generations the chance to see some rarely-seen model cars at the Motor Museum."

Head down memory lane to the Lakeland Motor Museum and enjoy a unique collection of 30,000 exhibits, including 150 classic cars and motorbikes, all carefully assembled over 50 years. Star exhibits include the Isle of Man TT Tribute Exhibition and the Campbell Bluebird Exhibition, complete with full size replicas of the Bluebird record-breaking car and the famous jet hydroplane, Bluebird K7. Find out more at www.lakelandmotormuseum.co.uk. ■

AMAZING CORGI TOYS GARAGE GIFT SET FUELS BIDDING FRENZY

JUST casually browsing ebay recently, as you do, I came across this absolutely mint and incredibly rare (in this condition) Corgi Toys Gift Set 25 Shell or BP and Shell Garage Layout. The seller stated that the set had been in the family since new and was 100% complete with all cars boxed and mint, all plastic kit components untouched and even the original brushes, paints, glue and play mat were present in unused condition.

Between 1963 and 1966, just 8,000 of these sets were sold. Typically, the set comprised Kit 206 AA and RAC boxes, Kit 608 Shell/BP Service Station, Kit 609 Shell/BP Forecourt Accessories, 2x Kit 606 Lamp Standard Set, 3x Kit 601 Batley "Leofric" Garage, No 224 Bentley Continental, No 225 Austin Seven Mini, No 229



Chevrolet Corvair, No 234 Ford Consul Classic, No 519 Ford Zephyr Motorway Patrol Car, BP and Shell transfers, adhesive, paints, brush and a "coloured background", as The Great Book of Corgi describes the play mat.

With a Ramsay's upper limit price guide of around £1,500 and

a toymart.com guideline of just under £1,795, I was amazed to see the bidding already at £2,650 with 3 days still to go. Out of pure interest, I "watched" the listing to see where it would finish and nearly fell off my chair when it did, at £4,222!! Not bad for a set that retailed at just a few shillings! ■

THE BLUES FROM GREENLIGHT

"IT'S 106 miles to Chicago, we got a full tank of gas, half a pack of cigarettes, it's dark... and we're wearing sunglasses." Elwood Blues, played by Dan Akroyd, spoke those famous words in the 1980 film, *The Blues Brothers*.

Greenlight has just released two superb 1/43 scale model replicas of the Bluesmobile (No 86421, 1974 Dodge Monaco ex-Police vehicle) and one of the many 1975 Dodge Monaco police cars (No 86422) that gave pursuit in this

classic movie's big finale on the streets of Chicago.

At just £19.99 each, they represent excellent value with some really good detail.

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VITESSE ANNOUNCES NEW LOTUS PAIR



Two more releases of the beautiful Cosworth DFV-powered Lotus 49B have been confirmed by Vitesse, with a scheduled release date of August 2015. Both carrying racing number 2: model No 27805 is the Jackie Oliver driven entry at the 1968 Belgian Grand Prix (with duck tail rear wing, right) and No 27806 is the 1969 Monaco GP car driven by Richard Attwood.

News in brief

Coming from Corgi

Due in the coming month are the Hartlepool Corporation AEC Regent and Ashley Corporation Crossley DD42 buses from the Original Omnibus Company, the Harte Group Scania R Topline with moving floor trailer and the Caledonian Logistics Mercedes-Benz Actros Curtainside under the Hauliers of Renown banner and a pair of Lotus Esprits alongside a Sapphire Blue Ford Capri MkI 3000 GXL in the Vanguard's range.



New from Tekno

Speedbird Promotions has announced the release, available immediately, of this superb Scania R-Series Topline 8x4 with HIAB crane. Limited to just 150 pieces, it is priced at just £99.99 including free UK delivery.

To order or for more information, contact Ben Lord at Speedbird Promotions on 01359 232667 or via email at ben.lord@speedbird-promotions.co.uk.



Britains Land Rover

To coincide with the end of production of the iconic Land Rover Defender, Britains has announced the September release of its 1/32 scale Heritage Edition model. It combines early design features with the very latest styling and, with a retail price of just £19.99, is sure to become a real collectors piece.

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WHAT'S new

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BUMPER
PAGES!**

Rick Wilson takes a look at this month's model releases including fine replicas in handbuilt, the latest in farm and construction, and new items in the world of aviation.

Additional contributors: Richard Carlson (Handbuilt); Steven Downes (Construction); David Pullen (Farm); Jarrod Cotter (Aviation).

LONDON BUS MUSEUM AND JOTUS COLLABORATE ON NEW BEA MODEL

1/76 scale

**LIMIT
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JOTUS RESIN SPECIALIST

AEC Regal IV Park Royal BEA 4RF4 NLP 650

PRICE: £75.00 REF NO: RS-76636

www.londonbusmuseum.com



NLP 650 was the last of 65 coaches built specifically for BEA (British European Airways) to transport passengers from the London Air Terminal to Croydon, Northolt and Heathrow airports. London Transport had won the contract to operate coaches to London's three main passenger airports in 1947 but it was soon clear that the 18-seater Commandos were not able to handle the volume of traffic.

Built to a London Transport design using a standard AEC Regal IV (RF) chassis, the 37-seater 4RF4s featured axle spacers to accommodate the

wider Park Royal one-and-a-half deck bodywork. The raised seating towards the rear of the bus allowed substantial additional luggage to be stowed beneath the floor, essential for overseas travellers.

Operated and maintained on behalf of BEA by London Transport, the 4RF4s first began arriving in April 1952 with the first batch of 50 (registered MLL 713 to MLL 762) being delivered over the following 12 months. An instant success, a further 15 (registered NLP 636 to NLP 650) were ordered and subsequently delivered in the autumn of 1953.

Initially operating from the first London Air Terminal at Waterloo station mainly to Croydon Airport, over the years Heathrow was extended and grew in importance so it made sense to build a new purpose built terminal on the Cromwell Road at Kensington which gave fast access to Heathrow on the A4, and later the M4.

The 4RF4s arrived in the two-tone grey livery as modelled here and, in 1957 and 1958 during the fleet's first major overhaul, were repainted with a white upper body and carried the new style BEA "red square" logo - scope for future models aplenty then.

The replacement of these stylish buses began in 1966 with the introduction of the new forward entrance Routemasters that towed luggage trailers, so the fleet of 4RF4s was disbanded with just one, MLL

▲ Wonderful detail to both the front end and the interior. Check out the finish to the seats!

▼ The Regal IV is a beautiful bus in any form but the one and a half deck layout of the 4RF4 is particularly attractive.



THIS MONTH'S INDEPTH REVIEWS:

8 AEC Regal IV Park Royal BEA 4RF4

The latest incredibly detailed release available from Jotus under its Resin Specialist brand, available exclusively from the London Bus Museum.

14 Five Piece Land Rover Set

Another great set from Oxford Diecast featuring five generations of Land Rover: the Series I, Series II, Discovery, Defender and Freelander.

20 Aston Martin DB4 GT Zagato Le Mans 1961

The number 1 car from the 1961 Le Mans 24 Hours receives the CMC precision engineering treatment for its latest 1/18 scale masterpiece.



▲ The destination blind boxes deserve special mention as these aren't just tampo printed on.

740, (modelled previously by Jotus) being retained as back-up to the Routemaster fleet and repainted in the vibrant livery of tangerine and white, featuring the very latest BEA logo too - another modelling opportunity!

Jotus' latest release of its 4RF4 resin casting is an absolute delight. Would we expect any less? The interior in particular is exquisite, with the sand and black seat moquette clearly visible and wonderfully



▲ Even at the back, the boxes are correctly modelled, such is Jotus' attention to detail.

replicated throughout each of the 37 seats. The beautiful body is perfectly recreated and the paint finish is superb with the shades of grey perfectly matched. The features that always please me most though are the destination blind boxes which are real three-dimensional gems. Maybe this is to be expected at this price but the model as a whole is a work of art with a sublime level of detail. **DC**



▲ Superb finish all over with excellent paint coverage and wonderful crisp graphics, perfectly applied.



OXFORD DIECAST
ERF EC Olympic 40ft Fridge Trailer
Scotlee Transport

SCALE: 1/76 PRICE: £21.95 REF NO: 76EC001

www.oxforddiecast.co.uk

Oxford's new ERF looks fabulous in the colours of Scotlee Transport. Excellent paint coverage and graphics, and the cab is simply beautiful. Top job!



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Mercedes-Benz 280SL silver
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It's big and beautiful! The classic lines of the 280SL certainly look great at this scale and the finish is top notch. Great detail too, making full use of the size.



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Saab 96 1961 with sun roof
SCALE: 1/43 PRICE: £52.99
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The touch of the open sun roof is a welcome novelty on this lovely Saab 96, affording a great interior view. Those unmistakable body lines are perfect.



GREENLIGHT
Ford Escort MkI RS2000 1974
SCALE: 1/43 PRICE: £21.99
REF NO: 86065

www.jacksonsmodels.co.uk

Greenlight is making good use of its excellent Escort MkI casting. Great shape and superb finish all over. The front end is of particular note.

New Models



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SCALE: 1/18 PRICE: £139.99

REF NO: DC21422

www.diecastlegends.com

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B-T MODELS

Bristol Lodekka Red & White Beachley

SCALE: 1/76 PRICE: £21.99 REF NO: B114A

www.ayrey.co.uk

Another great release from B-T's Lodekka casting, this time in the colours of South Wales' Red & White buses, destination Beachley.



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www.replicagri.com

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SCALE: 1/43 PRICE: £21.95

REF NO: BN6001

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The much anticipated new tooling of the Bentley MkVI has finally arrived and we're not to be disappointed! Absolutely wonderful model.



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SCALE: 1/50

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www.bomag.com

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The Red Baron

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DAF2800 40ft Curtainside - Robson's of Carlisle
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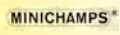
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SCALE: 1/90 PRICE: £16.00
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Particularly well finished paintwork, especially the detailed "flying tiger" artwork. Other details include guns and fixed up undercarriage.

LAND ROVER SET SPANS THE YEARS



WHAT can I say about Land Rovers that you won't already know? In a world where the word "iconic" is overused (I'm very much guilty of this), it is definitely justified here. The marque is so known worldwide but maybe not everyone realises its origins, so I'll give I a go anyway.

The story begins in 1947 at The Rover Company and, in particular, the design office of Maurice Wilks, Chief Designer. Actually, it really

1/76 scale

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began at his farm on Anglesey in North Wales, his summer home, where he was inspired by an old American World War II Willys Jeep. In fact the first prototype was built on a Jeep chassis and running gear. The Land Rover

was born: it was the name of a vehicle well before it became a brand.

After further development, the Series I appeared in 1948. Originally designed for farm and light industrial use, it

featured a steel box-section chassis and an aluminum body.

The next model after the Series I was, of course, the Series II, which was produced from 1958 to 1961. Chief Stylist, David Bache, introduced the now familiar barrel waistline bulge to cover the Series II's wider track. With a few minor cosmetic changes and the new 2.25 litre diesel engine, the Series II evolved into the IIA and this continued until 1971. The II



▲ Above and top, left to right: Series I, Series II, Discovery, Defender and Freelander.



TROFÉU
Ford Escort Mk1 RS2000 - 1st Gr.1
Rally Portugal 1977
SCALE: 1/43 PRICE: £54.99 REF NO: RRAL04
www.abgee.co.uk

Another wonderful Escort Mk1 rally model by Troféu from the 1977 Portuguese Rally. Superb finish and detail. Great graphics!



HOT WHEELS ELITE
1970 Dodge Charger
"The Fast and the Furious"
SCALE: 1/43 PRICE: £69.99 REF NO: BLY27
www.hotwheels-elite.com

Dom Toretto's car from the big finale of the first film in the series. Good body shape and finish, paint coverage is thorough, nice interior detail.



▲ The popular Defender looks great in the combination of dark blue with silver roof and wheels.



▲ The Freelander gives away its real urban roots with the large off-road unfriendly alloys.

and the IIA are very difficult to distinguish to the untrained eye. The headlights were moved to the wings on late production IIA models from (ostensibly to comply with Australian, American and Dutch lighting regulations) and remained in this position for the Series III, in production from 1971 until 1985.

The successor to the "Series" Land Rovers was what would become the Defender, originally called either the Land Rover 90,

110 or 127, the name reflecting the respective model wheelbase measurement. With production beginning in 1983 (overlapping the end of Series III output), the Defender name was adopted in 1990 and has been in continual production since. Until December this year that is.

After 67 years of continual production since the Series I began in 1948, there will be a break while Land Rover designs and builds a new model to comply with future regulations.

Truly the end of an era. For now anyway.

In 1989, Land Rover introduced a completely different vehicle for a different market, a sports utility vehicle (SUV) based on the Range Rover platform. The current model in production in the Discovery 4. In 1994 a compact SUV was launched, this was called the Freelander, and it's still in current production too, in second generation guise as the Freelander 2.

Oxford Diecast's superb 1/76 scale Land Rover variants are well-liked among collectors so the introduction of this five piece set is fabulous news for enthusiasts and OO gauge modellers, offering excellent value at this price.

Everyone will have their particular favourites here and I certainly know mine. But that's the great thing about Land Rovers, they appeal to such a wide market. Truly the secret of success! **DC**



▲ The Discovery, like the Freelander, is more of an urban fox than an offroad mudlover. Again the large alloys betray its true habitat.



▲ Now we're talking! There is something about the Series I that makes my petrol-fuelled heart skip a beat. It's the rawness and no-nonsense approach.



▲ The subtly tweaked lines of the Series II also demand special affection. Slightly more refined but just as attractive.



HOT WHEELS ELITE
Volkswagen Beetle Herbie
"Herbie Goes to Montecarlo"
SCALE: 1/43 PRICE: £69.99 REF NO: BLY28
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Another cute little Herbie model from Hot Wheels Elite, this time from the third film. Lovely attention to detail and good finish throughout.



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REF NO: 76FT015CC

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The first of three new Coca Cola Transits from Oxford this month. This is the Coke Zero bottles version. Good level of detail and superb graphics.



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Another of the new Case models is a 621F wheel loader, which features an articulating chassis with working loader arms and tipping bucket.



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The DB4 GT made for an ideal racing car so the lightened Zagato was even more so. After Aston Martin had won the prestigious Le Mans 24 Hours outright in 1959 with its sumptuous DBR1, the lure of the famous French race was bound to be strong.

Jean Kerguen, one of the best private racing drivers in France during the late 1950s, qualified to participate in the 1961 Le Mans 24 Hours with his Aston Martin DB4 GT Zagato. While

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Aston Martin DB4 GT Zagato - Le Mans 24 Hours 1961

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▲ The Zagato bodied DB4 GT certainly looks like it means business from the front and there is no mistaking the Aston Martin parentage here either.



▲ The three-quarter rear shot really shows off the work carried out by Zagato.

preparing for the race, he gained the support of Marcel Blondeau, the official Aston Martin dealer in France and owner of Garage Mirabeau. Especially helpful was Des O'Dell, an Aston Martin expert on the Mirabeau team who was experienced in development and had an excellent grasp on the Le Mans racing scene. Jean Kerguen and his co-driver, Jacques Dewez (nicknamed "Franc"), were well-prepared when they took off from the front row of the grid and were joined by two

more Zagato DB4 GTs from John Ogier's factory-assisted ERS racing team (Essex Racing Stable).

The start was excellent for Kerguen's Zagato and the race as a whole proved to be a smooth run as well. The only mechanical pit stop that had to be made was for a change of brake pads after 14 hours and an adjustment to the clutch mechanism after 16 hours. When Kerguen made his last



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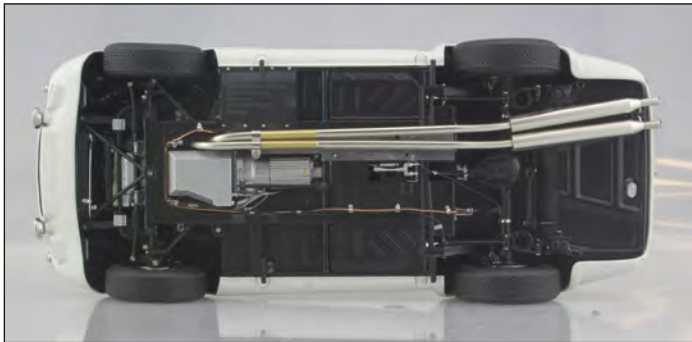
▲ Incredibly detailed interior and dashboard.

▼ Beautifully crafted lines perfectly recreated in miniature by CMC.





▲ Quite simply stunning and a real masterpiece of miniature engineering.



▲ No expense spared underneath either.

pit stop after 23 hours of racing, he was in 9th position overall and 3rd in class. Jacques Dewez was to take over and race the remaining 50 minutes. But much to his horror, no matter how he pushed the starter button, the car wouldn't start! Quick checks performed by Des O'Dell couldn't identify any apparent problems with the battery, cables, or starter. Deeply disappointed, the team had to throw in the towel after 286 laps with only 50 minutes remaining before the end of the race. Such are the highs and lows of this spectacular motor race.

CMC has rightfully earned a reputation for being a master of engineering in miniature and a true leader in its class. This third release of the Zagato DB4 GT, and the first racing version, has been eagerly anticipated by Le Mans and Aston Martin enthusiasts alike since the Zagato DB4 GT model was announced at Nuremberg in January 2014. The detail is truly exquisite, with over 1,500 parts to every handbuilt model, and the detail is as one would expect from the market leaders in 1/18 scale. There really is nothing like a CMC. **DC**



▲ Opening features aplenty reveal a wealth of detail.



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B-T MODELS
Bristol MW SD - United Counties
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TROFÉU
BMW 2002 - Austrian Alpine Rally
1973 winner
SCALE: 1/43 PRICE: £43.99 REF NO: 1704
www.abgee.co.uk

The pretty BMW 2002 appears again, this time it's the 1973 Austrian Alpine Rally winner and it's nicely modelled, particularly those BMW stripes.

New Models



NEO
Jaguar XJ Series III Vanden Plas 1986
SCALE: 1/43 **PRICE:** £63.99
REF NO: 49526
www.diecastlegends.com

The popular Jaguar XJ is rather nicely modelled here by Neo. The Vanden Plas level of trim means lots of good detail and Neo has made the most of it.



B-T MODELS
Bristol MW SD - United Counties Princes Risborough route 365
SCALE: 1/76 **PRICE:** £17.99 **REF NO:** B206B
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OXFORD DIECAST
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www.diecastlegends.com

#12 Ford Escort Mk.II RS2000 that Barry Williams drove in the 1978 Algarve Rally, replicated nicely here by Troféu. Simple but well finished livery.



TROFÉU

BMW 2002 Ti Monte Carlo Rally 1971
SCALE: 1/43 PRICE: £45.99 REF NO: 1716

www.abgee.co.uk

Specialising in race and rally cars, it's no wonder that Troféu does these so well. Another casting of the pretty BMW 2002 is perfectly finished.



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SCALE: 1/87 PRICE: £4.95 REF NO: 87MU65001

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New tooling for Oxford's American range at 1/87 scale (HO), the iconic Ford Mustang Convertible is an absolute delight.



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OXFORD DIECAST

Scammell Scarab Flatbed BRS Parcels
SCALE: 1/148 PRICE: £5.95 REF NO: NRAB005

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Ideal for fans of the Scammell Scarab or N gauge model railway enthusiasts, Oxford's latest release of this type carries the popular BRS Parcels livery.



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Cessna 172 Skyhawk N403GF
SCALE: 1/87 PRICE: £16.00 REF NO: PS5603-2

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A nice model of the popular high-wing monoplane that will be familiar to most private pilots. It features a rotating propeller and fixed undercarriage.

MODELLING LE MANS



Leigh Hobden, of Diecast Legends, turns his attention to arguably the greatest annual motorsport event and the releases available.

For many, Formula One represents the pinnacle of motorsport. Its worldwide audience is huge, the cars are among the most technically sophisticated in the world and the money it generates dwarfs all the other formulae. And, of course, the sport's popularity has always acted as a draw for the model manufacturers. As a result, there can be very few cars that have competed in the championship that haven't, at some point, been modelled by one or other of the various manufacturers. In 1/43 scale at least.

But it is the Le Mans 24 Hours that often appeals more strongly to the truly committed race fan. With a history that goes back to 1923, it has a heritage that cannot be matched by any other event. And the cars are so much more interesting. The different classes mean that there's something for everybody. And that's an important point. One of the appeals of this great spectacle is that it's a race that we can all aspire to be part of. Of course, for most of us it will only ever be a tantalising dream, but nevertheless it seems almost attainable. Then there's the glamour: the Bentley Boys of the 1920s, the Porsche versus Ferrari versus Ford rivalry of the 1960s, and films like Steve McQueen's epic La Sarthe classic "Le Mans" that saw him race as the fictitious Michael Delaney.

As you would expect, many model makers over the years have modelled Le Mans winners. And rightly so; there have been some amazing cars, piloted by some of the greatest drivers ever to sit behind a wheel.

But unlike F1, there are still hundreds of cars that are still to be modelled. We estimate that more than 4,000 cars have competed at the event, and probably significantly less than half have ever been replicated.

There are model companies out there who only seem interested in making a model if it is

underwritten by a major motor manufacturer, who will buy thousands of pieces for its showrooms around the world. But that's very rarely going to be the case with Le Mans, where the majority of the grid is made up of privateer entrants. So the genuine race fans out there should be thankful that Spark is so devoted to the event.

The owner, Hugo Ripert, has always had a close relationship with Le Mans and, over time, is determined to make 1/43 replicas of as many of the cars that have raced there as possible. Of course, the company also makes every single car that competes in the race today (barring the Ferraris due to licensing), and within days of the flag dropping at this year's event, Spark will announce its programme. But the programme isn't complicated; if it races, it gets made.

Even more impressively, one can expect pretty much every car to make it onto the shelves before the end of the year. Alongside the current grid, however, Spark has recently announced more than 100 new historic Le Mans subjects to its programme.

It's perhaps no wonder that Spark has such a following, but there is one note of caution for collectors. As Spark owns its own factory, it gets to produce in very small quantities. Indeed, in many cases, well under 500 pieces of a Le Mans car will ever be produced. Basically, Spark makes to order. They add up the orders from their retailers around the world, and make that quantity exactly. There is no surplus sat in a warehouse somewhere waiting to be called upon. This means that some replicas barely even make it onto the shelves. It is not unheard of for virtually every single piece to be pre-sold.

So if you don't want to miss out, you will need to move quickly. Don't say we didn't warn you! **DC**

Above: Some of the most popular models in recent years have been the Gulf Racing Aston Martins. Huge favourites both on the track and for collecting.

Below: Spark's sister company, Bizarre, also models some of the more obscure racers from years gone by like this beautiful Panhard X88, styled by renowned aeronautical engineer Marcel Riffard, from the 1954 event.

DID YOU KNOW?

The driver with the most number of wins is the hugely popular Dane, Tom Kristensen. Retiring at the end of the 2014 season, he racked up an incredible nine wins from 18 consecutive starts, also finishing 2nd twice and 3rd three times!

The closest ever non-staged finish was in 1969 when the Gulf Ford GT40 of Jacky Ickx and Jackie Oliver beat the 2nd placed Porsche by less than 400 feet!



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LONDON BUS MUSEUM 2015 SPRING GATHERING

The London Bus Museum's 42nd annual Spring Gathering took place at its Brooklands home recently. **Rick Wilson** jumped on board.

This is now a regular fixture on my calendar and always well worth my trip down the A1/M1 and round the M25 to the famous Brooklands circuit, home of the London Bus Museum.

Although it wasn't as gloriously sunny as last year's event, the weather still played fair and stayed dry, bringing out another good crowd for this popular event.

This year's theme was aviation, a good choice given Brookland's heritage. The stars of the show were a pair of AEC Regal IV 4RF4s, both in BEA liveries: one a resident of the museum and one in private ownership. This was highly appropriate as the museum was proudly offering yet another fantastic 1/76 scale Resin Specialist model of the BEA-liveried 4RF4, which was launched at the event. Exclusive to the museum, this very limited edition can only be bought direct at www.londonbusmuseum.com or by phoning 01932 837994. For a full review

of this beautiful model, go to page 8 of this issue!

There were plenty of other aviation related buses on show, some that ran in airline colours, such as the BOAC Leyland Atlantean, and others that carried aviation related advertising. Brookland's own superb collection of aircraft lent a perfect backdrop to the whole event too, including airline support vehicles. As a huge aviation enthusiast since childhood, I was in my element and didn't want to leave! But the deadline for the June issue the following day meant I had to. In addition to the themed buses, there were many more old favourites and a good helping of RTs and RMs, plus plenty of diecast collecting retail therapy opportunities. Of course, there was the London Bus Museum itself too!



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▲ Exclusive to the London Bus Museum and launched at the event, is this truly incredible model by Resin Specialist, from Jotus. The detail and finish are absolutely amazing: see page 8 for a full review.

There are some really exciting developments in the pipeline for next year and, if all goes to plan, Brooklands will soon have a different look, with the old Bellman Hangar that currently splits the original finishing straight being moved to reunite the two stretches of track into one. This will allow a most impressive display of buses in years to come. The 2016 event is scheduled for 17th April, featuring Weymann and Harrington bodied vehicles marking 50 years since the two companies ceased trading. Don't miss it! **DC**

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▲ Concorde's tail is a pertinent reminder of this year's Spring Gathering theme.



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1 In 2017, this Routemaster is undertaking an 11,000 mile road trip from the UK to Japan for charity! Find out more at www.japanorbust.org.uk.

2 The stars of the show, a pair of beautiful AEC Regal IV 4RF4s in BEA livery.

3 RT1 and RM1 running together – what a fabulous sight!

4 One of the Shillibeer Routemasters. This very bus was released in 1/50 scale by Corgi, as No 35003.

5 LT60 now runs in the wonderfully evocative and retrospective London General livery.

6 There's always room for a beautiful little Bedford OB!

7 RT 2083 poses in front of the Bellman Hangar, which will soon be moved to open up the full Brooklands finishing straight.

8 This actual van is the subject of Oxford Diecast's 1/76 scale Bedford CA release, No 76CA024.

9 The BOAC Leyland Atlantean is always one of my favourites when I visit, even if it is now showing signs of spending all of its time outside. For the event it was parked by the Sultan of Oman's VC-10, which was built at Brooklands in 1964.

10 With the Southdown centenary article in this issue, I couldn't resist including this Willowbrook-bodied 1967 Leyland Leopard. Corgi modelled this very vehicle as part of its 1/76 scale Southdown Gift Set, No GS97057.

100 YEARS OF

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Southdown celebrates its centenary in June 2015. *Stewart Brown* looks back over the last 100 years and highlights the models available.

Southdown Motor Services. It's one of the great names in British bus history. For the best part of 80 years the company served a 90-mile stretch of the south coast of England, from Portsmouth in the west to Hastings in the east. That the centenary of its formation is being celebrated over 20 years after the company ceased to exist shows the high esteem in which it was held.

The attractive apple green livery associated with the company in its heyday as part of the British Electric Traction group was phased out in the early 1970s as the newly-created National Bus Company introduced an unimaginative corporate identity.



▲ The earliest Southdown model available, a Leyland TD1 by EFE.



▲ Another wartime livery for an EFE released Guy Arab II Park Royal.

▲ A selection of just some of the many models available from Corgi, Oxford Diecast, EFE and Pocketbond Classix pose with an impressive Portsmouth Hillsea depot model, available in kit form from Kingsway Models: www.kingswaymodels.com.

2 Guy Arab II Park Royal by EFE, with wartime green roof.

But there are plenty of diecast models from the apple green years to keep the company's memory alive; with deep pockets it's easy to assemble a varied 1/76 scale Southdown fleet.

One hundred years ago the motorbus was still in its infancy. In most towns and cities the electric tram reigned supreme, while for longer trips the railway was the only practical choice. All that was about to change, as the reliability of motor vehicles of all types rapidly improved.

Southdown Motor Services was formed in 1915 and the company was created by the amalgamation of three existing businesses; Worthing Motor Services, the London & South Coast Haulage Co, and part of the Brighton, Hove & Preston United Omnibus Co. Between them they ran just over 30 vehicles. The last-named sold its out-of-town services to Southdown, but retained its urban

routes. These were bought by London operator Thomas Tilling and would be reformed in 1935 as the Brighton Hove & District Omnibus Co, which will reappear later in the story.

The initial Southdown fleet comprised a variety of chassis by long-forgotten manufacturers, in part because the previous operator's best vehicles had been requisitioned by the War Office, but it included three Leylands, a marque with which the company would be closely associated. Southdown bought 16 new vehicles in 1915, most of them from minor manufacturers whose products were of little interest to the War Office. Caledon, Ensign-Tylor, McCurd and Romar aren't names to be found on a list of Britain's top bus makers.

The company's routes ran from Brighton along the coast to Worthing in the west and Eastbourne in the east, and inland to Cuckfield and

DID YOU KNOW?

London's famous Victoria Coach Station was opened in 1932 and the first official arrival was a Southdown Coach.

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SOUTHDOWN



Lewes. There were local services in Worthing and the company provided charabanc excursions to local attractions from Brighton. But with just 30 vehicles this was a small-scale operation, a far cry from the business that Southdown would become. At its peak in the 1950s Southdown was the fifth biggest bus company in England, with over 1,000 vehicles.

Early in its existence, Southdown attracted the interest of two of the major transport groups. British Automobile Traction took a stake in the business in the autumn of 1915, followed 12 months later by Thomas Tilling. BAT was part of the British Electric Traction Company, which operated trams in towns and cities. Thomas Tilling was a major force in London's bus operations.

As well its local south coast routes, Southdown established express services from the coast to London, and in 1920 was one of the founders of London Coastal Coaches which, among other things, co-ordinated coach movements in the capital and built London's Victoria Coach Station in 1932, still in use today. By the mid 1920s Southdown was running services to London from Portsmouth, Bognor, Worthing and Brighton.

Britain's bus industry changed dramatically in the 1920s. Vehicle reliability improved, and there were technical advances, such as the adoption of pneumatic tyres, which were fitted to new Southdown buses from 1926. But the big advance came at the end of the decade. In the 1920s buses and lorries were essentially

built using the same high frame chassis. It was not unusual for bus operators, Southdown included, to use a vehicle as a lorry on weekdays and swap to a charabanc body for weekend excursions.

That changed with the introduction of new low-frame purpose-designed bus chassis, which had the driver located alongside the engine instead of behind it. The combination of a low frame and pneumatic tyres brought a marked improvement in comfort. The first Southdown examples of this new generation of bus were Tilling-Stevens single-deckers in 1928, followed by Leyland Titan double-deckers in 1929.

The fleet was now approaching 400 vehicles and, in 1928, the company opened a central workshop at Portslade to carry out major repairs and heavy overhauls.

There were changes in the structure of the bus industry in 1928 when Thomas Tilling and British Automobile Traction joined forces as Tilling & British Automobile Traction. Southdown became a T&BAT subsidiary.

As this was happening the railway companies were becoming increasingly aware of the threat

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3 Leyland Tiger PS1 with Windover body by EFE.

4 Just released by EFE is this Bedford OB, one of only two bought by Southdown.

5 Sun Star's superb and huge 1/24 scale Bedford OB.

6 At the other end of the scale is Oxford Diecast's tiny but well-detailed N gauge (1/148 scale) OB.

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Classic buses



from burgeoning bus businesses. For long-distance travel the train had the advantage – even more so in the 1930s than now when most trunk roads were single carriageway. But on local routes bus operators could provide cheaper, more frequent and often faster services. In 1928 parliament gave the railways the powers to run buses, and most of them were quick to invest in established bus businesses. The Southern Railway took a 33 per cent share in Southdown in 1929.

In the 1930s most of Leyland's bus models could be found in the Southdown fleet. During that decade the company bought over 350 double-deck Titans and over 300 single-deck Tigers. Most of the Tigers were luxurious coaches, but there were four unusual three-axle buses for operation on the service between Eastbourne and the top of Beachy Head where the licence for the route stipulated the use of single-deckers. These were 40-seater, eight more than on a two-axle Tiger and maximised capacity on a popular tourist route.

Other Leylands in the 1930s

1 Leyland Titan PD2 by EFE.

2 A Corgi pair of Leyland PD3s illustrating the drabness of the NBC leaf green livery alongside the traditional and vibrant apple green and cream.

3 Corgi's lovely Metcalfe kit was not a real depot but still looks great with a selection of Southdown models plus accessories by EFE and Tri-ang Minic.

4 Leyland Tiger Cub with Marshall BET body by EFE.

5 Leyland Leopard Weymann BET 6 Bay by EFE. This version was released in 2011 but Bachmann has just commissioned a new limited edition and certificated variant from EFE to celebrate the centenary.

included normal-control Lioness and Tigress models (both rare types in the UK) compact Cubs and lightweight Cheetahs. Some of the Cubs and the Cheetahs were bought primarily for use on services to Hayling Island, where there was a weight restriction on an 1824 wooden bridge.

Southdown bought 3,700 new buses and coaches between 1915 and 1992. Almost 2,700 of these, that's not far short of 75 per cent, were Leyland buses and coaches.

Until 1934 all of the company's buses were petrol-engined, but from 1935 diesel became the standard in full-size vehicles: a significant reduction in operating costs.

During the 1930s the company's expansion continued. One of the more unusual acquisitions was Tramocars in Worthing, which ran buses based on Shelvoke & Drewry chassis that were designed for use as refuse collection lorries. The S&D had small wheels that lowered the height of the body, making it easier for refuse collectors to throw rubbish into it. But it also meant that it provided a lower floor when bodied as a bus, providing elderly visitors to



▲ A period 1970s Southdown NBC scene with Leyland PD3 and Bristol VRT behind.

the resort with easy access.

The company's coach operations in the 1930s included high-quality "coach cruises" which covered the country from Lands End to John o'Groats. Many Southdown coaches offered added comfort by having wider seats, with two seats on one side of the gangway and one on the other. The use of what was known as two-plus-one seating continued for the company's premium coach holidays until the start of the 1970s.

Express services were important too. On routes to London, Southdown's coaches were slower than the trains with which they competed. But they were cheaper. Coaches also provided cross-country links, and one of the





▲ Sister vehicle to the bus modelled in picture 5 near Uckfield in the 1960s.



▲ The real version of the model in picture 6, seen at the 2015 LBM Spring Gathering.



most ambitious introduced was the South Coast Express, which linked Bournemouth, Southampton, Portsmouth, Brighton and Margate. It started in 1932 and was a joint operation with the East Kent Road Car Co, a sister T&BAT company, and Royal Blue of Bournemouth.

The outbreak of war in 1939 brought new pressures. Most coach operations were suspended for the duration of hostilities, as non-essential travel was discouraged by the government. Vehicles were requisitioned for military service and men signed up to serve in the armed forces. The supply of new buses dried up. Two were delivered in 1939; then none until 1943 when the first of 100 Guy Arab utility double-deckers arrived. While Southdown's territory was not a main centre of industry – something that influenced the Ministry of War Transport in its allocation of new buses to operators – the company did serve

military airfields and major port towns, including Portsmouth where there was a large naval base.

The company modified its livery to make its buses less conspicuous to enemy aircraft. The roofs of double-deckers were painted green instead of cream, and some of the utility Guys were delivered in green and grey.

In 1942, there was a change in ownership when the T&BAT organisation split, with Southdown becoming part of the British Electric Traction group. The Southern Railway still had its share-holding; this would be taken over by British Railways when the railways were nationalised in 1948.

After the war there was heavy investment in new vehicles, with Leyland still the dominant supplier. The first double-deckers were Titans with rear-entrance bodies, but from 1958 Southdown switched to a forward entrance on its double-deckers, using the new 30ft-long PD3 version of the Titan fitted with bodywork by Northern Counties incorporating a distinctive full-width cab. In total 285 broadly similar PD3s were delivered between up to 1967.

The single-deckers were also mainly supplied by Leyland. First came half-cab Tigers in 1947, then underfloor-engined Royal Tigers from 1951, lighter-weight Tiger Cubs from 1954 and then Leopards from 1962. New Tigers were used to reinstate holiday coach tours in 1947 and continental tours were offered from 1950.

There were other types, too. The weight-restricted Hayling Island bridge dictated the purchase of ten

6 Willowbrook bodied Leyland Leopard PSU3 by Corgi.

7 Oxford Diecast's new Triumph Coaches Weymann Fanfare Leyland with Southdown operator details.

8 Harrington bodied trio: a Grenadier and two Cavaliers, by EFE.

9 1/76 and 1/148 scale Plaxton Panoramas, both by Oxford Diecast.

10 Southdown Lodekkas: an apple and cream example by EFE alongside an open-topped Atlas Editions release, made by Corgi.

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Classic buses



Dennis Falcons and two Bedford OB coaches, the only Bedfords ever owned by the company. Apparently impressed by its wartime Guys, Southdown purchased a dozen Guy double-deckers in the late 1940s followed by a further 48 in the mid 1950s. The company also bought lightweight coaches from Beadle and Commer, primarily for private hires and day excursions.

It was the Leopard that was to be the backbone of the 1960s fleet, with the over 300 of the reliable Leyland chassis being used as the base for both service buses and touring coaches.

There was a measure of conservatism in Southdown's vehicle policy in the 1960s. Rear-engined double-deckers had been adopted by other BET Group fleets as early as 1959, but Southdown stuck firmly with the dependable front-engined Titan. When rear-engined double-deckers finally arrived in 1969 they reflected yet another major change in the company's ownership. Bus use was in decline, and had been since the early 1950s, thanks to rising car ownership. BET decided to sell its UK bus interests to the



▲ The exact bus that was modelled in picture 4 at Pevensey Road, Eastbourne.

government-owned Transport Holding Company. The THC already owned what had been the Tilling bus companies, which had been nationalised in 1948.

For Southdown this meant that the company was in common ownership with the former Tilling-owned Brighton Hove & District business. And the rear-engined buses that joined the Southdown fleet in 1969 were Bristol VRTs which had been ordered by BH&D. More VRTs followed through the 1970s, including convertible open-toppers – a layout last seen on some of the 1960s Titans. There would be almost 300 VRTs in the fleet, outnumbering the company's other rear-engined double-deckers, Daimler Fleetlines and Leyland Atlanteans.

The combination of the Tilling



1 Leyland Atlantean in Silver Jubilee livery by Britbus.

2 1/148 scale NBC Atlantean by B-T Models.

3 Bristol VRT and Leyland National in EFE's "Last Years of Southdown" set.

4 Another Britbus Leyland Atlantean.

5 Hayling Island Shay depot kit by Kingsway Models (www.kingswaymodels.com).

and BET bus businesses was vested in the state-owned National Bus Company, set up in 1969. BH&D was merged with Southdown, but initially retained its own identity and red and cream livery. From 1971 BH&D buses were painted in Southdown green and cream, with Southdown-BH&D fleetnames. But that was to be a short-lived interlude before NBC announced it was introducing a corporate identity, replacing traditional and attractive liveries with either leaf green or poppy red.

Southdown's buses were repainted in NBC green, but it was a dull shade compared with the company's vibrant apple green. The company lived on,



▲ It's not all about buses! Thames Trader in Southdown colours by EFE.



▲ EFE's AEC MkV Elliptical Tanker in Southdown NBC livery.

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but within the space of a few years the green buses serving the south coast looked no different from those being operated by NBC in Wales, Cornwall, Lincolnshire and Essex.

The company bought a few Bristol RE buses, but in line with NBC policy it turned to the standard NBC single-decker, the ubiquitous Leyland National. Its coaches continued to be Leyland Leopards, along with some Ford R-series, and these were either in NBC's corporate white or in green and white local coach livery. The Leyland Tiger succeeded the Leopard in 1983, but by the middle of the decade Southdown's coaching activities were winding down and in 1989 the company, which in its heyday had been the biggest operator of coaches on the south coast, finally pulled out of coach operation.

The first big change came in January 1986 when, in preparation for the privatisation of NBC, the company was split in two – almost reverting to the pre-1969 position with services in and around Brighton being taken over by a new Brighton & Hove company, while the remainder stayed with Southdown, with its head office relocated from Brighton to Lewes.

After almost 20 years in state ownership the company was privatised in 1987 in a management buy-out. An early and widely welcomed move by the newly independent company was the resurrection of apple green and cream as its livery. This was applied to the company's first new double-deckers since 1978, 12 Volvo Citybuses delivered in 1989. Sadly, the resuscitated apple green livery was to be short lived. In 1989 Southdown was bought by Stagecoach, the fleet receiving standard Stagecoach livery.

Soon after, Stagecoach bought Portsmouth Citybus and this was branded Southdown Portsmouth in 1990 but most of it was sold in 1991 under the orders of the Department of Trade and Industry, which was worried about monopolistic tendencies. In 1989 Stagecoach also acquired Hastings & District and Hastings Top Line: these became Southdown subsidiaries.

Under Stagecoach ownership the company was split in to two divisions, West Sussex and East Sussex, then in April 1992 these were formed as separate companies, Sussex Coastline Buses and South Coast Buses. And that was the end of Southdown.

6 Lending support: 1/76 scale AEC Matador Wrecker and CMP LAA Tractor by Oxford Diecast.

7 More from Oxford: Guy Arab Utility, Leyland PD3 and Plaxton panorama, all in 1/148 scale.

8 Mini, Ford Anglia and Thames 400E vans in 1/43 scale by Oxford Diecast.

SOUTHDOWN IN MINIATURE

The oldest Southdown bus available in model form is an attractive 1930 Leyland Titan TD1 from EFE. The Guys delivered during World War II are available in model form from both EFE and Corgi. The EFE model is offered in wartime grey and green, and in the short-lived livery with a green roof. Corgi offers the Guy in the brighter postwar livery with the roof painted cream.

The BET era, 1942 to 1969, is well covered in model form. EFE and Corgi produce Leyland Tiger half-cab coaches of the 1940s. EFE's Tiger represents a Windover-bodied vehicle, of which there were six in the fleet, while that from Corgi represents the 25 which had rear-entrance ECW bodies. These were unusual vehicles based on the standard ECW bus body. Although Southdown had only two Bedford OB coaches, the availability of a casting of this popular little vehicle from EFE and Corgi has seen both makers offer it in Southdown livery. Additionally, a Southdown Bedford OB was produced by Sun Star in the sizeable scale of 1/24 and Oxford Diecast has an OB in 1/148 scale for N gauge railway enthusiasts.

The early generation of underfloor-engined vehicles is represented by Oxford Diecast with a Leyland Royal Tiger complete with the extra chrome mouldings, which Southdown specified on the front panel.

There are five BET-era double-deckers in model form. EFE produces the early Leyland-bodied Titans with subtle livery variations. Britbus has issued a Leyland Titan and a Guy Arab, using its Park Royal body casting. Southdown's last Guys had Park Royal bodies, and it had one batch of Titans with Beadle bodies on Park Royal frames. So the Britbus model is right for both vehicles and comes with a number of detail variations.

For many enthusiasts the typical

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Classic buses



Southdown bus is the Leyland Titan with full-width cab, a type designed for the company and bought between 1958 and 1967, and which in recent years has acquired the Queen Mary nickname. It's a popular model in the Corgi range, and is available in standard or open-top form.

The other 1960s buses available in model form are a fair representation of a 1962 Tiger Cub bus from EFE using its BET-style casting, and later 1960s BET-style Leopards from both EFE and Corgi.

If you want to represent the 1960s Southdown coach fleet, then you're spoilt for choice. Local coachbuilder Harrington, based in Hove, was a supplier to Southdown until 1965 when the company ended coach production. EFE offers the Harrington Cavalier and Grenadier, as supplied to Southdown on over 50 Leyland Leopard chassis. More unusual is the Weymann Fanfare from Oxford Diecast, a body fitted to 25 Southdown Tiger Cubs. Two have been manufactured in Southdown livery so far but also just released is a version in the blue and cream colours of Triumph Coaches of Portsmouth, a business taken over by Southdown in 1957.

Plaxton's Panorama was a trend-setting design with its big side windows, and Southdown started buying Panoramas in 1964. Oxford



▲ Ticket to ride! Original 1960s souvenir.

1 A varied mix of Corgi releases: the Atlas Editions' Lodekka, Leyland Leopard and ECW bodied Leyland Tiger PS1.

2 Comparison of the 1/76 scale Morris J Vans from Pocketbond Classix (left) and Oxford Diecast.

3 One of our fabulous Reader Offer bus depot kits by Superquick (see page 69) looks the part with a custom-made sign added and models by Oxford Diecast: Plaxton Panorama, Morris J Van, Centenary Set pair and CMP LAA Tractor.

Diecast offers a 1964 version, while there are 1965 and 1967 models from Corgi, which uses a casting representing a restyle of the body by automotive designer Ogle.

The NBC era is also well covered. The Corgi casting of the full-fronted Leyland Titan is offered in NBC corporate green, and in an interim version where the new NBC-style fleetname has been applied to the traditional Southdown livery, reflecting real-life practice. And Corgi's Panorama is available in National white. Stand a white Corgi Panorama alongside a green one and you'll understand why enthusiasts grumbled about NBC's new look.

The absorption of Brighton Hove & District by Southdown gave both Corgi and EFE the opportunity to produce Bristol Lodekkas in green, and very nice they look too. There's also an open-top Lodekka from Corgi, with the short-lived Southdown-BH&D fleetname.

EFE provides a Bristol RE and a Series 1 Bristol VRT in traditional colours, and the later Series 2 VRT in NBC green, silver (for the Queen's jubilee) and even in NBC red to show a second-hand vehicle acquired from sister NBC subsidiary Devon General. The 1970s Atlanteans have been modelled by Britbus, and also include a Silver Jubilee bus. Both the EFE VRT and the Britbus Atlantean have been released with

route branding for the Coastliner and Solentear services. B-T models has also released an NBC green Atlantean in 1/148 scale.

The company's final years are modelled by EFE, with Leyland Nationals, open-top VRTs, and a standard VRT in heritage livery.

Southdown buses were always well maintained, but in the unlikely event of a problem there are assorted service vehicles available from EFE, Oxford Diecast and Pocketbond Classix, with both Corgi and Oxford Diecast offering some at 1/43 scale too.

As if to prove Southdown's popularity amongst collectors, there have been a considerable number of new releases in recent months from Oxford Diecast and EFE. Oxford has released the Southdown Centenary set (see our competition opposite for a chance to win one!) plus a Plaxton Panorama while EFE has also been busy with a Bedford OB, a Bristol VRT marking the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 and a Bachmann-commissioned Marshall-bodied Leyland Leopard, specifically to celebrate the centenary.

If you pick up this issue in time, there is a huge centenary celebration on Southsea Common on 7th June. For more details, visit www.southdown100.co.uk! **DC**

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WIN a Southdown Centenary gift set

Oxford Diecast has very generously given us two of its wonderful gift sets commemorating the centenary of Southdown Motor Services, as featured in our extensive article this month.

The newly released Southdown Centenary set features two new versions of previously available models, featuring different destinations and fleet registrations. The Leyland Royal Tiger and Weymann Fanfare are both classic 1950s vehicles operated by Southdown and are fabulously replicated – a absolute treat for both pure Southdown and general bus enthusiasts alike! **DC**



HOW TO ENTER

To be in with a chance of winning, simply visit www.diecast-collector.co.uk and answer the following question:

Q. A Southdown coach was officially the first vehicle to enter which new London coach station on its opening in 1932?

Competition closes 31st July 2015.

Postal entries can be sent to:
Southdown Competition, Diecast Collector, Warners Group Publications plc., The Maltings, West Street Bourne, Lincolnshire, PE10 9PH.



June 2015 marks the centenary of the famous Southdown Motor Services whose attractive green and cream vehicles were soon to become a familiar part of the countryside and towns of Sussex and East Hampshire. The company grew from its origins in Worthing and Brighton providing bus services and charabanc excursions and quickly formed agreements with neighbouring companies which saw its boundaries stretch from the Sussex coast inland north to Petersfield, Midhurst, Horsham, Crawley and Tunbridge Wells, west to Portsmouth & Fareham and east as far as Eastbourne and Hastings. Express services commenced with services to London in the 1920s, whilst touring really took off in 1923 although the first had been run by predecessor Worthing Motor Services as early as 1913 but was interrupted by the First World War. Growth was assisted by the acquisition of many smaller local companies in the area such by the mid 1950s the fleet strength reached its peak of just over 1000. Supported by a central workshop at Portlade near Brighton, the company gained a reputation for its quality of vehicles and maintenance. In 1969, Southdown became responsible for the management of the Brighton Hove & District company which operated many of the local services in those towns, and at the same time became part of the National Bus Company.

At first there was little outward sign of change, but in 1972, the NBC green and white livery was imposed on both companies and two years later, "BHD" disappeared. Express services were absorbed into the National Express network, whilst the Southdown holiday programme became part of National Holidays. As a result, coaches were repainted white, but gradually Southdown's role in these operations decreased, and had ceased by 1999. The coming of privatisation in the mid 1980s, the Brighton & Hove operations were formed into a separate company and both were sold to their management teams. Both returned to their traditional colours (green and cream for Southdown, red and cream for Brighton & Hove), but in the case of Southdown, this was to be short lived, as the management team sold out to the Stagecoach group in 1989 and their national corporate livery adopted. Having lost the central part of its area, Southdown had become split in two halves each side of Brighton. In 1992 this was formalised by the formation of two Stagecoach subsidiaries, Sussex Coastline Buses for the western division, and South Coast Buses for the eastern division. Later, the Southdown name was reintroduced for Sussex Coastline, but further reorganisation led in 2014 to the famous company name once again becoming dormant, Stagecoach South being used instead.



JAGUAR D-TYPE

Sixty years ago, the curvaceous cat won the first of its three wins at the Le Mans 24 Hours. *Rick Wilson* remembers Jaguar's most successful sports racer and the tragic circumstances of its first Le Mans win.

Saturday 11th June 1955. A huge crowd packed the Le Mans circuit anticipating a thrilling battle between the factory teams of Jaguar, Ferrari and Mercedes, which began at a tremendous pace.

Three works Jaguar D-Types were backed up by two similar cars run by the Belgian Ecurie Francorchamps team and a single D-Type from the American Briggs Cunningham outfit. Daimler-Benz had entered a trio of its Mercedes-Benz 300SLRs, piloted by a very strong team of drivers, including Stirling Moss and Juan Manuel Fangio paired in car number 19, and Ferrari, the reigning World Sportscar Champions, had a trio of 121LMs.

What happened two hours into the race has been well documented over the years and I won't go into



▲ A superb period poster by Geo Ham (Georges Hamel) helped to build the excitement ahead of the 1955 event.

great detail here but the worst accident in the history of motor racing claimed over 80 lives that afternoon as a high-speed crash on the pit straight involving Mike Hawthorn's Jaguar number 6, Lance Macklin's little Austin Healey and Pierre Levegh's Mercedes-Benz number 20 launched the German car into the packed crowd of spectators. Hawthorn's Jaguar had pulled sharply into its pit at the very last second, causing Macklin to take avoiding action, swerving into the path of the much faster Levegh. The Jaguar continued unscathed and carried on.

Top image: Oxford Diecast has so far released two models in 1/76 scale: a Le Mans 1956 works entry (76DTYP001, left) and the 1957 winner (76DTYP002, right). A third version is due later this year. They look great displayed with some vintage Tri-ang Minic Motor Racing accessories.



▲ AUTOart's 1955 winner is incredible at 1/18 scale.



▲ And it is worthy of another view! The stabilising fin adds to the dramatic lines.

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The two remaining Mercedes-Benz entries took control of the race and established a sizeable lead over the rest of the field but, at about midnight and after the full consequences of the earlier accident had become apparent, the directive came from Stuttgart to respectfully withdraw its remaining two cars. With the three Ferraris succumbing to mechanical failures, this left Jaguar unopposed and the D-Type of Mike Hawthorn and Ivor Bueb took a very solemn victory.

The D-Type claimed further victories at Le Mans in 1956 and 1957, both under the small Edinburgh-based Ecurie Ecosse banner. The 1957 result is of particular note with D-Types finishing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th and Jaguar did not waste any time in promoting this fact.

DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

The Jaguar D-Type was produced between 1954 and 1957. The factory raced eighteen and over fifty were supplied to customers.

Although the D-Type has a family resemblance to its predecessor, the C-Type, and shares many mechanical components, it is of a radically different design featuring a monocoque tub made largely from sheets of aluminium alloy, which made it incredibly light while maintaining excellent structural rigidity. Additionally, the engine was tilted over slightly and dry sump lubrication was developed to keep the height of the engine down, therefore lowering the frontal area for aerodynamic purposes.

The superb sleek bodywork was mainly styled by Malcolm Sayer, who had come from an aviation industry background and had also worked on the C-Type. Many elements of the styling found their way into the design of the iconic E-Type too.

For the car's first foray at Le Mans in 1954, it was expected to be instantly competitive. It was certainly fast but a design fault in the fuel filter system hampered progress, restricting the highest placed car to second place, just one lap behind the winning Ferrari.

Modifications for 1955 included lengthening the nose of the car, to make it even more aerodynamically efficient, improvements to the engine and a modified fuel system to prevent a recurrence of 1954.

When the factory team retired from racing at the end of 1956, remaining D-Types that were unsold or still on the production line were modified for more practical road use and renamed as the XKSS. A batch

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1 The 1955, 1956 and 1957 winners with Corgi's Ecurie Ecosse Transporter. Two Dinky Toys No 238 Code 3 conversions (see page 40) and a Del Prado part work are the precious cargo.

2 Budget part work model in 1/43 scale from Del Prado can be picked up for just a few pounds.

3 Even Hot Wheels got in on the act with some rather jazzy wheels and a variety of colour schemes.

THE MODELS

of twenty five were built but a fire at the Coventry Browns Lane factory in February 1957 destroyed nine. The surviving sixteen were all sold with most crossing the Atlantic Ocean finding homes in the USA. Twelve survive today.

With the pretty D-Type being such a successful car, toy manufacturers wasted precious little time in capitalising on its popularity. Most notable in this area at the time were Dinky Toys (No 238) and Lesney Matchbox (No 41). These can still readily be found in good quantities in varied condition, with prices to suit.

Modern models are plentiful too. Top of the tree has to be AUTOart's masterpiece in 1/12 scale, which is truly a great example of model engineering, and its slightly smaller relation at 1/18 scale, similarly endowed with incredible detail. At the other of the scale in terms of size are the wonderful 1/76 renderings by Oxford Diecast. Two of these have been released so far, including the 1957 winner, and a third will follow later this year. In between, there have been several toy versions from Hot Wheels at about 1/64 scale and many, many 1/43 scale issues, ranging from another superb version from AUTOart to cheap part work releases under the Del Prado banner, but these are still worth a mention as they have a fairly good level of detail and accuracy. Definitely of note at this scale is Brumm, as it has released a huge range of D-Type models. Quartzo and Solido have also joined in too over recent years.

A good selection to choose from then and with those Dinky Toys D-Types regularly turning up in playworn condition, there is plenty of scope for some Code 3 models, which brings me nicely onto the article over the page... **DC**



▲ Jaguar weren't slow to make the most of its success at the 1957 race with advertising in the press.

ECURIE ECOSSE TRANSPORTER SET

There was a sneak preview of this project in issue 211 and now **Rick Wilson** reveals the result of a natural marriage between Corgi and Dinky offerings.



▲ Painted and detailed with a combination of metallic marker pens and specialist professionally printed decals.

I won't claim to be the first to have come up with this idea, although I've never seen this particular combination over the years, apart from plenty of vintage 1/48 scale Corgi Toys Ecurie Ecosse Transporters (No 1126) carrying modern 1/43 models. It looks wrong and it is wrong. Spark produced a superbly detailed 1/43 scale version of transporter and that is where the modern models belong.

I'm a bit of a Le Mans enthusiast (a masterpiece of understatement if you ask any of the team here!) so when I was preparing the D Type's 60th anniversary article on the previous pages, it occurred to me that this would be a fun project to finally get right. Dinky Toys No 238 D Types are fairly easy to get hold of in the right condition without breaking the bank and are the perfect scale to match the transporter. The only problem is that if I'm going to model

the 1956 and 1957 Ecurie Ecosse Le Mans winners, then the Dinky D Types have the wrong windscreen surrounds. That is something I'm prepared to let go this time. Well, for now anyway. A future conversion project perhaps?

► Just imagine that you're in a 1/48 scale Le Mans paddock in the late fifties...



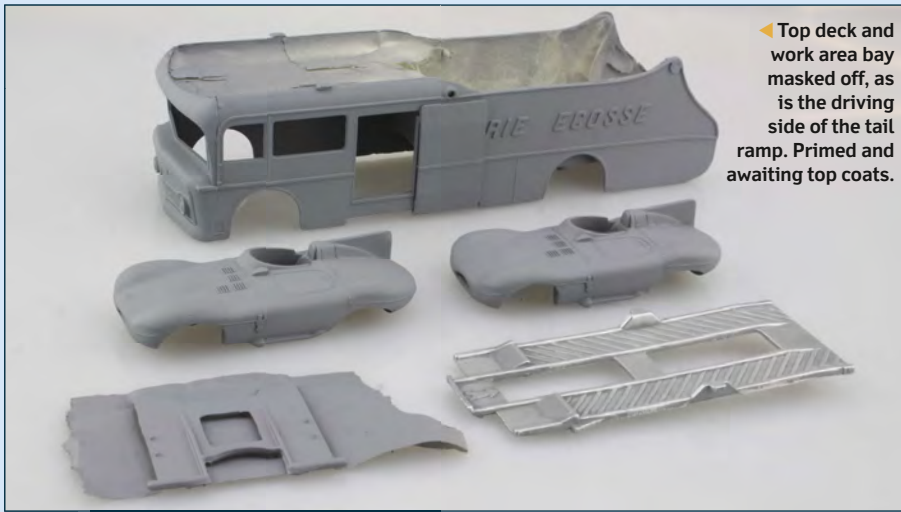
▲ As bought and ready for some tender loving care.



▲ Now taken apart and ready for action. Make sure you put those ramp retaining pins and positioning spring somewhere safe!



▲ Stripped and polished. There was a little bit of me that wanted to stop right here and leave the set as is.



◀ Top deck and work area bay masked off, as is the driving side of the tail ramp. Primed and awaiting top coats.



▲ Time to unload the cars and take them for a spin down the Mulsanne Straight.

So then, how to start? Rather than scour the toy fairs on this occasion, I turned to the convenience of armchair hunting and sourced the three models on that well-known auction website. The heavily playworn transporter was complete apart from the tail ramp, costing me £31 (including 2 Dinky F1 cars), and the equally pre-loved D-Types came as a pair at just £13. On close inspection, in addition to that missing rear ramp, the window unit on the cab was cracked and discoloured, plus both cars were missing their steering wheels – Steve Flower’s Model Supplies to the rescue!

Now to get dirty. To separate into sprayable parts, the transporter body was

eased apart from the base with a small screwdriver and the ramp locating pins teased out with pliers, while the D Types required the rivets to be drilled out to release the base. One of the cars still had its driver but as these will be displayed on the top deck and it might look a little odd with drivers still in the cars, the surviving driver was removed with a small amount of drilling from the underside of the seat. He now looks a little lonely but I’m sure I’ll find a home for him in another project soon. My now tried and tested diluted caustic soda stripping technique worked a treat again (see issue 209) and, after a good buffing with some 0000 grade steel wool, all three vehicles had a very polished appearance.

To differ from the Corgi Toys version, which is painted blue all over, I wanted to replicate the real vehicle more closely and leave the ramp areas as bare metal with the working area at the rear painted a gloss red, so out came the masking tape. Sprayed with grey primer and then three thin coats of Fiat Teseco Metallic Blue, which I had acquired from a popular car parts chain (and yes, I took a photo of the real transporter with me to get the closest match I could!), our trio really began to look the part. The two cars needed some decals and I turned to my regular motorsport decal supplier in Australia, Patto’s Place. At 1/43 scale, these are just a tiny bit too large but the difference is negligible here. For AUS\$16 (about £8) I received a sheet with enough sets for many pairs of D Types! Apart from using one of the Ecurie Ecosse badge decals for the grille, the transporter just needed some steady-handed work with my metallic bronze and silver Sharpie pens to pick out the chrome strips and team lettering, and a new set of tyres (£4) as the originals were beginning to crack with age. All the tyres on the D Types appear original too but did not need replacing.

All in all, a very satisfying addition to my collection and, given the number of these fabulous transporters still cropping up “for spares or repairs”, I hope that I’ve inspired you to have a go yourselves and look forward to seeing how you get on. In the meantime,

I’m off to Le Mans for this year’s event (13th/14th June), where there will be some D Types taking part in the Le Mans Legends historic support race on the Saturday morning. Should

I take my new Corgi/Dinky combo to play with on the spectator embankment? **DC**

CORGI TOYS 1956-1970: IT(S) FIGURES



Gijs Noordam takes us for a trip down memory lane, guided by the figures of people and animals that came in or with the models.



▲ Driver, passenger and that superbly detailed golf trolley from No 246.



▲ Excellent playability came as standard with the Chrysler Imperial.

Following on from the first half of 1965 (issue 209, March 2015), the second half of the year harvested a nice line up of Corgi figures, going from golfing and beach couples to James Bond and from chimpanzees to rhinos.

CHRYSLER IMPERIAL | 246, August 1965, 629,000

After the Ghia L with the 6.4 litre Chrysler engine (No 241) the time apparently had come to issue a real Chrysler. Keeping with the American fashion, Corgi made it a convertible, with a couple happily driving to the local golf club, wearing the sporty golf shirts and trousers. How do I know they are



▲ Slight variations can be found in the mechanic that came with No 1137.

1 No 246 variations: later blue version has a modified casting for a canopy, that never materialised.

2 No 1137 Ford Tilt Cab with detachable trailer.

going to play golf? Look at “the surprise in the boot”, announced on the box, and we find a very nicely detailed golf trolley, including a golf bag and clubs! The same feature will return later in a more modest English car.

Corgi experienced the same problems in building this model as real life car manufacturers: it needed reinforcement of the chassis as it was lacking the strength of a roof construction so Corgi mounted the front and rear end on a stiffened diecast chassis.

An interesting mystery is the difference in boxes: one with a red Chrysler with the happy couple and one with a green Chrysler, without figures. This possibly has to do with the issue of this Chrysler in a metallic dark blue version with a modified body





▲ No 487 was basically No 472 with a change of colours and two new figures.

and seat casting to accept a canopy like the Ford Thunderbird Bermuda Taxi (No 430). According to Dr Edward Force and Bill Manzke, it was intended that this Chrysler would also be released as a Bermuda Taxi under number 507, hence the modifications. On page 13 of the 1969 catalogue, it indeed shows on a blue Chrysler with a brown canopy, with "Bermuda" and "taxi" decals on the bonnet and doors, and the luggage set, used before with one of my other Corgi favourites, the Jaguar Mark X Saloon (No 238; regrettably no figures in it). The catalogue notes this model as "available later" but it was never produced. The marketing decision to continue with the Chrysler in its golf version was probably made after the dies had already been modified.

FORD TILT CAB H SERIES WITH DETACHABLE TRAILER "EXPRESS SERVICE" | 1137, September 1965, 448,000 + 1969 sales

One of the Corgi Major models from my childhood collection that survived with its diorama, box and mechanic figure. Later on I found the same model with smooth wheels instead of larger diameter cast wheels. "Haven't we seen this mechanic figure before?" I wondered. And yes, in the set of racing drivers and mechanics for the Corgi Silverstone kits (No 1501) we find his twin brother, be it in white overalls and brown shoes. Clever! You may find this



▲ Circus clown encouraging the public to come along.



▲ That cheeky chimpanzee, ready for mischief.



▲ James Bond and "baddie" figures, the latter could be ejected if he misbehaved.

rather trivial information but for a true collector these are of course just as important as any academic or scientific findings, like the fact that the earth is not a flat pancake. The mechanic returned in May 1967 with the Ford Holmes Wrecker (No 1142), together with a new colleague.

The diorama contains an interesting background story on this typically American type of truck, and in four languages: English of course, French, German and a Scandinavian language which may be Swedish. Great emphasis is put on the tilt cab, another "Corgi first" feature as far as I know. Great play value and a miracle that my model survived so nicely.

CHIPPERFIELD'S CIRCUS LAND ROVER PARADE VEHICLE | 487, September 1965, 448,000 + 1969 sales

I cannot put this more dryly than Marcel van Cleemput does himself in *The Great Book of Corgi*:

"This was the re-vamped 472 "Vote for Corgi" model. Basically a change of colour to the Chipperfield's Red and Blue, plus appropriate labels and a change of figures. The politician was replaced by a clown holding a microphone, and the lady canvasser by a chimpanzee – most appropriate!"

The first metamorphose will be subscribed by many but I wonder what we have to say about the second?

Anyway a great addition to the Chipperfield's fleet of models that Corgi used again as a theme in the last decade.

ASTON MARTIN DB5 JAMES BOND | 261, October 1965, 3,974,000 + 1969 sales

No doubt one of the most successful models engineered by Corgi. Using the existing Aston Martin body (No 218) which was actually a DB4 (see Corgi Casting in the last issue), Marcel van Cleemput and his staff created the model in an "all hands on deck situation" during the autumn of 1965 with three features not shown before: ejector seat with flip-up roof, rear bullet-proof shield and flick-out overriders with hidden machine guns.



▲ The truly iconic Corgi Toys No 261 James Bond Aston Martin DB5. The most recognised diecast ever?

Corgi accessories

The figure of James Bond nicely resembles Sean Connery who drove this car in Goldfinger: suit (no doubt Saville Row), white shirt and (club?) tie. Also “the baddie” appears to have walked in directly from the picture: an Asiatic gunslinger in blue overalls.

Looking at the date that I wrote on the box, I received my model for my birthday in March 1966 that saved my mother the mission impossible to obtain one for “Sinterklaas” (our Dutch Santa Claus) in the beginning of December 1965. Marcel van Cleemput notes that due to its success the model was quickly sold out before Christmas 1965, notwithstanding a production run of 750,000 since its introduction in October. I am quite proud that my model survived the years losing just the secret “007 special agent identification tag” and the spare “baddie”. All gadgets still function and only the rear suspension is softening up. The diorama, box and “secret instructions” are still crisp.

Interesting to note is that during production the moulds of the Aston Martin were apparently changed, resulting in a number of variations between the first and second types. For instance, the first type has a thin upper lining around the grille and front indicators whilst the second type’s upper lining is thicker and has no indicators. All variations are described by Karel Buijse in an article from Rob van der Klugt (“Autorariteiten”, Auto in Miniatuur, 2010, number 1), so check your collection!



▲ No 58 Beast Carrier was previously released as part of Gift Set 33.



▲ Charging Rhino from No 256.

BEAST CARRIER | 58, November 1965, 400,000 + 1969 sales

Again a smart way to boost sales: the Beast Carrier that was already used in Gift Set 33 and issued in March/April 1965, was now available as a single item with its own box and still including the four young calves with detailed painting of eyes, ears and nostrils. The box mentions that this Carrier is for use with the Massey Ferguson Tractor (No 50) or Fordson Tractor (No 60) and bingo, you have a Gift Set again! See Gift Set 1 with the Fordson Tractor, issued in December 1966.

VOLKSWAGEN 1200 IN EAST AFRICAN SAFARI TRIM

| 256, December 1965, 761,000

One cannot blame Corgi for lack of inspiration in bringing models with a lot of features and from an unexpected origin. Marcel van Cleemput and his team were regularly inspired by the African continent: we had already seen the Citroën ID 19 Safari (No 436), later on I will show the Daktari sets (Gift Sets 7 and 14) and the “Lions of Longleat” (Gift Set 8). Longleat is of course not situated in Africa but those lions did not drop from the English sky, did they?

In the first instance, one wonders why Corgi chose a Volkswagen for this, which seems a little out of place in a car rally that had to cope with the rugged environment of countries like Kenya, Tanganyika (now Tanzania) and Uganda. However, if one reads the information on the back of the diorama and subsequently visits the website of the East African Safari Classic Rally it becomes clear that a Volkswagen 1200 won the rally at least 5 times! (www.eastafricansafarirally.com)

The centrepiece is, of course, the charging rhino who is apparently not happy with this noisy intruder in his territory, just like the real thing, as these encounters were quite usual in this rally. The diorama shows some giraffes and a flock of running zebras that made me check the card display of The Giant Daktari Set (Gift Set 14) for possible resemblances. And indeed, there they are again, the giraffes and zebras as well as the typical African grass and trees. Our rhino friend did survive the close encounter with this beetle but his luck ran



▲ A fine example of Corgi Toys' imagination when it came to dreaming up new models.

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out in the end as he returned neatly caged by Corgi with the Scammel Chipperfield Crane Truck, issued in March 1969 (No 1144).

GHIA FIAT 600 JOLLY | 242, December 1965, 49,000

Just respray the thing yellow, take the canopy away, add a Corgi dog in the rear seat and you have a nice gift for Christmas at low costs. Clever marketing but Marcel van Cleemput suffices with only a short entry of this model in his book. Quite interestingly it is now difficult to find this model and if one turns up it comes at a price. In November 2007, DJ Auctions sold a mint boxed model for £575 (including buyer's commission and VAT) and in the archive of the ever active David and Carole Reitzis at Quality Diecast Toys (www.qualitydiecasttoys.com), I found a selling price of £450. This may have to do with the fact that only 49,000 yellow Jollies were sold, contrary to the earlier blue version (No 240 - pictured) that reached 4 times as many (205,000). You will find a mint boxed blue Jolly at auctions for around £145 (dark blue body) or £220 (more rare light blue body), again including buyer's commission and VAT.

The male driver with his blue swimming trunk and his lady passenger in a decent red bathing suit remained the same as the earlier Ghia Fiat Jolly.

CITROËN SAFARI CORGI SKI CLUB | 475, (?) 1965, 305,000

The exact month of release of this model does not appear from the Great Book. A number of items like this Citroën were "not sampled, but were made available", whatever that means.

Also here a simple case of replacing the "Olympic Winter Games" decal with a "Corgi Ski Club" version, due to the lack of any Winter Games in 1965.

More interesting is the question of which skier went with this model. The Great Book of Corgi does show a picture, but without the skier. The Olympic Winter Sports model of January 1964 (also No 475) had a male skier with dark blue trousers, brown boots, light blue/green sweater and ice cap and a brown participants' smock without a number. The Corgi Ski Club skier in my possession is the

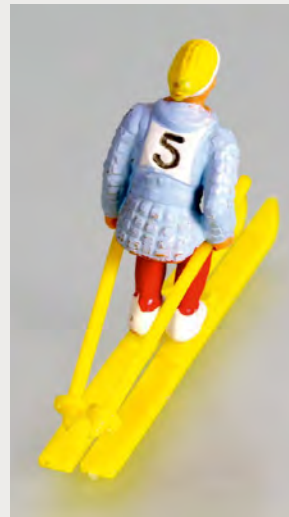
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1 Shade variations of the less rare blue Fiat Jolly, No 242.

2 Split-bodied No 482 Fire Chief Chevrolet Impala.

3 A quick revamp of the previous year's No 475 turned it from an Olympic Winter Games vehicle into one representing the Corgi Ski Club.



▲ The skier shown comes from No 499, the 1968 Grenoble Winter Olympics version.

one shown with the 1968 Grenoble Olympic Winter Sports, released in October 1967 (No 499), with red trousers, a light blue ski jacket, yellow ski cap with a white ribbon, white boots and competition number 5 in black on a white smock, both on the chest and the back. Marcel van Cleemput introduced him as "a new ski figure" with the Grenoble edition. Bill Manzke shows a picture of three models with three skiers: two of the first type, be it one with the already described light blue/green sweater and one with clearly a blue only sweater, and one of the second type. David Boxall confirms in his book "The Corgi Years" that both figures with the Grenoble edition (skier and toboggan racer) "required entirely new plastic mouldings" (page 30). I think the correct answer is found in Corgi's 1966 and 1967 catalogues that show the Ski Club model with the first type skier.

CHEVROLET IMPALA FIRE CHIEF | 482, (?) 1965, 429,000 + 1969 sales

Also released at some point during 1965, was the split-bodied version of the earlier Chevrolet Fire Chief (No 439), also featuring the faithful dark blue uniforms as used in the other civil service Impala releases like the Police Car (No 481) and Yellow Cab (No 480, driver only). **DC**

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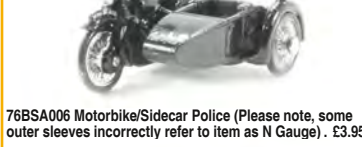
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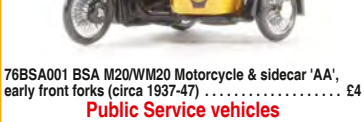
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AUSTRIAN BULL

In motorsport, some sponsors are better known than others, either because they helped teams to achieve great results, or simply because they catch the eye with their vivid liveries. **Francisco Mota** starts a new series, devoted to those that became true racing colours.



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There's something about collecting 1/43 scale models with the same sponsorship, the same racing colours applied to different shapes of racing cars, giving distinct results from similar advertising concepts. It's also a very good excuse (and we know how collectors always need one...) to gather a very diverse set of vehicle replicas, from the most varied motorsport classes. But how to choose the sponsor? Two answers to this may be found: first, to collect the sponsored models most produced; the second could be just to choose your favourite sponsor that you think looks the best. In this new series, we'll follow both paths, from classic sponsors to modern ones, but all easily available in the 1/43 scale diecast world.

Some of these sponsors became known because of their motorsport association, some even taking the investment to the limit as did Red Bull, the theme for this first feature.



The Austrian firm is now a world famous brand due to its colossal outlay in advertising that, in the motorsport world, goes all the way to Formula 1 where it became more than a mere sponsor, having been a team name for several years and even an F1 car brand. The sponsorship has also reached out to touring cars, rally cars, GTs and many others that have Red Bull as a major sponsor, making model manufacturers pay attention and release a number of versions with these colours. So it seemed a good idea to start this new series with Red Bull.

1 Red Bull colours appear in many forms of motorsport, including DTM, Dakar rally and Formula 1.

2 The Sauber Team brought Red Bull to Formula 1 in 1995. This is the C17 from 1998, by Minichamps.

3 Jean Alesi's crash helmet is reproduced with a superb chrome effect.

WHAT'S IN A CAN?

The brand stands for an energy drink sold all over the world; actually, they are the number one in sales figures within this segment. It was created in 1987 by Austrian entrepreneur Dietrich Mateschitz, who took inspiration from a Thai drink named Krating Daeng that he adapted to western tastes, slightly altering the formula. The firm was first established in Thai's Chakkapong city, being a partnership with local businessman Chaleo Yoovidhya.

The drink itself is mainly composed of caffeine, taurine, B-group vitamins and water, and is reputed to keep the brain alert and awake, even if there's regularly some controversy about its side effects. The well-known cans, painted dark metallic blue and silver and featuring the red bull over a yellow circle, are the main graphic themes adapted in a variety of ways to adorn racing cars. In most cases, the dark metallic blue is kept as a base colour, but there are some variations and some other cars where this main sponsor shares the car's body with others. We've tried to keep as close as possible to the original concept as



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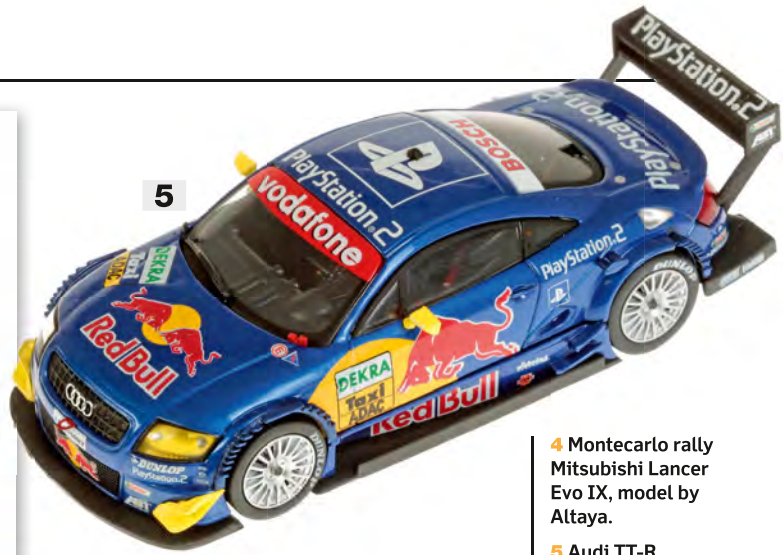
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was first introduced in Formula 1 in 1995, via the Sauber F1 team where it stayed as a major sponsor until 2004.

It wasn't the first racing car ever to wear the Red Bull racing colours, but it surely was one of the most influential. The year before that, a Ford Escort RS Cosworth was entered in the Acropolis rally featuring a red over silver Red Bull livery, Minichamps made a replica of this one. Going back to the F1 Sauber, we've found a Minichamps replica of Sauber's 1998 C17 car, as driven by Jean Alesi, during the era of grooved tyres and narrow

track cars, both perfectly reproduced in the model that features a good representation of suspension arms, rear multi plane wing, barge boards, double exhaust pipes and even Jean's crash helmet. It has a "clean" body, as was usual at the time.

Being a hugely successful series in Germany, the DTM has been a favourite hunting ground for Red Bull, here we start with a 2003 Audi TT-R, featuring the conventional colour scheme on the very dramatic shape of first generation TT, with the special long tail body, made

exclusively for the DTM. The rear wing, positioned very far back, is a highlight of the real car that Schuco modelled very well. But the interesting bit is that this is the car that was used by Audi drivers for VIP co-drives, hence the Taxi script where the race number should be.

Red Bull was not very prolific in rallying in its early years of sponsorship but it supported some privateers like the Austrian driver Aigner in his Rallye Montecarlo effort, in 2007, with a Mitsubishi Lancer EVO 9. The model was

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Red Bull's image is both bold and adventurous.

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4 Montecarlo rally Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX, model by Altaya.

5 Audi TT-R as raced in the 2003 DTM championship. This is the Taxi version for VIP demonstration laps, by Schuco.

6 Evo IX rear end features correct lamps and diffuser but no mud flaps.

7 DTM's rebirth at the beginning of the century brought wild aerodynamics.

8 Extra wheelbase and rear overhang engineered specifically for the TT-R DTM version.

9 Side exhaust and complex sills are a trademark of DTM cars in the mid noughties.

10 Extreme diffuser, double deck rear wing and winglets on the 2007 A4 DTM.

11 Maserati MC12 shows its internals, through the wide windscreen and side windows.

12 Audi A4 DTM in 2004 (left) and 2007 versions, both Minichamps.

13 GT class cars have also been sponsored: 2005 Maserati MC12 (Ixo) and a 2011 Corvette Zo6 R GT3 (Minichamps).

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When Dietrich Mateschitz decided to buy out the Jaguar F1 team, he renamed it Red Bull Racing.

released by Altaya, so it isn't the most complete of examples if we look for the ultimate detail, but the major areas like paint finish and livery are very good and the shape of the car is correct, making for a nice addition to the theme, at a low cost.

We go back to the DTM and Audi, this time we're in 2004 (No. 5) and 2007 (No. 3): a pair of Audi A4's from different product generations but driven by the same driver, Mathias Ekström, who won the championship on both occasions. The models were made at the time by Minichamps and still stand as very beautiful representations of the real things, including such details as the multiple winglets at the body corners, heavily shaped lower body aerodynamics, side exhaust and a perfect paint/decals application. The low ride height is as dramatic as in the real machines and the differences in model year are easy to spot in the diversely shaped front

grilles and rear lamps.

GT cars have also been a field for Red Bull colours to show themselves as we can see in a pair of cars from two distinct eras. The first is a Maserati MC12, as raced in the 2005 FIA GT championship, next to it we have a Corvette Z06R GT3, seen at the 2011 Spa 24 Hours. The first one is an Ixo replica and has a plain Red Bull livery, with only some extra technical sponsors but featuring a hide of blue closer to the Maserati catalogue than the energy drink cans. The Corvette was released by Minichamps and features a nice metallic blue but the body is littered with other smaller sponsors. Both look the part though, with those aggressive looks, very well modelled by each manufacturer. The wheels are a high point on the MC12, while the open windows, with safety nets and Plexiglas deflectors are a great detail in the Z06R GT3.

1 A pair of Škoda Fabias: 2009 S2000 with snow tyres (left) and a tarmac 2006 WRC. Models by Ixo.

2 BMW Z4 M Coupé won the 2006 Silverstone 24 hours and was brilliantly modelled by Minichamps.

3 Rear end of the Z4 M shows the widened wings and double exhaust pipes.

4 Front end aerodynamic details in this Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, by Spark.

5 Marvellous detail on this VW Race Touareg 3.

6 Dakar rally cars: VW Race Touareg 2005 (Minichamps) and 2011 winner (Spark).

7 The ubiquitous 911 GT3: 2010 997 Cup version (Spark), 2010 997 RSR (Spark) and 996 2002 GT3-R (Minichamps).

EVERY PLACE, EVERY BRAND

One of the best looking models in this collection is BMW's Z4M Coupé, raced to victory in the 2006 Britcar 24 Hours, held at Silverstone. Quester/Wamer/Mullen/Campbell-Walter took this machine to first place and Minichamps didn't lose any time in modelling it with fairly good results. The big front splitter is the highlight of the model but there are other strong points, like the rear end with its enlarged wheel arches, big wing and diffuser. The cockpit is very well represented also.

From a premium brand and track races, we go to a value for money manufacturer and rallying. We're talking about Skoda and its Fabia model in two different guises, firstly the generation one Fabia and the WRC, secondly the generation two and S2000 class. They are both Ixo diecasts, the first (No.11) is represented in tarmac specification, as rallied by star driver Gilles Panizzi in the 2007 Montecarlo. The second model is reproduced with narrow Pirelli Sottozero snow tyres, as raced in the Norway rally by Swedish driver Sandell. Both models look very faithful to the originals with their specific configurations and both



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have nicely detailed cockpits, easy to see through big windows.

Now we go straight to the African desert with a pair of VW Race Touaregs. The first was raced to fifth place by Saby (No. 307) and is a Minichamps diecast, the second is a Race Touareg 3, which Al-Attayah took to a third consecutive VW win in 2011, made by Spark. Both models show a great level of detail, with the long travel suspension perfectly reproduced and the rear cargo area just visible through a rear hatch in the 2011 model, featuring spare wheels inside. There's even a flat chromed bottom in the later car, made out of a photoetched part. Side by side, they show a bit of the VW adventure in the Dakar rally that lasted from 2004 to 2011 with three wins in total, all with 2.5 TDI Diesel engines.

Back to more conservative types of racing with the most traditional GT car of all, the Porsche 911 GT3, in three different specifications. The oldest one (No. 7) is a 2002 GT3-R, raced at the Daytona 24 Hours by a quartet of drivers lead by Dieter Quester. This is a Minichamps classic diecast, made from a correct mould that generated dozens of different versions. Next to it we have a 997 GT3 Cup as raced to second place

by Chinese driver Marchy Lee in the 2010 Asian Porsche Cup, an excellent model by Spark, with all the right things in the right places and featuring the blue and silver livery, and there are even stickers with Red Bull translation to Chinese characters. The third one is a 997 GT3-RSR as raced in an event of the 2010 International GT Open series by Loeb and Sordo, when they were team mates at the Citroën rally team. Another neat model by Spark, with trademark enlarged wheel arches, correct front short splitters and rear wing, plus a good cockpit. Being a ProGT prepared by the Almeras brothers, perhaps there was not enough time to paint it the trademark Red Bull metallic blue, so the logos look a bit lost on the white body.

Loeb features in some very unexpected cars in this collection, like the small Citroën C2 S1600, a

car that he shared with wife Séverine for the last round of the 2006 French rally championship, the Rallye du Var. It's another Altaya release and it looks mostly correct even if some details, like aerials, are missing, but the complex side livery is well rendered.

Seat had strong results in the WTCC with its Leon TDI Diesel engined machine. In 2008, Yvan Muller won the championship and teammate Tiago Monteiro helped the Spanish brand to win the manufacturers crown. The livery on both cars joins the blue Red Bull areas with Seat yellow and Repsol red/orange. It could have looked a mess, but it doesn't and the models are very good indeed. Colour separation is neat, decal application also, large wheels are excellent with disc brakes and calipers, and the cockpit can be easily seen through open side windows.

8 Red Bull squeezes between other sponsors on this vivid C2 S1600.

9 Loeb/Loeb: husband and wife rallied together in a 2008 French event.

10 Seb Loeb has been sponsored by Red Bull for a number of years. Model by Altaya.

11 Circuit plan on the steering wheel is a great feature of this Leon TDI WTCC model.

12 Red Bull lived together with Repsol on Seat's Leon 2008 WTCC contender. Models by Alexander Fischer.

13 Citroën started its partnership with Red Bull in 2008. Here we have 2009 (Altaya) and 2010 (Norev) versions, winners in the Portuguese WRC event driven respectively by Loeb and Ogier.

RALLY ATTACK

Citroën Racing started the association with Red Bull in the middle of the 2008 season, and it lasted until 2012. The first car to wear the energy drink logos was the C4 WRC, but it had to share space with Total and Citroën itself. In 2008 and 2009 the livery had to take all of this in and the result ended up being a little crowded. We



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have two models for this era: the first is an Altaya release, using Ixo tooling, and depicts Loeb's win in the 2009 Portuguese rally. The other is a Norev model representing Ogier's cars at the same event, the year after. Obviously, this later car is better reproduced, with a lot more detail, for example the mirror effect side windows, wheels with OZ Racing logos, better color separation and a slightly different colour scheme, when looking at side profile and rear side. For the following two years, Citroën swapped to the new DS3 WRC but kept the same main sponsors, Red Bull featuring strongly on the front and sides. The 2011 car is from the Mexico rally and was modelled by Spark, the other is the 2012 Montecarlo winner, by Ixo. The comparison between resincast and diecast is very interesting and there isn't a clear winner, with both models having their own strong points. Interesting note, in 2011, Citroën used to have a specific roof livery for each rally, hence the ancient looking graphics on the Mexico car.

We stay with Loeb but now for

something completely different, a Ferrari 458 Italia GT3, as raced by the French rally star in the national French GT Tour series. The car was hired by Loeb for one of his first attempts at circuit racing so it kept the black paint, with Red Bull logos applied. The result is intriguing but the model itself is a fair representation of the real car, released by Fujimi in a new 1/43 scale resincast series. Shape is very good, windows are thin and allow a nice view of the cockpit and engine compartment. Rear end has some nice mesh grilles and the rear wing is also correctly done.

Loeb continued with occasional circuit races in subsequent years, during which time he built his own racing team. He drove different cars to that effect and we've joined another two examples: a 2012 Porsche 911 GT3, that he raced at a Porsche Cup event, and a McLaren MP4 12C GT3, that he shared with McLaren driver Parente in the 2013 FIA GT Series. Both cars share some very French blue, white and red stripes, adorned with Red Bull logos. The models are



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1 Red Bull F1 team won the title with Vettel, from 2010 to 2013 (left to right). All models by Minichamps.

2 Citroën stayed with Red Bull when it changed from C4 to DS3: 2011 (left, Spark) and 2012 (Ixo).

3 Cockpit detail inside Spark's GT3 RSR model.

4 Aggressive view on Fujimi's Ferrari 458 Italia GT3.

5 In 2012, Loeb drove a Porsche 911 GT3 Cup (left) and a McLaren MP4 12C GT3 (right), both by Spark.

both by Spark and have the usual high quality standards, rigorous detailing and precise sticker positioning. The British car is much more dramatic, making the GT3 Cup look almost a stock 911.

SPONSOR TURNS CAR NAME

When Dietrich Mateschitz decided to buy out the Jaguar F1 team, in late 2004, he renamed it Red Bull Racing and the cars, penned by famous designer Adrian Newey, also became Red Bull by name, the first was RB1 and raced in 2005. The team would have its best years between 2010 and 2013, when star driver Sebastian Vettel, using Renault V8 engines, was crowned champion for four consecutive seasons. That's the period we've chosen for this

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feature, with models by Minichamps reproducing the consecutive RB6 through RB9 F1 cars. It's easy to say they all look alike, mainly because the colour scheme has changed very little over the seasons. But take a closer look at each car and you can see the evolutions in aerodynamics and regulations, from the dorsal fin, in the oldest car to the intricate front wings in the later models. The nose cone shape has evolved a lot over the years, as well as suspension arms and even wheel design. Minichamps shows again why it is considered one of the masters of Formula 1 scale models.

We go back to modern day DTM, where every car from Audi, BMW and Mercedes-Benz share a great deal of components, from the basic carbon fibre tub and roll cage, to steering and braking systems, gearbox and some parts of suspension arms. Dimensions are also the same for all, which makes it a challenge to adapt the road car shape to the common parts. Audi did a very good job, even if we know the DTM is a silhouette formula, the cars look very credible as 2012 A5 and 2013 RS5 coupes. Models are both by Spark and feature all the small differences between the two evolutions, from headlamps to aerodynamic devices and livery details: the older car having some lighter blue splashes over the sides. Paint and decal finish is of the highest grade, windscreen



surface flush fitting is perfect and all the minute winglets are in the right place, some are photoetched, like the complex rear diffusers. Mathias Ekström was the driver in each case, showing his long-term association with the energy drink giant.

After leaving the WRC, Loeb went to the WTCC and took Citroën with him, but not Red Bull, who decided to stick with the more extreme image of rallying, sponsoring the VW team and the Polo R WRC. In the first two years, the Austrian bull had to give priority to VW image and its R sub-brand, that feature more prominently on the car's sides. We gathered a version from 2013 and another from 2014 to see that, despite keeping the same colour scheme concept, a lot of small changes have been made from the first ever rally that the Polo R WRC entered, the 2013 Montecarlo, and the 2014 Portuguese rally winner, both cars driven by now double world champion Sébastien Ogier. The specification in each car also differs, from the tarmac version in the older car (unmarked resin model sold by

6 Unusually basic looking Red Bull livery for another Loeb circuit racer in 2011, by Fujimi.

7 2012 A5 DTM coupe and the 2013 RS5 version, both by Spark.

8 Intricate body shape in DTM silhouette formula very well rendered by Spark.

9 Peugeot and Loeb went to Pikes Peak in 2013 with this 208 T16 and won. (Spark.)

10 VW returned to rallying in 2013. Here we have the 2013 VW dealer version and the 2014 model (Ixo).

11 The little VW Polo transformed into a rally weapon looks just stunning, from any angle.

VW dealers) to the gravel wheels, tyres and mud flaps, in the later version (Ixo).

Loeb took part in another great road race while racing for Citroën in the WTCC. The famous Pikes Peak hill climb was an incredible project put to work in record time by Peugeot Sport, sister brand to Loeb's employer Citroën, and the French driver was sent to Colorado with the mission to win the race and establish a new record. He duly delivered both. Spark produced an extraordinary model of this little 208 T16 monster prototype, with its snow plough like front spoiler and the rear wing from the Le Mans 908 prototype, complete with carbon effect decal, just like the rear diffuser. Chromed side windows surrounds, an air scoop on the roof and wide tyres with visible braking system are all nice touches, and it even has two small Go-Pro style cameras attached to the roof and front spoiler.

Red Bull's image is both bold and adventurous and this is one of the cars that comes closest to that, but there are others eagerly awaited by collectors, like this year's Dakar rally Peugeot 2008 DKR, the 2015 VW Polo WRC with a livery much more biased to Red Bull colours, or even the new BMW M4 DTM. One thing is for sure, this is a collection theme that has become popular, which means that model makers are bound to keep us interested. **DC**



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THE GENIUS OF GERRY ANDERSON

To mark the 50th anniversary of *Thunderbirds*, the 45th of *UFO* and the 40th of *Space: 1999*, we will be running a series of features based on Gerry Anderson's brilliant TV-21 programmes. **Mike Pigott** previews.

When Gerry Anderson and his cameraman friend Arthur Provis formed AP Films in 1955, the intention was to produce major feature films. Unfortunately, lack of opportunity meant that the new company's only offer was to produce a puppet show for children's TV. This was *The Adventures of Tivvizzle*, about a doll with the ability to extend his arms and legs. In 1958, this was followed by a similar series called *Torchy The Battery Boy*, about a battery-powered boy doll, and a year later by a fantasy Western, *Four Feather Falls*.

In 1960, Anderson got the opportunity to produce a feature film, but unfortunately, this low-budget crime drama was a box-office flop, so he went back to children's puppet shows. However, his next series was produced with a system called 'Supermarionation' which involved marionettes that had solenoids in their heads, which made their mouths move in time to the actors' voices. The new programme was called *Supercar*, and featured a dashing pilot called Mike Mercury who drove an amazing car that could travel on land, air and water. *Supercar* proved to be a huge success, particularly in the USA, and spawned a huge amount of merchandising, including a diecast model.

This was followed by *Fireball XL5*, about an interplanetary space ship commanded by Colonel Steve Zodiac. In 1964, Anderson produced the first British TV series in colour, the undersea adventure show *Stingray*.

Although the puppet characters could look rather goofy with their oversized heads, the stories featured exciting storylines, dramatic music, and very sophisticated vehicles and gadgets. Despite the exotic settings of the shows, all were filmed in a warehouse on the Slough Trading Estate!

THUNDERBIRDS

Anderson's most successful series came in late 1964: *Thunderbirds*, featuring a philanthropic millionaire ex-

astronaut named Jeff Tracy who, with his five sons, ran a top-secret rescue operation from an island base in the Pacific called International Rescue. Designed by his ward Brains, the fleet consisted of four advanced crafts called Thunderbirds, a satellite station, and sundry rescue vehicles that would respond to SOS calls from around the world. They were assisted by Lady Penelope Creighton-Ward, who had a highly modified Rolls-Royce and acted as their British agent.

Thunderbirds was a fabulous TV show, and possibly the best children's show ever produced. It proved enormously popular around the world, particularly in Japan. A huge range of merchandise was produced, including some very popular Dinky diecast models. Unfortunately, lack of sales to the USA made the show uneconomical, and the second season was curtailed after only six episodes. Two spin-off feature films were later produced, *Thunderbirds Are Go!* and *Thunderbird 6*, although surprisingly these were not box-office hits.

Anderson's next series was *Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons*, based around a security organization called Spectrum and its battles against interplanetary terrorists the Mysterons. This was followed by *Joe-90*, in which a secret agent programmes his nine-year-old son to perform espionage missions using an amazing flying vehicle called the Jet-Air Car.

In 1969, Anderson produced a full length, live action, science fiction movie called *Doppelganger*. He later returned to TV to produce *The Secret Service*, a bizarre show about a spy masquerading as a vicar capable of shrinking down to a small size for espionage purposes. Made with a mixture of live action and Supermarionation, it was not a success and was cancelled after only six episodes.

Anderson's next programme was *UFO*, his first all live action TV show. It was set in the future and involved a space agency called SHADO defending Earth from attacks by belligerent aliens. This was

- 1 Supercar by Johnny Lightning.
- 2 Bandai's Stingray.
- 3 Early issue Dinky Toys No 102 Thunderbird 2 complete with plastic Thunderbird 4.
- 4 Dinky Toys No 100 FAB-1.
- 5 Corgi's version of Captain Scarlet's Spectrum Pursuit Vehicle.
- 6 Metallic red version of the Dinky Toys No 103 Spectrum Patrol Car.





The early 1990s Matchbox Tracy Island playset, complete with diecast Thunderbirds 1, 2 and 3. Thunderbird 4 is concealed inside TB2's pod of course.

followed by a straight action-drama; *The Protectors*, starring Robert Vaughan. However, in 1974, Anderson returned to sci-fi with *Space: 1999*, in which a nuclear explosion on the moon causes it to break out of Earth's atmosphere and shoot off into space along with its inhabitants on Moonbase Alpha. It featured an international cast and some fabulous looking space ships.

LATER PROJECTS

In 1983, Anderson returned to puppet shows, with *Terrahawks*; although shown in Britain it was mainly made for the Japanese market. It was a semi-humorous show, in which Tiger Ninestein and his team of Terrahawks defended Earth against a hideous creature called Zelda and her coven of aliens and monsters. Unlike previous programmes that used marionettes, this show used latex glove puppets for the main characters.

Subsequent programmes included *Dick Spanner*, about a robot private eye; *Space Precinct*, set in an interplanetary police station; and *Lavender Castle*, a children's magical fantasy series. A feature film remake of *Thunderbirds* was released in 2004, although Anderson was not involved in this. A CGI reinterpretation of *Captain Scarlet* was made in 2005, and although well-made was not widely shown.

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THE MODELS

The innovative and exciting vehicles featured in Gerry Anderson's TV21 programmes spawned a huge range of merchandising spin-offs. Many of these were plastic or tinsplate, but a fair number of diecast models were also produced. The first of these was a model of *Supercar*, made by Budgie Toys, one of the smaller British manufacturers. This was a nice little model, in red and silver, with a clear plastic canopy, extendible wings and a Mike Mercury figure.

The next diecast models were based on *Thunderbirds*, and were made by the venerable Dinky Toys of Liverpool. The first model was based on Lady Penelope's FAB-1, a six-wheeled Rolls-Royce which shot missiles from the front grille and harpoons from the taillights. It also had a sliding bubble canopy, revealing figures of Lady Penelope





and her chauffeur Parker. Finished in pink, this is one of the all-time iconic diecast cars.

To accompany the car, Dinky also produced a model of Thunderbird 2. Painted green, this model had flip-down landing struts, and a drop-down centre pod that opened to reveal a small plastic Thunderbird 4. This proved so popular that it was re-cast in 1974, but for some reason this second wave was painted light metallic blue.

Dinky continued the relationship with TV21 for several years. There were three models from *Captain Scarlet*, starting with the Spectrum Pursuit Vehicle, a blue tank-like vehicle that fired missiles, had lowering tank treads and a pop-out door with a Captain Scarlet figure. Also produced was the Spectrum Patrol Car, and angular vehicle that made a 'jet engine' sound when the car was pushed along; it was produced in an accurate red colour, plus less accurate versions in metallic red, gold and blue. The third item was the infrequently seen Maximum Security Vehicle, a white armoured car with opening gull-wing doors.

Dinky also made two vehicles from *Joe-90*, with the underwhelming names of Joe's Car and Sam's Car. Joe's Car was the Jet-Air Car, which featured pop-out wings and a battery powered flashing exhaust. Sam's Car was a futuristic saloon with a large spoiler and a pull-back-and-go motor. It was available in red, chrome and pale blue.

There were also three models from *UFO*. The UFO Interceptor was a stubby little spaceship that fired a huge missile. SHADO 2 Mobile was a futuristic tank with a roof that revolved to reveal a working missile launcher. And Ed Straker's Car was a futuristic coupé with another pull-back motor. Many of these Dinky models were not produced in

1 Redesigned models by Bandai from the 2004 *Thunderbirds* feature film.

2 Dinky Toys No 353 Shado 2 Mobile and No 351 UFO Interceptor from *UFO* alongside a No 359 *Space: 1999* Eagle Transporter.

3 Matchbox 1990s releases of *Thunderbirds* 1 to 4 and *Lady Penelope's FAB-1*.

4 Dinky Toys No 352 Ed Straker's Car from *UFO*.

5 Popy's "Jet Mogura" (The Mole) from *Thunderbirds*.

6 Stingray and Terror Fish by Matchbox.

authentic colours.

Not all of the Dinky models were successful. There was a replica of the Model T Ford used in the short-lived *The Secret Service*. There was even a pair of castings based on an unsold Gerry Anderson pilot called *The Investigator*. These were repurposed as Armoured Command Car and Coast Guard Amphibious Missile Launcher.

The final Dinky TV21 models were based on *Space: 1999*, and released in 1975. These were replicas of the handsome Eagle space ships. The Eagle Transporter came in a totally incorrect metallic green with a removable living pod in the correct white. The Eagle Freighter was initially produced in white, as per the show, and came with a load of nuclear waste drums, before being changed to a more colourful metallic blue for some reason.

OTHER MANUFACTURERS

New York-based LJN Toys made a range of budget character toys called 'Road Stars'. This included three based on *Space: 1999*, including a small Eagle ship that was inexplicably fitted with speedwheels! There was also a yellow Moon Buggy, and a weird spacecraft used by an alien called Xantor.

Less well-known to British fans are the wide range of Japanese models based on all the Gerry Anderson shows, made by two companies – Eidai Grip and Popy. Eidai Grip made quite a large selection of very small TV21 models, including the first diecast version of Stingray and Thunderbirds 1, 3, 4 and 5. Eidai Grip also produced Thunderbird 2, FAB 1 and the Mole vehicles from *Thunderbirds*, plus a small, diecast model of Tracy Island that fired a tiny plastic TB- 3! In addition to these were two *Captain Scarlet* vehicles, the SPV and SPC; *Joe-90's* Jet-Air



▲ Bandai's three-piece Terrahawks set: comprising Treehawk, Hawkwing and Spacehawk.





Car; and the SHADO 2 Mobile, Skydiver, and Ed Straker's Car from *UFO*. Many of the Eidai Grip models were in odd colours, and often featured action features not seen on TV, such as firing nose-cones on Thunderbirds 1 and 3! There was also a large scale Thunderbird 1 that for some reason was mounted on the back of a truck.

In the 1970s, Japanese company Popy produced slightly larger models of all five Thunderbirds, plus the Mole (which Popy called the 'Jet Mogura'). These were very nicely made models with several action features. There was also a jumbo-sized diecast Thunderbird 2, which could fire missiles and came with a miniature TB4 and Mole. Popy also made a large model of an Eagle Transporter from *Space: 1999*.

The Popy and Eidai Grip Thunderbirds castings seemed to wind up with several different manufacturers in later years. Yot Toys of Taiwan released a number of unlicensed Thunderbirds models based on the same castings, some of which later went to Hong Kong's Zylmex Toys, where they were marketed as 'Firebirds'. The TB2 and TB4 castings later wound up as generic plastic spaceships made by Giodi of Italy!

In 1984, Bandai of Japan produced a wide range of models based on *Terrahawks*, including Treehawk, Terrahawk, Hawkwing, Spacehawk, plus a diecast Zeroid robot. These were made in two different sizes, and many featured ingenious working features and firing missiles.

REVIVAL

In 1992, *Thunderbirds* was re-run on British television, and proved hugely popular with a new generation of viewers. Matchbox capitalised on this craze by producing a new range of diecast Thunderbirds.

The popularity of the re-run of Thunderbirds led to several more Gerry Anderson shows being broadcast again.

The large TB2 was largely based on the old Dinky model, but now included a metal TB4. Also produced were new models of TB1 and TB3 and a huge plastic Tracy Island playset, plus a miniature FAB-1. The popularity of the re-run of *Thunderbirds* led to several more old Gerry Anderson shows being broadcast again. Matchbox followed up with a set of models from *Stingray*, including a Stingray submarine and the first ever diecast model of a Terror Fish, in dark green with an opening jaw.

Captain Scarlet was the next old TV21 show to be revived, but this time the franchise went to a new company called Vivid Imaginations, which was set up by two former Matchbox executives. This range included a large SPV, heavily copied from the old Dinky version. There was also a small SPC, and the first ever diecast models of an Angel Interceptor Jet and a Spectrum Jet Liner. The quality of the Vivid models was not great. However, the company later obtained the *Joe-90* licence, and produced an excellent model of the Jet-Air Car that was actually superior to the Dinky version.

In 2005, the TV21 franchise went to Corgi, and two models were released to commemorate the 40th anniversary of *Thunderbirds*: Thunderbird 2 and FAB-1. These were very similar in appearance to the old Dinky models, if slightly better quality. Corgi also released six *Captain Scarlet* vehicles. Three were from the original series: a big SPV, a large SPC and an Angel Interceptor Jet. These were not based on older models; they were totally new interpretations and were fabulous items.

There were also three vehicles from the new CGI *Captain Scarlet* series: Rhino, Cheetah and Falcon, modern counterparts of the previous three models. These were also terrifically well-made and solid.

7 Joe's Car from *Joe-90*, by Vivid Imaginations.

8 Corgi's original *Captain Scarlet* Angel Interceptor.

9 The modern CGI series interpretation, also by Corgi.





JAPANESE MODELS

Thunderbirds remains incredibly popular in Japan, which continues to be a source of great models, including many expensive items made for serious collectors. In 1992, Bandai made a large diecast TB1 – complete with launching gantry – and a big diecast TB2 with a selection of plastic pod vehicles.

In 2003, Bandai featured three TV21 models in its miniature ‘Charawheels’ range: FAB-1, Stingray and SPV. This was followed up with three boxed sets of International Rescue pod vehicles, most of which had never been modelled before. In addition to TB4 and the Mole, there were never-before models such as the Firefly, Elevator Car, Domo, and Transmitter Truck made to a consistent 1/200 scale. Each set included an oversized model of one of the Tracy boys on a hover scooter.

Possibly the best *Thunderbirds* model was made by Aoshima in 2004: a massive, diecast TB2 in 1/200 scale. This huge model had an incredible amount of detail, and had a removable pod containing a TB4, which could be launched off a ramp in the pod. Despite being made by a different manufacturer, this was totally compatible with the Bandai pod vehicles. There was even an accessory set including an extra pod and four variations of the Bandai vehicles.

At the other end of the scale, Aoshima also made a set of tiny *Thunderbirds* miniatures, which included all 5 TBs and the Mole. Despite the small size of about 80mm, these were incredibly well detailed and even had moving parts.

Another large and impressive model by Aoshima was released in 2010, and was based on Zero-X, a large, multi-stage rocket that was featured in the movie *Thunderbirds Are Go!* This incredible model

1 Corgi's 2005 release of the revamped CGI *Captain Scarlet Spectrum Patrol Car*.

2 The incredible 1/200 scale *Thunderbird 2* by Aoshima.

3 The pod from the Aoshima TB2 together with a selection of the 1/200 scale Bandai accessories.

4 Another superb model from Aoshima. This time it's *Zero-X* from the *Thunderbirds Are Go!* movie.

5 The Mole by Bandai.

Below: Late onto the scene but producing some of the most amazing Gerry Anderson models yet was Product Enterprise. The *Captain Scarlet Spectrum Pursuit Vehicle* features fabulous detailing.

consisted of four sections that clipped together, and included such features as retractable wheels and a working escape pod.

EVEN MORE MODELS...

Johnny Lightning of the USA produced an excellent miniature version of Supercar in its ‘Hollywood On Wheels’ range. Bandai produced a range of the redesigned vehicles from the 2004 *Thunderbirds* feature film, which included all five *Thunderbirds* and the new FAB-1. These were very much toys and had pull-back motors. Taking things to extremes, Sun Star made a big 1/18 scale model of FAB-1 which was very well detailed and featured lots of moving parts.

A new manufacturer called Product Enterprise arrived in 2004, producing large-scale models from some of the other TV21 series. These were big models, which were very well detailed. The range included Supercar, Stingray, SPV, and the first ever diecast Fireball XL5. There were several models from *UFO*, including a UFO interceptor, a Skydiver, and three versions of the SHADO Mobile. There were also five different versions of the *Space: 1999* Eagle ships including some never modelled before. These models are now out of production and have all significantly increased in value.

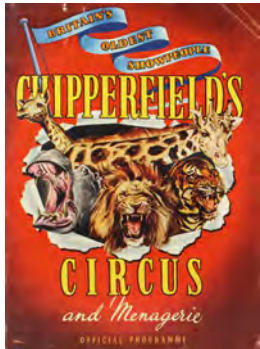
Later this year, we will be looking at the TV21 models in more detail. As it's the 50th Anniversary of *Thunderbirds*, we'll begin with the diecast models made by British manufacturers Dinky, Matchbox and Corgi.

In subsequent issues we will focus on Japanese *Thunderbirds* models, plus *Captain Scarlet* and *Joe-90*. Also in the October issue, Rick Wilson will describe the collection of models from the *UFO* and *Space: 1999* series. **DC**

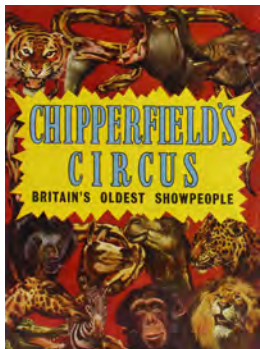


VARIATIONS ON A CIRCUS THEME

Circuses were a very popular form of entertainment in the 1950s and '60s, none more so than Chipperfields. *John Tailby* has expanded his collection with some clever thinking.



▲ The Chipperfields Circus programmes were very colourful and always conveyed the excitement.



▲ Old programmes make for fascinating reading.

I still have a few official Chipperfields souvenir programmes, which indicate that they moved headquarters from Down Farm, Stockbridge, Hants to Heythrop, Chipping, Norton, during the 1950s. The programmes make fascinating reading. As well as a specially designed tent, which could accommodate 7,000 people, there was also a menagerie with over 200 animals. Admission cost one shilling for adults and sixpence for children, 5 and 2.5 new pence respectively in decimal money. The 1962 programme includes an advert for Corgi Toys, stating: "Now start your own Chipperfields Circus with Corgi Toys Gift set No.23." This is exactly what I did and they are still my favourites even though a later range of 12 models was produced in 1994/95.

A city within itself, the circus could be moved bodily overnight in a two mile convoy, transporting 75 tons of seating, 20 tons of canvas, 15 miles of rope and rigging, 50 tons of steel masts, 15,000 Electric lights, 4,000 yards of cable, 5 diesel generators, 2 restaurants and over 200 animals. The circus was in its heyday in the '60's and most of the models featured animal acts for which Chipperfields were world famous. The mobile menagerie travelled with the circus and was always an added attraction.

Corgi Toys Gift Set No 23, from September 1962, included all of the items that had been released between October 1960 and April 1962 as follows:

- No 1121 Circus Crane Truck (made between October 1960 and 1969)
- No 1123 Circus Animal Cages, with lions and polar bears (January 1961 to 1968)
- No 426 Karrier Circus Booking Office (January 1962 to 1964)

- GS19 Circus Land Rover with platform trailer and elephant cage (April 1962 to 1968). Subsequent issues were as follows:
- No 1130 Circus Horse Transporter Bedford TK (October 1962 to 1971)
- No 607 Circus Elephant and Cage Kit (March 1963 to 1967)
- No 503 Giraffe Transporter Bedford TK, with two giraffes (June 1964 – 1971)
- No 457 Circus Parade Land Rover (September 1965 to 1969)
- No 1139 Circus Menagerie Transporter Scammell Handyman (October 1968 to 1972)
- No 1144 Circus Crane Truck Scammell Handyman (March 1969 to 1972)
- No 511 Performing Poodles pick-up-truck (January 1970 to 1971)
- GS21 No 1144 Crane truck, with modified trailer for No 1139 and elephant cage (April 1970 to 1972).

Scale varied between 1/48, 1/47, and 1/46. When viewed as a group I think they are some of the most attractive models ever produced in the Corgi Toys range. Huge numbers were produced and sold, for instance:

- No 1121 Crane Truck - 407,000
- GS19 Land Rover, Trailer and Elephant Cage - 473,000
- No 1130 Horse Transporter - 627,000
- No 503 Giraffe Transporter - 860,000.

Now for some home-made variations. By the 1980s some of the early items could be obtained at toy fairs in various degrees of play-worn condition. These



The majority of Gift Set 23, arranged to closely replicate the advert that appeared in the 1962 programme.

Vintage Corgi



lent themselves to restoration and modification and I couldn't resist adding to my collection.

The model circus lacked generators. Cast resin generators could be obtained to fit No 1121 Crane Truck (minus the crane) and No 503 Giraffe Transporter (minus the Giraffes). No 1121 was an ex-military 'International' truck. A strong model with a sloping back in circus mode that accommodated a large generator.

No 503 Bedford TK Giraffe Transporter had a blue plastic body with drop down ramp. With the ramp removed and the body cut down to a suitable shape, one of several different types of small generator could be fitted. Generators were first painted and then glued into position.

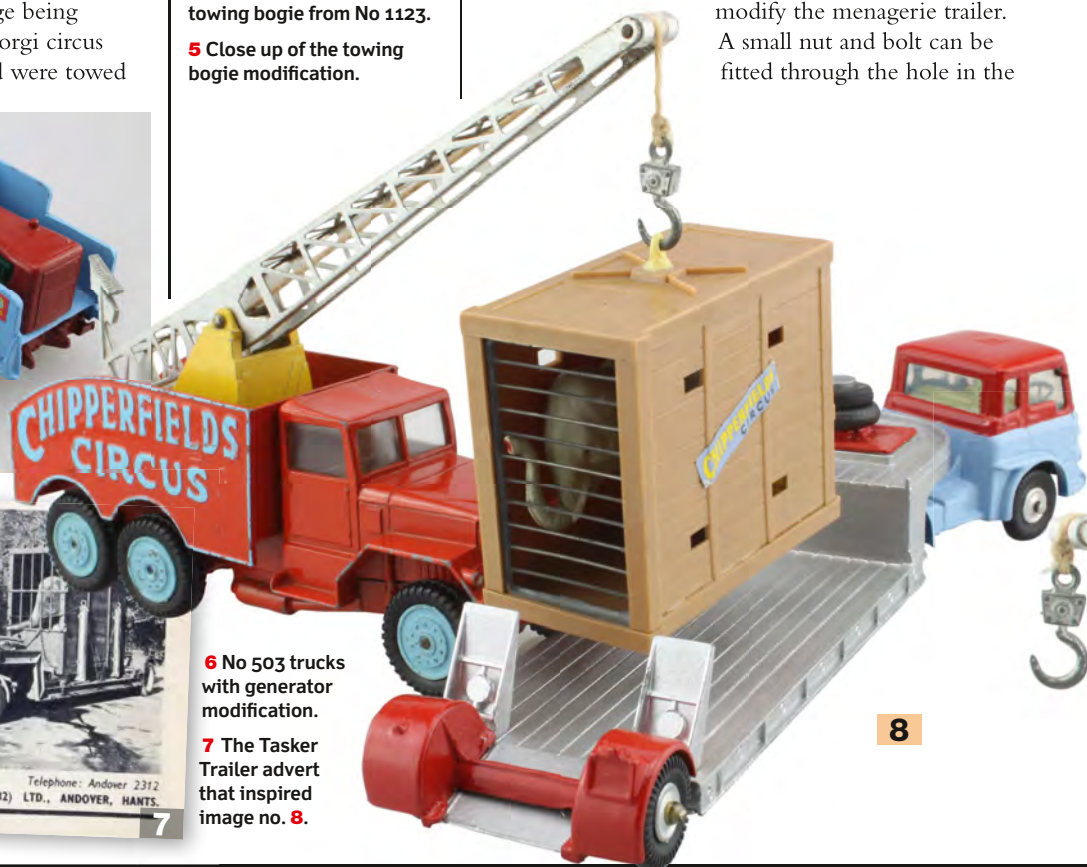
"Elephants pack their trunks on Taskers Trailers." This advert appeared in one of the programmes showing an elephant in its travelling cage being loaded onto a low loader type trailer. Corgi circus elephants travelled on a small trailer and were towed

by a Land Rover. No 1131 Corgi Carrimore detachable axle machinery carrier with Bedford unit would be suitable for the job and indeed stronger. It was shown in this role in the 1961 catalogue and also on the circus elephant cage kit packaging, but was never produced in circus colours. I thought it would be a good idea to repaint one in Chipperfields colours for my model circus and I am pleased with the result.

On the subject of trailers, the rare Gift Set No 21 includes No 1144 Crane Truck with Elephant Cage and a Menagerie Trailer modified

at the front by the addition of a set of bogie wheels and tow bar, so that it could be towed by the crane truck, which had a towing hook. One of these sets sold at Vectis Auctions in 2003 for £1,175 in mint condition, for example, and I have never seen one that I could afford, so decided to make my own version. I found that by removing the bogie wheels and tow bar from No 1123 4 wheel animal cage and by drilling out the rivets, I could use this assembly to modify the menagerie trailer.

A small nut and bolt can be fitted through the hole in the



- 1 No 503 Giraffe Transporter.
- 2 The 1962 programme advertisement.
- 3 No 1121 Crane Truck modified with a generator.
- 4 Gift Set 21 can be replicated using No 1144 Crane Truck and a Menagerie Trailer with towing bogie from No 1123.
- 5 Close up of the towing bogie modification.

- 6 No 503 trucks with generator modification.
- 7 The Tasker Trailer advert that inspired image no. 8.





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- 9 Corgi Classics Bedford OB transformed into mobile living accommodation.
- 10 No 1130 Horse Transporter could become a mobile ticket office.
- 11 No 503 Code 3 generator truck as found at a toy fair.
- 12 No 1121 Circus Crane Truck coupled with tent pole load on six-wheeled trailer.

toy fairs, some of which I have purchased, including a Corgi Classics Bedford OB coach made into living accommodation.

A six-wheel trailer with posts and chains was ideal for carrying tent poles and this model caught my eye because it looked as though it had started life behind a Dinky Foden. It now looks good being towed behind the large Circus Crane Truck.

I also found a really attractive generator truck based on a Chipperfields Bedford No 503 but in Fun Fair Livery. It had the most detailed generator with Gardner engine and control panel with Scammell radiator. It also had a cab beacon. I couldn't resist this one!

Finally, I have an idea to convert the Horse Transporter No 1130 into a ticket office, with one entry and two exits into the 'Big Top' if I can find a suitable subject at a reasonable price.

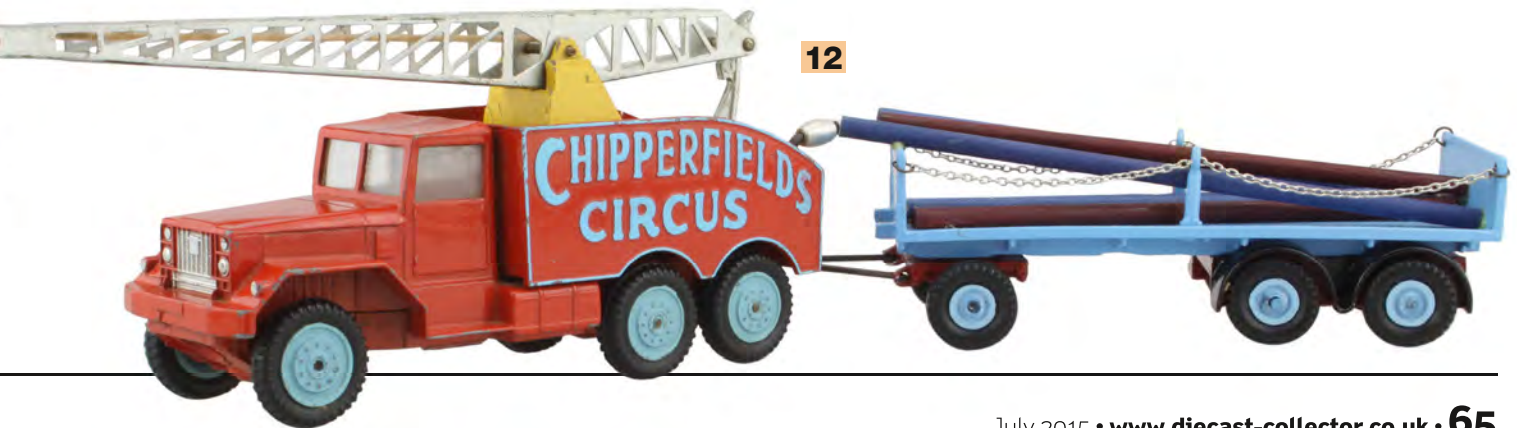
They can still be found along with other items in the circus range. Mint and boxed are very expensive, but play worn items are more reasonably priced and are worth buying, depending on condition, especially if, like me, you have ideas to convert them to make the model circus more varied. **DC**

bogie and locked with a lock nut, so that the head of the bolt slides into the coupling slot of the trailer and is held in position by the mechanism. The reverse procedure removes the bogie and returns the trailer to its original articulated form. The animal cage No 1123 now without its front bogie and tow bar converts into an articulated trailer, by drilling a hole where the front rivet used to be, and can be towed by the Bedford Unit from the Carrimore low loader set No 1131.

I was not the only one inspired to expand the model circus as I've seen ready-made conversions at



Further details and values of the circus range can be found in the 15th edition of 'Ramsay's British Diecast Model Toys Catalogue', just printed and available from the publishers of *Diecast Collector* by telephoning 01778 392006.



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THE ORIGINAL INTERCEPTOR

Not many people will know when the name Interceptor, perhaps the most alluring name of any British car, was introduced. Silas Models' new release will help as **David Wright** finds out.

The first generation of Jensen Interceptor was the second car to be made by Jensen Motors after World War II and was produced from 1950 to 1957.

Jensen later reused the name for the Chrysler engined GT supercar built from 1966 of course, which also spawned the legendary FF. This early car was based on Austin components, clothed in a body built by Jensen and styled by Eric Neale, one of the company directors. The engine and transmission came from the Austin Sheerline and the chassis from the Austin A70 Hampshire with modified independent coil sprung suspension. Austin agreed to supply the engine and chassis, on condition that Jensen designed and built a sports car for Austin. The result was two cars from the same stable, and so the Austin A40 Sports was conceived, but that's another story.

The two-door body was first available in convertible form, built in aluminium and steel on a wood frame. The wrap around rear window in the hood was made of Perspex and was arranged to drop down into a well behind the seats when the top was lowered. In 1952 a hardtop version with a vinyl roof was launched. Total production was 32 convertibles, 52 saloons and 4 sedans.

The Interceptor had a top speed of 95 mph, and a 0-60 mph time of 17.8 seconds, not particularly special now, but acceptable then.

EARLY INTERCEPTOR MODELS

In the 1970s, when a few enthusiasts of classic cars moved into the production of model cars made of

white metal, one such artisan was Mike Richardson and his wife Sue. They had collected Dinky Toys for many years, and recognised that many less common marques were being left out by the large manufacturers of toys, as they had little to interest children.

Mike developed the range known as Mikansue, and these were marketed in kit form, in white metal, but relatively easy to build. One such kit is the 1952 Early Interceptor, which was No 26 in the Grande Tourisme range. With a one-piece body, complete chassis, interior, bumpers and wheels, it was a straightforward kit to build, and stands up well with more modern equivalents.

Trevor Wright has since used the Mikansue castings as a basis for many of his TW Collection range and, carefully built and fettled, his copy can produce an acceptable model.

However, more recently, with the production of collectable models moving to China, and the material of choice being resin, one or two new manufacturers have arrived in the market place, such as Silas Models. I had already achieved a first in convincing the owner, Frédéric Cros, to produce a model of the C-V8 Mk III, with much support from myself and 2 other owners, and this story was



▲ The superb new Silas Models release benefits from input by true enthusiasts.



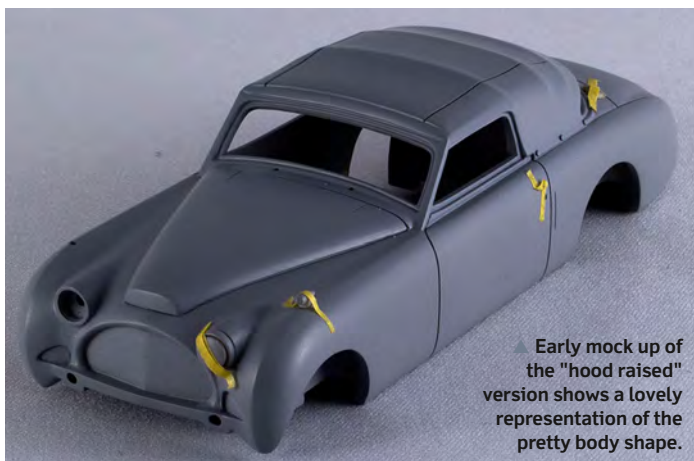
▲ The Mikansue kit makes a good representation of an early Interceptor.



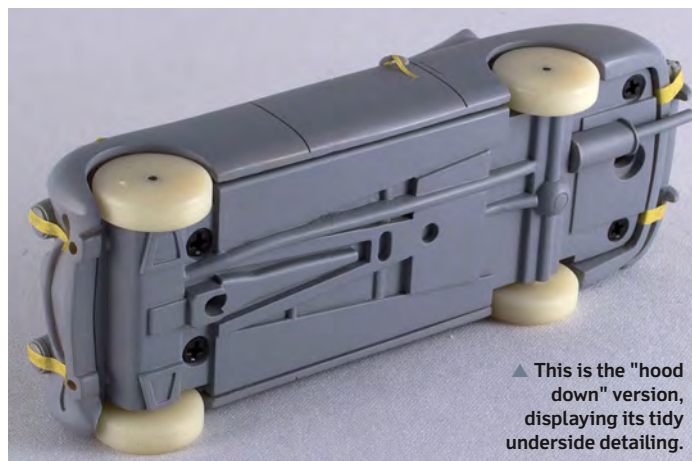
▲ Trevor Wright used the Mikansue casting to good effect in his TW Collection range.



▲ Jensen Owners Club member and model project assistant, Derek Chapman, used to own this car.



▲ Early mock up of the "hood raised" version shows a lovely representation of the pretty body shape.



▲ This is the "hood down" version, displaying its tidy underside detailing.

recorded in *Diecast Collector* in January 2014.

Frédéric Cros specialises in British cars, and after the C-V8, he had developed a strong affiliation with the Jensen marque. With a number of photos from Derek Chapman, a Jensen Owners Club member and previous owner of MXM 979, and his enthusiasm to assist in the project, it was not difficult to interest Frédéric in making a model of the early Interceptor. An email in September 2013 planted the idea of the model, and on the 28th September Frédéric flew to England and met with Derek, took a ride in the real car, and became amazingly enthusiastic about the idea of the model! Frédéric's models are designed from countless photographs and measurements, which he often takes himself, and then developed at his supplier's workshop in China. To assist with the accuracy of the chassis design, Derek used Solidworks CAD software to create drawings that replicated the real car.

The model was to be made in both hood raised and folded, in 3 colours, making 6 variations in all, and he needed to know the three most popular colours used by owners. Derek was able to advise on colours and the appropriate interior colours to match. Samples had to be obtained, painted on strips of card, and posted off to France. Evidently, the Chinese workshops match paint from existing colours, and do not recognise the European paint codes. By early 2014, Frédéric had received a batch of photos of the body shape, and main parts such as bumpers and fittings in primer only. Derek and I advised on lines, shape and proportions, and we waited.

Photos eventually reached us in December 2014 and we were able to see clearly how this lovely old car was shaping up. Details such as door handles and sidelights were too big, the radiator grille needed re-working and wheels had too much chrome on them. Come February 2015, the images of the final production version were supplied for approval, and the factory had clearly listened to all the comments. The lights and handles were scaled down, the wheels have been super detailed to reflect the chrome wheel embellisher trim, body colour paint on the wheel, and the traditional Jensen hubcap. The front grille, originally looking too garish and simple in its pattern, now has the fine mesh backing, with 4 chrome bars across it, a remarkable piece of extra refinement.

So, with clearance and excitement from both Derek and I, Frédéric gave the all clear.

The paintwork is flawless on all three colour schemes and the chromed bumpers slim and perfectly proportioned. The fine photo-etched touches of the Jensen badge on the bonnet, hub cap centres and all window surrounds are equally fine and to perfect scale. A detailed dashboard faces you as you look in to the convertible, together with very realistic leather look seating. On the hood raised version, the patterning and overall shape of the hood stretched over its frame has been replicated very well. The detailed chassis is well represented, and all in all it was very satisfying to see all the comments taken into account, recreating the complex curves that are a signature feature of the Interceptor. **DC**

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FURTHER READING

✦ *A History of White Metal Transport Modelling* - by David Wright and Ray Strutt

✦ *The History of Resin Transport Modelling* - by David Wright

Both are obtainable from the authors at www.transportmodellingbooks.co.uk.



▲ Super detail to the interior, right down to the trim colours and dashboard elements.



▲ The finished Silas model with the hood down.



▲ And here's the version with the hood raised.

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THE SUPERFAST ERA

SWISS COLLECTION

Mike Pigott continues his history of the Matchbox Superfast range with a look at a group of models made exclusively for the Swiss market in 1989.

Over the years, Matchbox produced a lot of exclusive models for specific regional markets. Possibly the earliest example of this dated back to the mid-1960s, when No 25 Bedford Tanker, normally in the green, white and yellow colours of BP, was produced in the blue and white livery of Aral for the German market. The replacement for the Bedford, No 32 Leyland Petrol Tanker, was also made in the colours of the German petrol company Aral, as was the 1970s No 63 Freeway Gas Tanker.

Besides Germany, Matchbox made various regional models for other countries. One notable example was No 65 Airport Coach, which was produced in a British Airways livery for most markets, but was sold with Lufthansa decals in Germany and American Airlines labels in the USA. With the USA and Germany being Lesney's biggest export markets, there were a number of special issues aimed at these countries, in order to make the Matchbox range relevant to collectors there. Japan was also an important export market, and there were many exclusive releases in the Japanese set, including four unique models and a few modified castings, as well as many exclusive liveries. Australia and France also received some special regional items.

SWISS COLLECTION

In 1989 the Matchbox distributor in Switzerland, a company called Joker AG, commissioned Matchbox to produce a number of models in Swiss liveries. There were 13 items from the 1-75 range, plus others from the Convoy, Superkings and Skybusters lines.

Just to clarify a point, the Swiss Collection were not promotional models, they were on general release in Switzerland. Matchbox made a lot of promotional models over the years, too. These were items in special liveries that were ordered by



▲ Caterpillar Bulldozer – Losinger.



▲ The largest supermarket chain in Switzerland, Migros is recognised by its simple "M" logo and its livery features on two Swiss Collection models.

- 1 Volvo Container truck – Denner.
- 2 Volvo Container truck – Merkur Kaffe.
- 3 Volvo Container truck – Migros.

companies for promotional purposes, and used as gifts for clients, given away with purchases or as on-pack offers. Although many sources have described the Swiss collection as being 'Swiss promotionals', they weren't; they were widely available at retailers in Switzerland.

None of the models used in the Swiss Collection were new castings; they were all vehicles that were current in the 1-75 range in 1989. Of the 13 items issued, there were seven different castings used.

Two castings were used more than once; in fact, there were four Ford Transits and three Volvo Container Trucks. It has to be said that the models chosen were not particularly exciting. They were mostly vans and lorries in the liveries of local food and drink brands or supermarket chains. There were no Swiss police cars, fire engines or post buses, for example, although this may have been because Matchbox did not have suitable vehicles in the 1-75 series. Surprisingly, the one Swiss vehicle in the regular range, No 46 Sauber Group C Racer, was not used in the Swiss Collection.

The models

09 CATERPILLAR BULLDOZER – LOSINGER

The recently revived Caterpillar D9 Bulldozer appeared in the livery of long-established construction firm Losinger AG. Established in 1917, Losinger is famous in Switzerland for huge building projects such as skyscrapers, airports, dams and tunnels through the Alps. The bulldozer was finished in a light orange colour, with a matching orange plastic dozer blade. The base and engine component was in silver-grey, while the removable plastic cab and rubber tracks were in black. Small red and white Losinger decals were printed on the rear and cab sides.



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20 VOLVO CONTAINER TRUCK - DENNER

The first of three Volvo Container Trucks in the series, this was in the red and white livery of Denner, a large supermarket chain. The truck was red with a black base and grille, plus amber windows. The container was in white plastic, with a clear vinyl label in red, yellow and blue, reading 'Denner Superdiscount: Immer Frisch & Billiger' (always fresh and cheaper).

20 VOLVO CONTAINER TRUCK - MERKUR KAFFEE

The second Volvo was in the livery of Merkur Kaffee, a leading brand of coffee in Switzerland, where people really love their strong coffee. The truck was virtually identical to the Denner version, being painted red with a black base and amber glazing. However, the container was moulded in a dark chocolate brown, with a vinyl label showing a row of red and brown stripes over a Merkur Kaffee logo.

20 VOLVO CONTAINER TRUCK - MIGROS

Migros is the largest supermarket chain in Switzerland, and also one of the largest companies in the country. It was founded in Zurich in 1925 and grew rapidly, branching into restaurants, petrol stations and insurance. In fact, Migros is so well known in Switzerland that it just uses an 'M' logo on its shops and vehicles, rather than the full name. The Matchbox model is finished in grass green, with a black base and amber windows. The box container is in white, with a clear label displaying a thick green stripe and an orange 'M' symbol.

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23 PETERBILT DUMPER - LOSINGER

Construction giant Losinger was the only company whose trademark featured on two models in the Swiss Collection. This time it was the popular Peterbilt Dumper, which was painted a light orange shade, with a grey plastic dump bed. The base, grille, interior and exhaust stack were in chromed plastic, and there was a red and white Losinger decal printed on each cab door. It was fairly unlikely that a Swiss company would use big American trucks like this, and it was probably used because it was the only dump truck in the 1-75 line at the time.

26 VOLVO TILT LORRY - HENNIEZ

A different type of Volvo truck - the six wheeled covered lorry - is featured in the livery of Henniez, a famous brand of mineral water produced in the west of Switzerland. The model is painted mid-blue, with a black base and blue-tinted windows. The removable canopy is in a matching shade of blue, and features a white Henniez logo surrounded by a red and white striped border.

38 FORD MODEL A VAN - JACKY MAEDER

Jacky Maeder AG was an international transport company founded in Basel

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4 Peterbilt Dumper
- Losinger.

5 Volvo Tilt lorry
- Henniez.

6 Ford Model A Van
- Jacky Maeder.

7 VW Golf GTi
- Swiss PTT.



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THE SUPERFAST ERA

in 1927. Possibly this was why the Model A Ford Van was used, to give a sense of the company's history. However, it was unlikely that this vehicle was accurate, as it was a vintage van with a modern livery! It was painted white with a black metal chassis and wings, plus a black plastic roof. The grille, lights and bumpers were chromed and the windows were clear plastic. The modern Jacky Maeder livery was printed in red on the van sides, plus the slogan 'Lufffracht Seit 1927' (air freight since 1927) below a brown stripe. The company's stork mascot was printed on the cab doors.

Of all the Swiss models, this was probably the most sought-after, as during the 1980s and '90s the Matchbox Model A Vans were very widely collected.

56 VW GOLF GTI – SWISS PTT

This model had something of a pedigree... in the 60s and 70s, both Dinky and Corgi had made Volkswagen Beetles in the yellow livery of Swiss PTT (Post, Telegraph and Telephones) as special orders for Switzerland. The Matchbox version was based on the successor to the Beetle, the latest Golf GTi. It was finished in yellow, including the metal base and opening bonnet. The interior, grille, bumpers and wheels arches were in black plastic. There was a red and black PTT logo printed on each door.

60 FORD TRANSIT – BLICK

The Ford Transit was one of Matchbox's most popular models in terms of special orders and promotionals, and there were four different versions available in the Swiss Collection. For this range Matchbox used a new interior component with the steering wheel on the left side. All four Swiss Transits had dark grey plastic bases, light grey interiors and clear windows.

One of the Transits was in the livery of Blick (view), Switzerland's most popular German-language daily newspaper. The model was painted in red, and had a different printed design on each side. The left-hand side (not shown) had a large, angled Blick logo running across the whole side. The right side had Blick logos on the upper panels, plus a thick white stripe along the centre with the wording 'BLICK ist dabei' (Blick is there) printed in black.



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60 FORD TRANSIT – ISOSTAR

Isostar is a very popular energy drink in Switzerland, similar to Lucozade or Gatorade. The Matchbox model is finished in silver, with the logos of Isostar and two similar products, Perform and Powerplay, printed on the sides in blue, red and black respectively. Isostar decals are also located on the bonnet and rear door, while the logo of the parent company, Wander Sport, is printed on the cab doors.

60 FORD TRANSIT – K KIOSK AG

A much simpler design is the Transit in the colours of K Kiosk AG. K Kiosk is Switzerland's largest chain of newsagencies and newspaper kiosks, and they a familiar sight at most airports and railway stations around the country. The Matchbox van is painted white with a thick red stripe covering the blanked side windows. A large 'K' is silhouetted in white, while 'KIOSK AG' is printed in blue. 'Le Kiosque Bern' is printed on the tailgate.

60 FORD TRANSIT – OVOMALTINE

Ovomaltine is an iconic hot chocolate drink manufactured in Berne, Switzerland since 1904, and so named because it was made from eggs and malt. The British beverage Ovaltine is actually

- 1 Ford Transit – Blick.
- 2 Ford Transit – Isostar.
- 3 Ford Transit – K Kiosk.





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4 Ikarus Coach – Marti Reisen.

5 Ford Transit – Ovomaltine.

6 Swiss packaging.

Ovomaltine manufactured under license, and given a slightly simplified trademark.

The Matchbox Transit is painted bright orange with dark blue Ovomaltine logos on the van sides. Ovomaltine is owned by the same parent company is Isostar, so it has white 'Wander' logos printed on the bonnet, doors and tailgate.

67 IKARUS COACH – MARTI REISEN

The last of the Swiss 1-75 models is in the livery of Marti Reisen, a well-known Swiss travel agency and coach tour operator. The model is based on the Hungarian Ikarus Coach, which is probably not accurate, as Marti mainly used Setra coaches. However, the Ikarus was the only coach in the Matchbox range at the time, and is quite a nice model. The finish was also very attractive. It was painted beige with a dark brown roof and tan interior, with brown stripes along the sides. The tampo printed design is very intricate, with a mural on each side in red, green and brown showing castles, villas, palm trees and yachts. There is also a list of towns that Marti operates from: Kallnach – Bern – Zurich – Lausanne – Neuchatel – Biel.

OTHER MODELS

Although outside the scope of this article, it's worth giving a quick mention to the other Matchbox lines that were part of the Swiss Collection. In addition to the 13 Matchbox 1-75 vehicles, there were also two Convoy trucks, four Superkings and two Skybusters.

Both Convoys used the same casting, which was the CY-25 DAF Box Truck. One was in the green and white colours of Migros, like the smaller Volvo Container Truck; while the other was in a new livery,

the red and yellow colours of Zweifel Pomy Chips (potato crisps).

The big Superking models were all based on the same casting, the K-122 DAF Road Train, which consisted of a rigid three-axle dropside truck with canopy and a matching drawbar trailer. Two

were in familiar liveries, Hennie mineral water and Zweifel Pomy Chips. However, the other two were in new liveries. Marti Transport AG was the haulage arm of Marti Reisen, and the truck was painted white with grey canopies. The other represented one of the most famous Swiss products, Toblerone chocolate, and had a white cab, red truck and trailer bodies, and white tilts.

The two Skybusters aircraft were different castings but in the same livery. They were the SB-13 McDonnell Douglas DC-10 and SB-28 Airbus A-300, both in Swissair Livery.

PACKAGING

The Swiss 1-75 models were packaged on blister cards that were slightly shorter than regular Matchbox packs. The card was white with red checks, and adorned with Matchbox logos and 'SWISS Collection' printed in several different sizes. A checklist of all the models in the range was printed on the back.

The other ranges were packaged in the normal size window boxes, but with the red and white printed patterns.

UNRELEASED MODELS

According to the listing on the back of the packets, there were meant to be another two models in the line: a miniature Volvo Container Truck and a Convoy DAF Box Truck, both in the livery of dairy-based soft drink Rivella. Presumably, there must have been a failure to agree with the trademark owner, as the two models were never issued. A pre-production photo showed the Volvo in all white with a blue Rivella logo on the sides.

When the Swiss Collection was first released, Matchbox collecting was at its peak, and this series was very sought after. In the days before the internet and ebay, it was very hard to get hold of models from other countries unless you had a contact there. At the time, I had a mate who was in Switzerland studying at a hotel and hospitality college. I wrote to him with details of the Swiss Collection, knowing I could rely on him to track me down a set. Unfortunately, he was more interested in women and partying, so it turned out that I never did get a set until fairly recently, when I tracked them down on the internet. It is possible to find most of the 1-75 models fairly cheaply, the Skybusters and Convoys are a bit more difficult, but the Superkings turn up very infrequently. **DC**



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HYBRID POWER

2014 was a landmark year for Le Mans. For the first time, three manufacturers entered hybrid prototypes, all with diverse technologies. **Francisco Mota** looks at Spark's interpretation of this classic year in 1/43 scale.

Photos by João Carlos Oliveira

Three manufacturers of the highest relevance in the automotive industry entered the 2014 Le Mans 24 hours under the new rules set by the FIA and ACO for the leading category, LMP1, two years earlier. Porsche, Audi and Toyota were all attracted by the new hybrid power concept and what it meant in terms of a potential marketing tool, so arrived at the famous La Sarthe circuit with their prototypes developed specifically for the Grand Prix d'Endurance, as the most famous 24 hours race in the world was once known. The most unusual thing was that, unlike in other motorsport world championships, here not everybody runs similar cars. The technology comparison between each of them, shows three unique paths, and that's just talking about the so called power units. So let's recap what each car had under their aerodynamic bodies.

THE CARS

Audi stayed faithful to its TDI Diesel engine, a 4.0 litre V6 with a single turbo, while Toyota chose a 3.7 litre atmospheric petrol V8 and Porsche a small 2.0 litre V4 single turbo. If this difference was not enough, the energy storage systems are all different as well:



Audi has a flywheel, Toyota uses supercapacitors and Porsche has batteries, but even this isn't the end of the story.

Regeneration systems are also different: while Audi employs a single MGU-K (kinetic regeneration from braking and coasting) in the front axle, Toyota has the same system for both axles and Porsche uses that in the front wheels only, with a MGU-H (heat regeneration from turbine rotation) connected to the turbo.

The way each car transfers power to the wheels is similar though. All three combustion engines propel the rear wheels and these are helped by electric motors as well, and there is also part-time electric traction at the front wheels in all of the prototypes. The period of time when each car can deliver that energy depends on the class in which it is entered: Audi ran under the <2MJ, Toyota was at the <6MJ and Porsche at <8MJ. These are the values of energy per lap that each car can use at Le Mans, and are correlated to the litres of petrol or Diesel permitted for each car. So, Audi could use 81.0 litres of Diesel per hour, Toyota was at 90 litres of petrol per hour and Porsche at 89.0 litres of petrol per hour. Minimum weight is 870 kg but power is more difficult to gauge as declared figures tend to be conservative.

Audi says its V6 Diesel produces 537 hp plus 272 hp from the electric source; Toyota claims 520 hp for the V8 plus 480 hp from the electric motor, and Porsche says around 500 hp for the V4 and 400 hp from the electrics. Porsche has the advantage that its batteries can deploy their power at various rules-specified sections of the track, while the flywheels and supercapacitors in the Audi and Toyota cars have to let it go soon after it was regenerated.



▲ André Lotterer powers through Tertre Rouge in the 2014 race winning Audi R18 e-tron quattro.
Photo by Rick Wilson.

1 Spark released three magnificent 1/43 scale resin models reproducing the hybrid prototypes that made Le Mans 2014 a landmark vintage edition.

2 To prevent excessive heat, all cars had chromed effect roof covers.

3 The Audi R18 e-tron quattro is an evolution of the previous year's car.

4 Porsche's 919 features a unique livery using marketing text.

5 The Porsche was a completely new car for 2014 and featured some unique concepts.



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THE RACE

Toyota led the 54-car field from pole position, with both cars in 1-2 formation, for most of the opening hours, chased by the three Audis and the Porsches, at a distance. No.8 Toyota spun and lost second place, then rain fell across parts of the track and again the same car, aquaplaning under braking, hit the barriers; at the same time a LMGTE Ferrari drove into the No.3 Audi. The Toyota limped back to the pits for repairs but the Audi was an instant DNF. Heavy rain would come back just fifteen minutes after the safety car entered the pits forcing it to come out again. This put Toyota and Porsche on different pit stop sequences and allowed Porsche to briefly lead the race, before No.7 Toyota reclaimed the lead again, by the fourth hour. No. 14 Porsche hit major troubles and went to the garage with fuel pressure issues, dropping to 51st, before recovering to sixth, later in the race. Toyota's lead extended to over a minute as night fell, with car No.8 leading the pair of remaining Audis until No.1 was forced to the Audi garage to replace fuel injectors, just after half distance, while No.14 Porsche went into the pits solely with electrical power, after a second fuel pressure problem. No.7 Toyota lost drive, after

Porsche, Audi and Toyota were all attracted by the new hybrid power concept and what it meant...



▲ A debutant for 2014, the Porsche 919 negotiates Les Esses de la Forêt in the race day warm up session. Photo by Rick Wilson.

nine hours in the lead and came to a stop alongside the barriers, due to a wiring loom meltdown, this made No.2 Audi the new leader, followed by No.20 Porsche and the second Audi, No.1. But this lasted only one hour, after the leading Audi was forced to change the turbocharger and fell to third. No.1 Audi overtook No.20 Porsche to take the lead of the race but, at nearly 21 hours, it slowed down and was forced to perform its second turbo replacement of the race as No.2 was hampered by the same problem, promoting No.20 Porsche to the top spot, but for only about one hour, when a broken anti-roll bar forced it to the garage for a DNF. The other Porsche also came into the garage just half an hour later, with gearbox problems, but returned to the race in the



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Modern motorsport



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▲ 2014 World Endurance Champion, Anthony Davidson, in his Toyota TS040 Hybrid at the Dunlop Chicane during Thursday's qualifying session last year. Photo by Rick Wilson.

final hour and finished 11th. Audi kept leading until the end, with No.2 running three laps ahead of No. 1, followed by No.8 Toyota in third place. Marcel Fässler, Benoît Tréluyer and André Lotterer took their third Le Mans win in four years and Audi's thirteenth, since 2000.

THE MODELS

Spark launched models of most of the Le Mans 2014 grid, including the leading LMP1 prototypes. From this we choose the best finishers of each team for this feature, starting with the winning No.2 Audi R18 e-tron quattro, No.8 Toyota TS040 Hybrid and No.14 Porsche 919 Hybrid.

The obsessive attention to detail is easy to see when one looks closely at every millimetre of these 1/43 replicas. Side by side, they bring back the Le Mans atmosphere and are very coherent in terms of dimensions and flair. Something that can be said about all of them is that, maybe, the ride height should be a little lower. But let's look at each of them, preferably with a good magnifying glass at hand.

The Audi livery is the most conventional, but that doesn't mean it isn't perfectly rendered by Spark with all the graphics in the right places. The windscreen is narrower than on the other two and the roof, as in the others, is chrome plated, to insulate the cockpit from excessive heat. Also unique to the Audi are the mandatory holes over the front wheels that, in the R18's case, are actually located on the inside of the wings. Black wheels are also an Audi feature, open enough to show the carbon brakes. On the front end, the LED lights are just awesome and the splitter has the perfect undulating shape. Going round the sides,

both doors feature photoetched hinges, the same technique is used to



replicate dual fuel fillers, front and rear hood catches and a single wiper. On the rear, there's the low drag wing, positioned lower than for other circuits, and the unique rear lamp shape and aerodynamic profile.

The Porsche 919 Hybrid, when looked at from above, shows a part of the "Porsche Intelligent Performance" marketing speech written in three lines in gigantic letters. The front end has the Porsche LED trademark four round lamps at each corner and some fine details, like a small mesh grille in the nose. Side on, the 919 Hybrid features the same mandatory engine cover fin, devised to prevent the car from leaving the ground if it breaks ground effect sideways. Other interesting detail is the single exhaust pipe, on the left side, and the side vertical flaps, beneath both doors.

Toyota's TS040 Hybrid has much bigger and more rounded headlamp covers, in a very classic shape and a front end narrower and closer to the nose of an F1 car. Like in the other two, the Pitot tubes are in the right place, on the highest point of the body, close to a number of other aeri-als. Wheels have much less offset than in the other cars and the twin exhaust pipes are a sign of its V8 petrol engine. Spark did a great job with the blue and red on white livery, including the white thunders over the

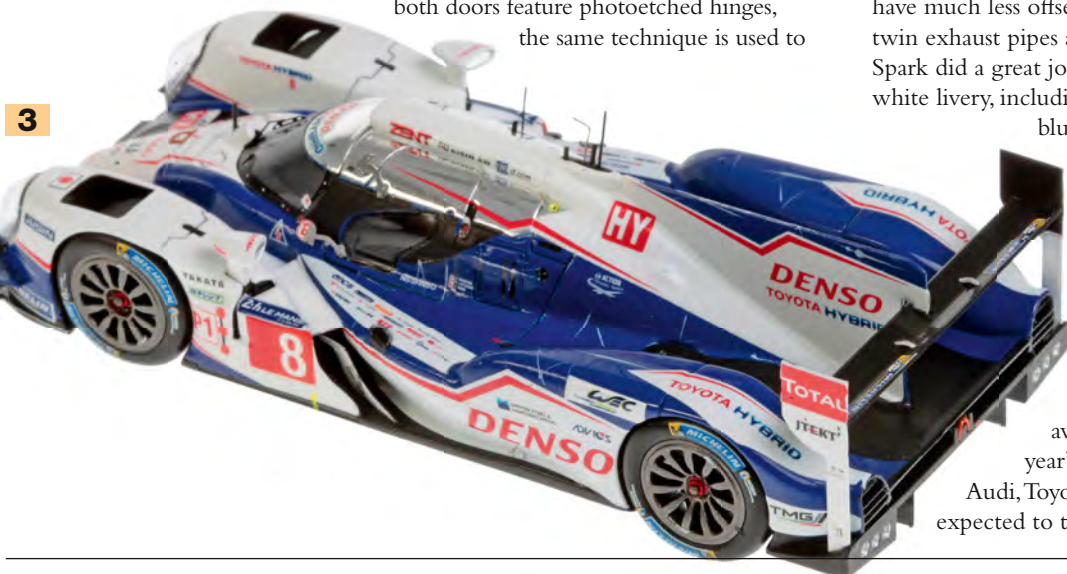
blue paint. As in the other cars, the Toyota features small winglets in the front corners and side aerodynamic flaps, showing just how intricate Le Mans prototypes are. Looking at these three Spark models, it really is a great way of studying the shapes and features of modern endurance prototypes. One can't avoid but looking forward for this year's models of the renewed cars that

Audi, Toyota, Porsche and also Nissan are expected to take to Le Mans. **DC**

1 Toyota's TS040 Hybrid has the most dramatic livery, very well reproduced by Spark.

2 From a bird's eye view, we can see the twin exhaust pipes for the atmospheric V8 engine.

3 Low drag aerodynamics were used by all teams at Le Mans and can clearly be seen on Spark's model of the Toyota TS040.



"THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX"



◀ Benbros used boxes based on the style of a television set of the era. (Photo courtesy of Vectis.)

Andrew Ralston looks at how the Matchbox series inspired others to package their models in equally distinctive boxes.



▲ Morestone boxes came in the shape of an Esso petrol pump.

▼ Kemlows came up with a similar idea, supplying military vehicles inside sentry boxes.

Long before anyone thought of preserving boxes as collectors' items, toy manufacturers were well aware of the importance of packaging in establishing their brand identity and one of the clearest – and most successful – examples of this is the Matchbox Series of 1953 where the product actually took its name from the packaging.

The success of the Matchbox series inevitably led others to try the same thing. But it wasn't enough to make toys of the same style and price: it was equally important to devise a memorable form of packaging. Here we look at three different attempts

// It was the packaging styles that made these smaller ranges stand out and provided them with an identity. //

by smaller British manufacturers to come up with a box style that tried to compete with Lesney's. And, like Matchbox, the trade name of each of these three had more to do with the packaging than the product inside.

The first direct challenge came from Benbros in 1954. The previous year had seen a surge in the popularity of television with over 20 million people watching the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and TV was given a further boost in 1954 when the easing of hire purchase restrictions made owning a set a more practical proposition for many people. Benbros tuned into the mood of the times by calling its models the "TV Series" and packing these in a box resembling a period TV set, with a small screen carrying a picture of the model inside. These

boxes may not have made the hoped-for impact, as they were later replaced by yellow and red 'Mighty Midget' boxes. Perhaps the TV boxes, though topical, lacked visual appeal as they were not very colourful, being brown to represent the outer casing of television sets of the time.

In 1956 Morris and Stone (Morestone) entered the market for Matchbox-sized cars with the 'Esso' series. This time, the box had the additional advantage of serving as a plaything in itself. Pulling out the flap at one end revealed an Esso sign and the rest of the box was designed to look like a petrol pump, though of course it was not in scale with the

model. A further sales incentive was that the boxes carried tokens which could be saved up in order to obtain a model Esso garage. The idea of a petrol pump box was later used in New Zealand by Fun Ho!, who had a marketing arrangement with the Mobil company.

Similar thinking lies behind the Sentry Box series from Kemlows, a diecasting firm best known for producing the "Master Models" series of accessories distributed by B J Ward (Wardie) and designed for use with model railways and model cars. In 2009 enthusiast Paul Brookes published a comprehensive history of Kemlows' products entitled "The Illustrated Kemlows Story" in which he states that the idea of using a sentry box style of packaging was suggested by the wife of one of the founders of Kemlows, William Lowe. This small series of military vehicles was sold for a few years, mainly in Woolworths' stores.

The TV Series, the Esso Series and the Sentry Box models were rarely as well made as Lesney products and were not produced or distributed in anything like the same quantities. As such, they are unlikely to have made a significant dent in the sales of the Matchbox series. It was the packaging styles that made these smaller ranges stand out and provided them with an identity. Perhaps we should give their makers credit for "thinking inside the box"! **DC**



VOLVO P1800 & CITROËN DS19



Images courtesy of Vectris

David Boxall chooses Corgi models and considers the many ways, in which the same or similar castings were utilised in order to produce a variety of different vehicles. This month we focus upon two different models.

1 Corgi released the Volvo P1800 as model No 228, in July 1962.

2 The Volvo appeared in red with a lemon interior, or beige with a red interior.

So far in this series, we have covered Corgi castings that were used a number of times but in different ways. The designers and model developers were certainly very canny, when it came to production numbers and market sales. We have seen that it is not unusual for a casting to be used five or six times over, creating a different vehicle on each occasion. Changes

were made and models transformed with the addition of transfers or stickers, a change of colour scheme, or even the inclusion of plastic figures on a particular theme.

We have, however, covered many of the most obvious of the re-used castings. As the number of variations diminishes, we need to consider pairs or clusters of cars, in order to continue our focus on re-usable castings – hence this month's double act.

VOLVO P1800

Corgi released the Volvo P1800 as model No 228, in July 1962. It appeared in red with a lemon interior, or beige with a red interior, both with a silver-grey steering wheel. There are also versions in pink with a lemon interior but these are much harder to find. This luxury large sports car had suspension and jewelled headlights, as one would expect for a car of this quality. The diecast base in grey, gave the model a very sturdy build, which no doubt added to its popularity. It was produced in a 1/46 scale, and was finally withdrawn in 1968, having achieved 315,000 sales.

Corgi must have been very pleased with the sales of the Volvo P1800 model. They probably did not expect the sales, which were to come on their next casting of

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this Volvo car.

In March 1965, Corgi released 'The Saint's Car' as model No 258. It was the first toy to be directly related to a TV character, that Corgi had produced. It was the same casting as the earlier 228 model but with a transfer on the bonnet of the 'Saint' in black. This white car had a red interior and Simon Templar at the wheel. It proved to be so popular that it had achieved 300,000 sales by the end of the year. It was withdrawn in 1970, by which time it had achieved a staggering 1,159,000 sales plus those from 1969. The production team at Corgi must have been delighted, and it certainly put TV character models on the 'map' for the future.

Other models of the same 258 casting were also released. All models were white but with different 'Saint' labels on the bonnet. These variations were to include a red label with a white Saint figure, and also a blue label with the white Saint figure in the centre. A further version was released with Whizzwheels. No doubt fans of the cult TV series may well have bought all of them. This surely must have been one of the easiest variations to have issued – a change of label on the bonnet. These are now the rarest of the Saint Volvo cars and carry a premium accordingly, which seems quite appropriate for this well balanced, beautifully shaped car.

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CITROËN DS19

Another iconic European make of car, is the Citroën DS 19, and this is the second of our guests this month.

Corgi released the first Citroën DS 19 in December 1957, as model No 210. It was manufactured in a 1/47 scale and

3 There are also versions in pink with a lemon interior but these are much harder to find.

4 In March 1965, Corgi released 'The Saint's Car' as model No 258.

5 A version with a deep orange label and a white Saint figure was also released.

6 A further variation was issued with cast hubs.

7 The rare blue label version with spun wheels.

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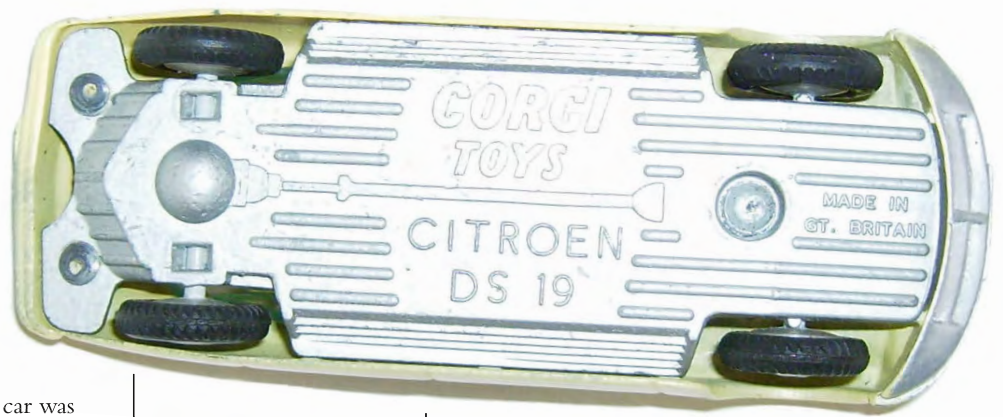
|| The bulge in the casting for the Citroën DS19 base was in preparation for the possible future installation of a mechanical flywheel motor feature. ||

as an early Corgi model, had no interior or suspension. It was available in metallic green with a black roof, or yellow with a red roof. It was the first Corgi model of a foreign car, and was clearly very popular as it achieved 240,000 sales.

Other models at this time had been given a diecast base, in order to produce a mechanical version of the vehicle. The bulge in the casting for the Citroën DS19 base was in preparation for the possible future installation of a mechanical flywheel motor feature. The shape of the rear of this car was too small, however, so a mechanical device was never fitted. It was, therefore, the first model to be released with a diecast base and no motor.

The same casting of the Citroën was used for the Corgi up-grade, released in June 1960, as model No 210S. The 'S' following the number denoted suspension, as this car was fitted with the new Glidamatic Suspension system. This version was only available in red or orange-red – this was probably more to do with the paint mix than a different colour. It had a lemon interior and silver-grey steering wheel, and was available for five years until 1965, during which time it achieved 600,000 sales.

The only change for this final Corgi casting of the Citroën DS19, in 1965, was the addition of a roof aerial. Corgi released the Citroën DS19 'Monte Carlo 1965' in March as model No 323. This beautiful rally car was only available for one year, although it was



8 Corgi released the first Citroën DS 19 in December 1957, as model No 210.

9 The basic colour variations were metallic green with a black roof, or yellow with a red roof.

10 The diecast base of the Citroën DS19 with the bulge in the casting, between the rear wheels.

11 Corgi up-graded and released the Citroën DS19 in June 1960, as model No 210S.

12 Corgi released the Citroën DS19 'Monte Carlo 1965' as model No 323.

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also part of the Monte Carlo Gift Set No 36. Despite its short-term shelf life, it still achieved a respectable 124,000 sales. It is without doubt one of the most colourful and attractive cars of the Corgi range from the 1960's. It was issued in light powder blue with a white roof, and a lemon interior. The Monte Carlo plates add to the spectacle, as do the #75 rally numbers on the doors. The roof aerial is an excellent addition, and the drive is smooth with the Glidamatic Suspension – unless you're taking part in a rally, of course. This car has the usual silver trim for the year, which includes the main headlights. It does, however, have smaller jewelled lights, which completes the rallying 'look'. This superb toy is now hard to find in really good condition, especially with an aerial. **DC**

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MUIR-HILL 2WL LOADER

Chairman of the DTCA, *Michael Driver*, reminisces.

Dinky Toys you could operate were always interesting and, I like many others, enjoyed their play value. Loading and unloading Dinky Toys lorries provided hours of entertainment. To have a vehicle to load split-peas or other suitable items for loads was an added bonus.

Introduced in February 1962, the new Dinky Toys model to assist with loading was the Muir-Hill 2WL Loader [No 437]. The Meccano Magazine advert shows the Loader with views of it in tipping and digging positions. The Dinky Toys News of that month states that 'It carries the official name "Muir-Hill 2/WL Loader, Taylor Woodrow"' and that 'The body and moveable bucket arms are red, and the imitation hydraulic rams through which arms and bucket operate are black and silver. Special "V" tread heavy duty rear tyres are fitted and spare tyres are available (front tyre No 095 and rear tyre No 093)'.

The red model has a detailed engine and chassis in a silver finish. The bucket is also in silver and the wheels are in red with the front ones being plastic. The model is operated by a driver in blue overalls. On the back of the cab is a transfer for 'Taylor Woodrow' in red together with their logo based on team work showing four men working together on a white background. The first models had a plain radiator grill with a diamond shape in the centre.

A variation of this model was fitted with olive green cast wheels of the type fitted to the military vehicles. This model has a driver in grey overalls. There was then a colour change from red to yellow in 1970 but retaining the red wheels. These yellow models were given chrome cast wheels and the bucket arms were finished in orange. In 1973 these models also had a casting change to the radiator to show a squared grill pattern.

The first models were sold in a yellow illustrated



1 Dinky Toys Muir-Hill 2WL Loader [No 437] in red with lift off lid box.

2 Meccano Magazine Advert February 1962.

3 Dinky Toys Catalogue 1963 part image.



FURTHER INFO
 + Dinky Toys building site vehicles have always been popular and articles and pictures appear with more details in the Journal of the DTCA. To find out more, or to join, visit the website www.dtcawebsite.org.

card lift off lid boxes. These were followed by yellow illustrated card end flap boxes then by yellow or gold export Visi-Pac boxes. It also came in the blister packs with card bases and then the later red, blue and yellow window box.

The Muir-Hill Loader and Trencher [No 967] joined the range in 1973. The model uses the basic Muir-Hill 2WL Loader casting. It is in chrome yellow and orange with silver cast wheels and has an added rear Trencher in orange. They were sold in the card based blister pack and the red, blue and yellow card window boxes before deletion in 1978.

The Muir-Hill company started out in the 1920s producing narrow gauge railway engines and then moved into tractors. After the Second World War they started to make dumper trucks. Their first 2WL Loader, fitted with a hydraulic loading shovel, entered production in 1954. They used Fordson Tractor Scid Units, that is a basic tractor chassis, for their Loaders. The later models were also fitted with the rear Trencher unit as copied by Dinky Toys. **DC**



4 Dinky Toys Muir-Hill 2WL Loader [No 437] with olive green hubs. **5** Dinky Toys Muir-Hill 2WL Loaders [No 437] chrome cast wheels with box and one with plastic red front wheels and die-cast red rear wheels and yellow bucket arms. **6** Dinky Toys Muir-Hill Loader and Trencher [No 967].



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▲Dinky Toys No.983 Car Carrier with Trailer a few tiny paint chips but in overall very good condition, tarnishing to chrome tow bar, complete with all inner packing, with a very good Supertoys box, some rubbing to edges on lid. **Sold for £150, C&T Auctions, April.**



▲Dinky No.435 Bedford TK Tipper although overall condition is excellent it does have some small scratches and chips to inner back in a generally excellent carded picture box with original price label to end flap. **Sold for £240, Vectis, April.**



▲Dinky Toys No.240 Cooper Climax Racing Car blue body, white driver, spun wheels no. '20' in mint boxed condition. **Sold for £40, C&T Auctions, April.**



▲Dinky No.205 Lotus Cortina Rally Car "Rallye Monte Carlo" excellent in generally good plus to excellent carded picture box. **Sold for £45, Vectis, April.**

BIDDERS FILL UP AT THE CORGI GARAGE GIFT SET



Corgi No.GS25 "Shell/BP Garage" Gift Set comprising of No.224 Bentley Continental Sports Saloon black, silver, red interior, spun hubs with grey tyres; No.225 Austin 7 Mini red body, lemon interior, spun hubs; No.229 Chevrolet Corvair blue, lemon interior, spun hubs; No.234 Ford Consul Classic cream, salmon pink roof, lemon interior, spun hubs; No.419 Ford Zephyr Motorway Patrol Car "Police" white, red interior, spun hubs, blue roof light, grey plastic aerial (with correct inner packing piece) - all are generally near mint to mint in excellent to near mint blue and yellow carded picture boxes, all come with correct

collectors club folded leaflets - plus Corgi Kits three No.601 Batley Garage; No.602 "AA and RAC" Telephone Boxes; two No.606 Lamp Standards; No.608 "Shell" Filling Station; No.609 "Shell" Forecourt Accessories - all kits appear to be generally mint in generally excellent plus to mint blue and yellow carded boxes (all appear to be correct but not checked for correctness). Scale Figures - which are generally mint in an excellent blue and yellow window box; Humbrol Paints; Aurora Glue and Mat - carded base is near mint, lift off lid is generally excellent with correct colour paper label. **Sold for £2,500, Vectis, April.**



▲Corgi No.GS8 "Agricultural Equipment" Gift Set conditions appear to be generally excellent plus to near mint - inner base packing pieces are excellent plus, yellow box base is generally excellent with a good plus blue and yellow lift off lid. **Sold for £240, Vectis, April.**



▲Corgi Toys No. 262 Lincoln Continental Limousine loss of chrome to front and rear bumpers, missing battery box, in display box with card plinth, film strip and instruction leaflet, box is good with some age wear. **Sold for £55, C&T Auctions, April.**



▲Corgi Toys Gift Set 19 Chipperfields Circus Land-Rover with Elephant and Cage on Trailer first issue with tin tilt, model is in near mint condition, with inner card tray, outer box, is excellent with all end flaps. **Sold for £200, C&T Auctions, April.**



▲Dinky No.138 Hillman Imp Saloon excellent (does have some very small marks down protruding edges). Still a nice bright example - in a generally excellent carded box. **Sold for £70, Vectis, April.**



▲Corgi No.462 Commer "Hammonds" promotional Van excellent plus beautiful example in a generally excellent correct plain blue and yellow carded box (does have a price label to one end flap). **Sold for £150, Vectis, April.**



▲Dinky No.114 Triumph Spitfire Sports Car excellent plus in a generally good plus carded picture box. **Sold for £60, Vectis, April.**



▲ **Corgi No.339 BMC Mini Cooper S "Rallye Monte Carlo"** excellent plus in a generally excellent blue and yellow carded picture box (small pencil price mark to one side), comes with correct folded instruction sheet. **Sold for £110, Vectis, April.**



▲ **Dinky No.234 Ferrari Racing Car** excellent plus in generally excellent yellow carded picture box (showing chrome wheel model illustration) - does have price label to one end flap. **Sold for £460, Vectis, April.**



▲ **Dinky No.235 HWM Racing Car** excellent plus in generally good plus carded picture box. **Sold for £80, Vectis, April.**



▲ **Corgi No.GS5 "Agricultural" Gift Set** generally good plus to near mint, polystyrene tray is good plus, a nice bright example in a good blue and yellow window box (cellophane has been re-stuck at some time - does have pen graffiti to sides). **Sold for £300, Vectis, April.**



▲ **Matchbox Moko Lesney 11a ERF Petrol Tanker 'Esso'** gold trim, metal wheels, in excellent condition with a couple of minor paint chips, with a B1 box. **Sold for £30, C&T Auctions, April.**



▲ **Dinky No.237 Mercedes Racing Car** excellent plus in generally good to good plus carded picture box (does have some crushing to one end). **Sold for £60, Vectis, April.**



▲ **Spot-on No.262 Morris 1100** excellent plus nice bright example in a generally good plus to excellent carded picture box - comes with Collectors Club folded leaflet and colour collectors card. **Sold for £90, Vectis, April.**



▲ **Corgi No.407 Smiths Karrier Bantam Mobile Shop "Home Services"** excellent still a nice bright example in a good plus blue carded picture box. **Sold for £60, Vectis, April.**



▲ **Corgi Toys No.406 Land Rover** flat spun wheels in near mint condition, a few tiny paint chips, with a good early blue box, complete with all end flaps. **Sold for £60, C&T Auctions, April.**



▲ **Corgi Toys No.300 Austin Healey Sports Car** flat spun wheels in near mint condition, with a very good early blue box, complete with all end flaps, some creasing. **Sold for £60, C&T Auctions, April.**



▲ **Matchbox Moko Lesney 58a Airport Coach 'British European Airways'** grey plastic wheels, in mint condition, with an excellent B3 box. **Sold for £35, C&T Auctions, April.**



▲ **Dinky Toys No.169 Studebaker Golden Hawk** in excellent condition (a few tiny paint chips) with a very good box, correct colour spot on end flaps. **Sold for £40, C&T Auctions, April.**



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▲ **Corgi No.GS4 Gift Set** inner carded tray and packing piece are excellent plus, comes complete with "Rocket Age" folded booklets - yellow carded base is excellent blue and yellow lift off lid is good plus to excellent. **Sold for £380, Vectis, April.**



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▲ Dinky No.308 Leyland 384 Tractor mint, beautiful example in a generally excellent plus crisp carded picture box (does have original price label to end flap). **Sold for £100, Vectis, April.**



▲ Dinky No.195 Jaguar Saloon near mint (small mark to rear window) in generally good plus to excellent carded picture box with correct colour spot (small mark to one end flap where label has been removed). **Sold for £160, Vectis, April.**

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excellent to near mint (some have small chips around edges) still a superb display set, inner carded tray and packing piece are good plus to excellent, yellow carded base is excellent, blue and yellow lift off lid with detail picture is good to good plus (slightly grubby around the edges) still a superb example of a harder to find set. **Sold for £1,700, Vectis, April.**



▲ Dinky No.274 Mini Van "AA Service" near mint (very small chip to rear wheel arch) in a generally excellent (slightly creased) carded picture box with inner packing ring. **Sold for £80, Vectis, April.**



▲ Dinky No.146 Daimler V8 near mint in generally good plus to excellent carded picture box **Sold for £100, Vectis, April.**



▲ Dinky No.238 Jaguar Type D Racing Car overall condition is generally excellent (very small marks to bonnet and rear fin) in generally good plus carded picture box. **Sold for £190, Vectis, April.**



▲ Matchbox Superfast 57c Wildfire Truck with purple glass (usually red or amber), model is mint in a mint box. **Sold for £20, C&T Auctions, April.**



▲ Matchbox Regular Wheels 2d Muir-Hill Dumper with rare Muir-Hill decals (usually Lacing decals), mint in a mint box. **Sold for £55, C&T Auctions, April.**



▲ Dinky Toys No. 196 Holden Special Sedan with suitcase, in mint condition, with a excellent box. **Sold for £65, C&T Auctions, April.**



▲ Matchbox Moko Lesney 52a Maserati 4CLT white driver, black plastic wheels, in near mint condition (couple of paint chips to silver exhaust), with a good B2 box. **Sold for £30, C&T Auctions, April.**



▲ Corgi No.GS11 Gift Set comprising of ERF Dropside Lorry with Platform Trailer overall condition is generally near mint inner carded tray is excellent plus in a good plus blue and yellow carded picture box - displays well comes with correct inner packing piece and Corgi Self Adhesive Accessory Pack C (No.1462). **Sold for £180, Vectis, April.**



▲ Corgi No.GS21 "Milk" Gift Set comprising of ERF Dropside Lorry with Platform Trailer condition is generally excellent, a beautiful example, carded tray is excellent (small tear to one side) in a generally good plus blue and yellow carded picture box also comes with Self Adhesive Pack C Accessories (No.1462). **Sold for £180, Vectis, April.**



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IS THIS A TRIUMPH FOR SOUTHDOWN?

HERE is an interesting question. I wonder why the green Southdown Weymann in the Oxford Southdown Centenary Set features "Triumph" on the front badge and not "Southdown". Is it an Oxford manufacturing fault, or is it a correct feature adopted by Southdown before they cascaded the coach to Triumph. Any clues or reaction from other collectors I wonder?

Howard Piner, Salisbury

ED This has to be intentional as if you look at the earlier release of 76WFL001, the Southdown

script is in place, as you would expect. Oxford is meticulous with its research and no doubt this was one of the vehicles that had some sort of part to play in the services of Triumph Coaches when it was taken over by Southdown in 1957 and was an acknowledgement of such. The latest Triumph Coaches release of 76WFL002 is testament to this as, although it proudly wears the smart Triumph livery, the details on the panel just behind the front wheel reveal Southdown as the operator. Very well noticed though!



BIG ON TRUCKS

FIRSTLY, I would like to thank Graham Mannakee (Dear Editor, May 2015) for the information on the 1/43 scale Hachette RT London Bus. I wasted no time in seeking out this model on ebay and now have it in my collection. As a collector of 1/43 scale models, I'm always on the lookout for larger commercial vehicles in this scale to go with my cars. I recently came across a collection which some of your readers may be interested in. I believe they're made by IXO, for Altaya of France. Further research tells me that they're from a collection called 'Camions D'Autrefois', which roughly translated means 'Trucks of Another Time' as far as I can tell! The collection consists of 128 models of all types, including box vans, tippers, flatbeds, tankers, dust carts, etc, from the 1950s/'60s/'70s. As the collection is, as far as I'm aware, only available in France, many of the vehicles are by marques not familiar in the U.K., such as Bertiet, Unic, Saviem and Bernard, although there are also other makes like Citroen, Fiat, Volvo and Mercedes. The only British liveried vehicle is a 1957 Ford Gas Truck, fully loaded with gas bottles. The lettering on the cab roof reads: 'North Restern Gas Board', though 'Western' is correctly spelt on the cab doors. The models are well made, with quite a lot of detail, and come in



a nice box with period artwork. A Volvo cattle truck, at 19cm (7.5 inches) long, is a large model (I've had to adjust the height of one shelf in my display cabinet to accommodate it!). According to the Altaya website, it's no longer possible to subscribe to this collection, but for anyone interested in 1/43 scale commercials, these models are well worth tracking down. While we're on the subject, why isn't anybody making classic British commercial vehicles in 1/43 scale? There are plenty of French, German, and other European lorries, buses, fire engines, etc., but very few British vehicles. I'm sure there are collectors of 1/43 scale models who would purchase commercials in this scale, if they were available. If it works on the Continent, why not in the U.K.?
Terry Styles, via email

ED Good find there Terry, these partworks are certainly giving us some interesting models at bargain prices. Totally agree with you, more in the UK please!

DIECAST VERSUS RESIN

ALEX Marsden (Dear Editor, May 2015) rightly raises resin concerns. Some of the earliest resin offerings have not stood the test of time, and indeed trim drops off of more recent models even without handling. I have tried to steer clear of resin but it seems every manufacturer has gone this way. I bought a Fairlane from Trax Australia; the website talks proudly of diecast and nowhere of resin. When the model came it had several defects including a lopsided roof and I returned the model for partial refund (they deducted postage as well as me paying £12 to send it back). How resin models will fair in the future, even if stored carefully, who knows? Premium X offers ranges in both resin and diecast, and I know which I will be collecting.
Patrick Hogan, Beaconsfield

ED Since I published the reply to the original letter in the magazine I've had a couple more samples arrive here that have come with something already detached. Sorry to hear about your Trax experience as well, it's always a bit tricky when importing something from so far away. I've personally had a couple of models that I've had to return overseas and it does rather rub salt into the wound when you have to stump up for the return postage on top of the disappointment of the model itself.

MASKED HERO

FURTHER to my decal removal tips in the last issue, I have another tip. It is sometimes necessary to leave light crystals and decals in place during restyling. To prevent damage and paint overspill I have used masking fluid, such as:

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After completing work just peel or gently rub of dried Masking Fluid.
David Edwards, Nottingham

ED Another excellent tip David and I will certainly use this trick soon myself. Thank you for sharing.



Photo by Vectis.

TYRE TROUBLE

I need to replace the tyres on the ambulance but I have no idea how to fit the rear tyres as the body projects over the wheels. Can you help please?

Doug Moore, via email

ED Very good point Doug and, not having one of these myself, think it's best to hand over to the experts again. Does anyone have any experience and/or tips for this?

S-TYPE REGISTRATION

INTERESTING NEO model (#43948) of police Jag S-Type on page 69 of the last issue in Gijs Noordam's article, with plate BHE 844G. Lots of late 1960s and early '70s London-based films and TV series contained S-Type(s) with a BHE 844C plate - a genuine Barnsley issue, though perhaps surprising for a Yorkshire car to end up quite so often in London. Appearances in both white and dark blue/black liveries. Unclear if it is one car which gets repainted or a stock film plate attached to whatever passing police S-Type they could get hold of. Then the plate gets tweaked for further film appearances and becomes BHE 844G (as per the NEO plate) which is a fake unissued '68-'69 combination, and a year too late for an S-Type anyway. Again both white and dark blue/black appearances, so still uncertain how many S-Types may have been involved. This type of plate tweaking also happened with another frequently sighted police S-Type NUW 988E which became 988L in mid-'70s films. It's a widely used TV/film car (The Protectors, Frenzy, Sitting Target, Scream And Scream Again, Trog, plus at least a couple of Italian films made in London at the time). And most police spec S-Types left the factory with uprated 3.8 E-Type engines, so were a lot quicker than normal.

David Lynn, Glasgow

ED Great spot David! Impressive detective work there.



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“E” IS FOR LOTUS, BUT “Y”?

Brian Gower ponders the Norfolk based company’s naming tradition.



The name of every Lotus road car, except that of the Lotus Seven, begins with the letter “E”. I don’t know why this is [Ed: I do and will reveal all at the end of part two.] but the tradition continues even without the firm’s founder, Colin Chapman. Two of his racing cars also began with “E”, but that was not part of a pattern; eleven and eighteen just happen to begin with the letter. I am quite happy to include them, purely because they were significant cars (and models) when I was little. Both cars were to be seen on the racing circuits and my lino. The Eleven I thought was beautiful and the Eighteen, the first rear-engined Lotus Formula One car, was driven by a certain Mr. S. Moss. Naturally I had the Corgi Eleven but the Eighteen was a chance purchase at an exhibition, a Solido model, which I no longer have. Dinky Toys made one much later (in 1963) calling it simply a Lotus Racing Car (No 241).

The first serious road car was a pretty coupé, the Elite, and was designed by Chapman’s accountant. The Elite was rightly named because it was the best of its class when racing and proved to be popular with sporting motorists who were prepared to put up with non-opening windows for the sake of having one. It was much admired at its launch at the 1957 Earls Court Motor Show.

With the exception of the very latest cars, all of the Lotus names have meant something, so the durable roadster launched in 1962 was named the Elan (vigour, dash and flair). Another pretty car, it has never lost its driver-appeal although a Mazda MX5 is likely to be cheaper these days while providing similar pleasure.

The Elan+2 was a more graceful, sleeker version of the Elite, and it really was a “plus two”, as long as the two were sub-adolescent children. It was sports coupé for the young family man in 1971.

Chapman dived into Greek mythology for his mid-’60s mid-engined venture. Europa was a Phoenician princess, abducted by Zeus (in the form of a docile white bull) and taken to his luxury time-share apartment on Crete. An odd-looking car, I always thought, with a profile like a chopped down pick-up

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truck. With so many talented designers around, I can’t imagine why it ended up like that. It was also slightly insulting to Phoenician princesses if you think about it. [Ed: the styling was developed from an original sketch for Lotus’ bid on Ford’s GT40 contract and, interestingly, the cars had to be called Europe in Germany as VW owned the rights to Europa there.]

THE MODELS

The original Elite is one of Ixo’s fine Le Mans series, which features at least two other Elites plus a plain green one. I never understand why no one made a model when the real car was acclaimed so highly. I don’t think they ever made a single model that I suggested, no matter how politely I phrased the request or praised what they did come up with. Several manufacturers have made the Elan over the years so there is plenty of choice. I should have one and can offer no excuse for its absence from my Lotus shelf, although space is a bit tight.

The Elan+2 is Oxford Diecast’s little beauty. Now there’s a company that listens to us.

Corgi Toys made a model of the 1970s Lotus Elite between 1976 and 1979. It is number 315 and doesn’t seem to fetch much money yet. It was also to be found pulling a trailer with a Lotus 72 Formula 1 car in JPS livery as the Lotus Racing Set. The one here is by Spark, a 1980 car. It also produced a ’74 Elite in gold, which is now unobtainable, at least, I can’t find one, but which I suspect shows the contours even better than the black version.

The “new” Elite is a carefully judged design, the sharply raked angle of the hatchback avoiding any possibility of attracting the bread-van label that a vertically finished back end would have earned. It is as elegantly poised as a hand-made court shoe and the interior of Spark’s model looks as comfortable as such a shoe would be. The colour of the interior is startling but typical of the period and impeccably executed, the quality easy to confirm through the large windscreen and deep side windows. Also typical of the time were those big rectangular door mirrors. The tale continues in the next issue... **DC**

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The first Elite by Ixo.

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Oxford Diecast’s Elan+2.

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THIS MONTH'S NEW RELEASES

1:76 Scale '00' gauge precision diecast models



Details May Be Subject to Change



20307 Bristol VR II **SOUTHDOWN SILVER N.B.C.**
Our Bristol VR II sees the start of our range of Southdown models celebrating the Company's Centenary through out this year. Decorated in silver N.B.C. livery, created for the Queens Silver Jubilee, fleet number 566, registered GNJ 566N is working the Limited Stop route 740 to Southsea.

APRIL RELEASE



36711 Plaxton SLF Dart **ARRIVA MEDWAY**
Converted from two to one door, this once red Arriva Plaxton SLF Dart now operates in the Medway area. Registered Y301 TKJ, fleet number 3301 operates route 334 to Maidstone via Sittingbourne & Detling.

JUNE RELEASE



27629 Wright Volvo Renown **C.M.T. BUSES**
Among the many operators on the streets of Liverpool C.M.T. Buses were popular with commuters for having a large fleet of Super Low Floor vehicles. Registered S456 KCW, fleet number 2045 our Wright Renown operates route 79 to Liverpool.

MAY RELEASE



20140 Bedford OB Coach **SOUTHDOWN**
Our second model to mark the centenary of Southdown features fleet number 70, registered JCD 370. This is the first general release of our Bedford OB in Southdown livery, the company used two of these light coaches for services over the weak bridge onto Hayling Island.

MAY RELEASE



29633 Leyland Olympian **GO NORTH EAST**
This colourful Leyland Olympian makes a fine addition to our Go North East fleet. Registered C665 LJR, fleet number 3665 operates route 1 to Tow Law.

MAY RELEASE



15718 Plaxton Panorama **C.I.E. COACH TOURS**
C.I.E. has a long lasting reputation for luxury coach tours in Ireland and around Great Britain. Registered in Northern Ireland NZO 33, this Plaxton Panorama Elite, fleet number PL 33, shows it is contracted to Columbus Travel.

MAY RELEASE



36710 Plaxton SLF Dart 1 Door **LOTHIAN BUSES**
This striking modern livery complements the traditional colours of Lothian Buses on our single door Plaxton SLF Dart. Registered Y189 CFS, fleet number 189 operates route 42 to Kings Road, Edinburgh.

MAY RELEASE



25814 Daimler DMS1 Door **WESTERN SCOTTISH**
Always popular with collectors of our Scottish models this Western S.M.T. Daimler DMS JR14 continues to add to the fleet. Registration number THM 656M operates route 605 to Kilbarchan on the outskirts of Glasgow.

MAY RELEASE

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