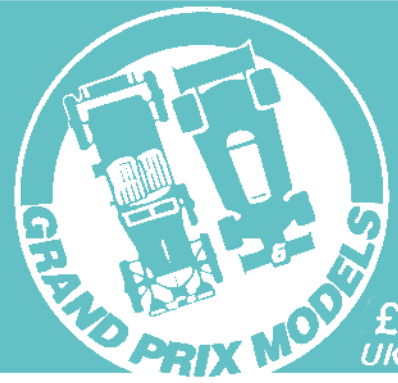


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## Champions

There have been some fantastic battles on the race tracks of the world this season and we now know the winners of the various major championships.

Formula 1 always gets the most column inches and even more so at the moment as Rosberg announced his retirement a few days after securing his title. To celebrate his win there will be special models in both 1:43 and 1:18 from Spark ([SPK5025/SPK18250](#)) including figurines, pitboards and (in the case of the 1:43) a track display base. Minichamps too have announced the Abu Dhabi race version of Rosberg's Mercedes ([MIN417160706](#)), but with either maker order quickly.



While the Mercedes won all bar two of the races in F1, things were rather less clear cut in Moto GP with no fewer than nine riders tasting the champagne on the top step of the podium. Marc Marquez was most consistent though and with five wins secured his third championship. His bike has been modelled by Spark (see front cover & page 20 of this issue) and many of the others are to come. Studio 27 tell us that they are working on decals for the Hondas, which we will list as soon as part numbers are confirmed.

Sebastian Ogier's fourth WRC title was greeted with the news that VW were withdrawing from the category having won in each of the four years that they were entered. He may be looking for a drive next year, but his car is available in 1:43 from Spark ([SPK4960](#)) and Ixo ([IXORAM621](#)) and coming soon for kit builders in 1:24 from Belkits ([BEL011](#)).



The DTM always produces good looking subjects and this year as with the past few seasons, their release in model form is split between Spark for the Audis and Mercedes and Minichamps for the BMWs. On the latter theme, Minichamps are way behind with 2014 and 2015 cars and the latest update on these is that the majority are due in March, with the 2016 cars following soon after. The 2016 Audi and Mercedes subjects are also due in the first quarter next year.

## Jenson's Last Ride

After 305 race starts, 15 wins, 50 podium finishes and a World Championship, Jenson Button has retired from F1. To coincide with his last race at the top of the sport, Ebbro have produced a 1:20 plastic kit of his final F1 mount, the McLaren-Honda MP4-31 ([EBB20018](#)), an ideal tribute to a fast and popular driver.



Also due from Ebbro early in the new year is their eagerly awaited kit of the 1982 Lotus 91 ([EBB20012](#)).

## STOP PRESS

**Jade Miniatures** have, we thought, been quiet for a while and that's because Jean and team have obviously been very busy! Several new releases arrived just as we were closing for press including some unusual Aston Martins, the Heron-Alfa ([JAD4359](#)) and Team Surtees transporter ([JADC4308](#)). The mystery surrounding a gap in the numbering on **Belkits** releases has now been solved with the announcement of a Jimmy McRae version of the Opel Manta 400 ([BEL009](#)). Among **Neo's** latest future release announcements is their first Ferrari subject, the 375MM Scaglietti "Bergmann coupe" ([NEO46785](#)). We are used to seeing the Italian machines from **Hiro** and coming soon in 1:12 will be two high detail kits of the pontoon fendered 250TR ([HIR12548/HIR12549](#)) and also a kerbside kit of the 1958 Le Mans winner ([HIR12553](#)). We had hoped to bring you a review of **Profil 24's** 2016 Le Mans Ford GT ([PFL24103](#)) in this issue, but our delivery decided to take a vacation in northern France on the way here. They have now arrived and we'll look at it for the next edition! For collectors of larger scale diecast models, **KK Scale** are following the Ferrari 365 California spider in this issue (page 15) with two variations of the 400 Superamerica coupe ([KKSDC180061/ KKSDC180062](#)) and from **CMC** we are looking forward to the arrival of 1930s Mercedes race transporters ([CMCM144/CMCM164](#)).

## COVER GALLERY

We have two 1:18 models topping our cover this issue. To the left is Lewis Hamilton celebrating winning the 2015 US Grand Prix and his third World Championship, modelled here as a die-cast by Minichamps ([MIN110150544](#)). To the right is Aston Martin's striking new DB11, coming soon as a resin cast model by Top Speed ([TSMTS0021](#)). This subject will also be coming in 1:43 from sister brand Truescale ([TSM430100](#)).

Two vintage racers next. The blue machine is Norev's diecast ([NOR479972](#)) of the 1920 Peugeot 3-litre which raced in the Indy 500 while the white machine is a resin cast from Autocult ([ATC01002](#)) of the Walter WZ 1500 hillclimber from 1924.

The Jaguar XK120 is a hand built from SMTS ([CL084MCG](#)) and depicts Clark Gable's personal car, the first customer example delivered in America. The Can-Am machine alongside is from Marsh Models and one of several privateer versions of the McLaren M6B available as a kit ([MM277](#)) or hand built ([MM277M28](#)).

We're transported back to 1905 and Daytona Beach next with William K Venderbuilt's Land Speed Record breaking Mercedes 90HP, offered as kit ([TWM43013](#)) or hand built ([TWM43013M](#)) by Touchwood Models. Finally we return to the present with Marc Marquez's 2016 Moto GP Championship winning Honda RC213 V ([SPKM43002](#)), the first release in Spark's new series of 1:43 Moto GP bikes (the model is about half the size of the image!).



# EDITOR'S CHOICES

## Our favourites from this issue's new releases



**Hiro - New 1:9 resin & metal high detail kit**

**HIR09540**

**Montgomery British Anzani 8/38hp 1924**

**£527.80**



The second of Hiro's vintage motorcycle kits gives the serious modeller plenty to get stuck-in to. The machine offered is a 1924 example and is modelled as it now resides in the National Motor Museum in the Birmingham suburbs, a few miles from where it was originally built in Coventry. Some details such as the drum brakes are not original but are believed to have been upgraded early in the bike's life. There is a superbly detailed engine to build with exposed valve gear and individual cooling fins. The wheels must be assembled with the fine cast rims needing careful drilling before individual spokes are fitted. Jigs are included for this, as they are for assembling the photo-etched chain. A fabulous project.



**Grand Prix Models - New 1:43 metal hand built models (only 10 pieces each)**

**GPS029**  
**GPS030**

**Jaguar D Type Le Mans 1955 #7**  
**Jaguar D Type Le Mans 1955 #8**

**£119.95**  
**£119.95**



The 1955 Le Mans winning D Type has been modelled multiple times over the years but it was one of three near identical factory entries and the sister cars (neither of which finished) have long been overlooked. We have asked SMTS to help us rectify this with a limited edition of just ten examples each of these hand built models. The wheels on SMTS D Types have ten holes in rather than the correct fifteen, but the shape is very good and the finish on the models is excellent with decals matching race photos well. A rare chance to fill an important gap in many collections.



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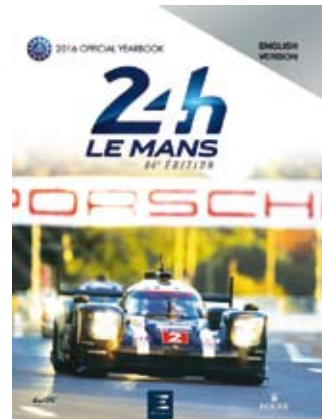
**ACO2016**

**ACO Le Mans Annual 2016**

**£49.99**

*Weight 2.2kg*

The 2016 running of the Le Mans 24 hours showed superbly the challenges and dramas that make endurance racing so exciting. With torrential rain in the days leading up to the race and on race day itself, the cars set off behind the safety car for the first hour. Then we got down to an action packed race with hard fought battles in all categories and what looked like it was going to be a Toyota victory only for mechanical failure on the final lap. In GT, Ford returned on the fiftieth anniversary of their first outright win in the race and took their category. The official annual gives us plenty of background information on the history of the race and takes us through the build up from scrutineering through the practice days and on to the race itself. The photography is particularly impressive this time around and captures the action and the beauty of racing around the clock and we finish off with plenty of technical data and detailed results.



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**Spark - New 1:43 resincast model**

**SPK5119**

**Alpine A460 Nissan 5th Le Mans 2016 #36**

**£50.95**

*Alternative version **SPK5118** #35*



Usually where there are multiple team cars at Le Mans model makers will release the least successful examples ahead of their higher placed siblings but unusually this time Spark's first release from the 2016 race is a class winner. With the experienced Nicholas Lapierre leading two LM rookies who'd come across from single seaters on the driver strength, this car started as one of the favourites and didn't disappoint. The shape of the car looks very good and the metallic blue paint is nice and bright and is near perfectly matched by the blue decal on the left side of the cockpit. The sponsor decals are all clearly printed and neatly applied and there's plenty of fine carbon detailing. Interestingly the model is fitted with wet weather tyres as seen at the beginning of the race and we understand that this is going to be a feature of many of Spark's 2016 Le Mans releases.

Every item mentioned on this page is available from Grand Prix Models

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



**Looksmart - New 1:43 resin & metal hand built models**

**MRCLS443 Ferrari F60 America 2014 £134.50**

Launched to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of Ferrari sales in America, the F60 is based on the F12. The bodywork is all new though and only ten examples of the car were built, with a price tag north of two million Dollars each and all were pre-sold. It's a striking machine and one designed to be used open, the roof being a very basic cover rather than a full convertible top. The dark metallic blue with white stripes is very neatly applied to the model and the interior is well finished, with the car's unusual asymmetric red and black upholstery accurately replicated.



**MRCLS384MHA Lamborghini Aventador Miura Homage Red/Gold £134.50**  
Also available **MRCLS384MHB Green/Gold**, **MRCLS384MHC Blue/Gold**, **MRCLS384MHD Yellow/Silver** & **MRCLS384MHE Orange/Silver**

To celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the beautiful Miura, Lamborghini have produced a limited edition version of the Aventador, fittingly enough in a series of fifty cars. The colour schemes are all based on original Miura colours so here we see the model very smartly finished in Rosso Arancio with gold on the lower sill panels and wheels. The colour is the most obvious detail but there are plenty of subtler ones with special badging and interior trim all neatly modelled.



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

**ABC333 Bugatti T44 Fire Engine 1928 - built £252.95**  
Kit available **BRK43333**

Although we have virtually no information about this very unusual fire tender conversion other than the couple of period photos that ABC included with their kit version of the model, it is certainly an interesting subject and we were impressed enough with the kit parts to make it an Editor's Choice in FSW 9/2016. This hand built model is very well finished and shows ABC at the top of their game in terms of fit and fine detailing with the windscreen area and the exposed pumps in the rear being particularly fine. Should the fittings on the hoses carried on the roof be brass as they are on a lot of fire hoses? Possibly but with only black and white images available we cannot be certain. A rather strange subject, but an entertaining addition to any Bugatti collection.



**BRK43334 F360 Rambler Wagon 'Ferrambo' 2007 - kit £93.35**  
Hand built available **ABC334**

Following on from their very well received model of the bizarre Nimic 2CV F355 (**BRK43313/ABC313**) ABC have come up with another Ferrari-powered custom creation. The original machine was built by Divers Streetrods in Washington state and saw a pretty tidy looking 1960 Rambler station-wagon body grafted onto a chassis custom made to take the running gear from a Ferrari F360, the donor car being a written off prom rental! The customised Rambler body is very cleanly cast in resin and will need very little clean-up before painting. As usual the white metal parts will need rather more attention and in this kit they include engine detail which will be visible through the rear windows. The car featured custom wheels with very fine spokes and these are supplied as what appear to be 3D printed parts. There are plenty of detailed photos of the car on the web including a build diary and with these to supplement the fairly basic instructions, this will build an unusual model.



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

**MM279 Porsche 908 Rindt/Kinnunen 1969/70 - kit £71.95**  
Hand built available **MM279M1 Madrid**, **MM279M12 Buenos Aires**, **MM279M12PP**

**1st Keimola & MM279M16 2nd Keimola**  
Whichever option you choose in this kit, the base body colour will be a simple white. Three of the options are of the same car at different races with Rindt winning in Keimola and Madrid, and finishing sixth in Buenos Aires (the latter two races sharing with Alex Soler-Roig). The liveries on these are all similar with just subtle changes to the minor sponsors.



The fourth option is Leo Kinnunen's second-placed car from Keimola, this one wearing blue stripes over the paintwork. The kit parts are typical of a Marsh kit with excellent resin and metal castings and a fair amount of fine etch. The body is shared with other kits, so pay attention to which small panel engravings will need filling before paint.

**MM276M14 McLaren M1B Mosport 1965 #14 McLaren - built £188.95**  
**MM276M2 McLaren M1B Kent 1965 #2 Hill - built £188.95**  
**MM276M4 McLaren M1B Riverside 1965 #4 McLaren - built £188.95**  
**MM276M47 McLaren M1B Nassau 1965 #47 McLaren - built £188.95**

Kit available **MM276**

Although the base colour of all of these works McLarens is the same, there are plenty of detail differences race by race in addition to changes in numbers. Bruce's Mosport winner is the purest in form appearing as the original design. Plexiglas rear spoilers were added for Phil Hill's Kent Michigan entry and the Riverside and Nassau cars and the Riverside machine also has a cockpit air intake. This was used on the car in Nassau too but only in the Nassau Trophy race and not the Governor's Trophy which is as the car is modelled. The paint finishes are excellent, as usual, and those various small parts are neatly fitted to make for very attractive miniatures.



**MM277M17 McLaren M6B Las Vegas 1968 #17 Titus - built £188.95**  
**MM277M28 McLaren M6B Riverside 1968 #28 Brown - built £188.95**  
**MM277M54 McLaren M6B St Jovite 1969 Koveleski - built £188.95**  
**MM277M55 McLaren M6B St Jovite 1969 #55 Cordts - built £188.95**

Kit available **MM277**

As well as the obvious colour changes there are subtle physical differences to each of these privateer McLarens, with variations to the rear spoiler designs which are all neatly replicated. Oscar Koveleski's are perhaps the best known colours and his is the only non-finisher here. The Jerry Titus car is perhaps the most attractive in its smart metallic blue and silver and this car was also the most successful with a third place in Las Vegas. Dick Brown was ninth at Riverside in his green machine and John Cordts finished fifth at St Jovite. The finishes on all of the models are excellent and they make attractive additions to any Can-Am collection.



**SMTS - New 1:43 metal hand built model**

**CL084MCG Jaguar XK120 Roadster Clark Gable £125.95**  
Kit available **CL084**

Fortunately for Jaguar's marketing people, as soon as he first saw an image of the XK120 Clark Gable insisted that he have the first car to land on American shores. He was initially frustrated as the very first was for display in the Beverley Hills dealership, but that car didn't have a complete engine! Gable's was the first working example and was delivered in Suede Green, a colour that was almost immediately changed for a very unusual dark grey mixed to the owner's specification. This colour looks to have been well matched on the model and the interior is correctly painted in red and biscuit. The windscreen frame, as we have mentioned with other versions of the car from SMTS, is a little heavy but otherwise the shape and finish are excellent.





## CCC - New 1:43 resin & metal hand built models

- [CCC205M39](#) Fiat Balilla Le Mans 1938 #39 £128.75
- [CCC205M43](#) Fiat Balilla Le Mans 1938 #43 £128.75
- [CCC205M45](#) Fiat Balilla Le Mans 1937 #45 £128.75
- [CCC205M46](#) Fiat Balilla Le Mans 1937 #46 £128.75

Kit available [CCC205](#)

All four of these subjects were Gordini factory entries at Le Mans (actually the same two cars in consecutive years) and sadly, none of them finished the race, the closest being the #46 entry from 1937 which was disqualified for topping up fluids when not allowed to rather than actually breaking down. The overall finish on the models is very good and they look smart in their display cases, although removing them for photography not all sit absolutely square on their wheels due to the delicacy of the suspension. Some photos suggest that the wheels were body colour while others show them to be much darker and the maker has opted for black across the board here.



- [CCC208M44](#) DB Panhard HBR4 Le Mans 1958 #44 £128.75

Kit available [CCC208](#)

This spider driven by Laureau and Cornet was the best placed of the various Panhard-powered machines at Le Mans and was twelfth overall and second in the 750cc class behind an OSCA. The overall shape of the car looks very good and, but for some slightly uneven painting on the front wheels, the standard of finish is excellent, with neatly placed decals and a carefully trimmed vacform incorporating the tonneau cover.



- [CCC168M](#) Voisin C14 Lumineuse 1928 £219.50

Kit available [CCC168](#)

Modelled as one of the four surviving examples of the Voisin C14, a car claimed to have been Garbiel Voisin's personal transport in the 1930s, CCC's model is finished in a fetching two-tone blue with the colour scheme carrying into the decalated interior which represents the Paul Poirt fabric so often seen on the trim of these cars. The main paint finishes are very good but some of the detail painting is less so, most noticeable the coachline along the waist of the car which appears to have been hand painted rather than applied as a decal.



## Tron - New 1:43 resin & metal hand built models

- [TRO306PM](#) OM 150 Ferrari Transporter 1970 £480.45

Kit available [TRO306P](#)

When we saw this truck as a kit there was a little confusion over the year but having found a photo of it loaded with 512 sports racers, the 1970 on the box of the hand built would be correct. The finish on the main body panels of the truck is very good and the decals are neatly placed, although the paintwork on the top load deck is a little less precise and the etched guides and tie-down points aren't very straight. The tailgate is fixed in the closed position so if you wish to add some cars (there are plenty of 512s to choose from by MG Model/Mysterious) you will only be able to put two on top.



- [TRO324PM](#) Alfa Romeo 800 Ferrari Transporter 1951 £409.95

Kit available [TRO324P](#)

In kit form the option is given with this truck to build with the rear open or closed. It is firmly shut on this well finished hand built and the fit of the rear doors is very good. The two-tone paint finish is carefully applied but is quite thick and despite there being very crisp and deep panel lines, some of them have been obscured. There is a fine chrome trim around the belt-line of the vehicle splitting the two body colours and this is neatly fitted for the most part.



## Tameo

## Tameo - New 1:43 metal hand built model

- [TMKTMB037](#) Ferrari SF16H 2nd China 2016 Vettel £176.65

Also available [TMKTMB038](#) Raikkonen Russia

Sebastian Vettel's season started fairly positively with two podium finishes from the first three races, but second place in China (and again in Canada and Azerbaijan) was the best of the year. His car is modelled in typically clean style by Tameo and there is plenty of fine etched detail including the tiny turning vanes on the front wing and rear wing endplates which have all of the vents and slots open. The main red paint finish is very bright and the decals for the white and black sections of the livery along with the sponsor logos are all neatly fitted and lacquered in. The floor and suspension parts have realistic sating finishes and there is plenty of very subtle carbon texturing.



## SilverLine

## SilverLine - New 1:43 metal kit

- [TMS102](#) March 701 Monaco 1970 Peterson £76.25

Despite his clear talent in lower formulae and being the only March driver to finish the Monaco GP in 1970 in a creditable seventh position, Ronnie Peterson's F1 debut was barely mentioned in the period press. The March he drove on this maiden voyage was a new car in which he'd had minimal testing and was entered in the colours of Colin Crabbe's Antique Automobiles. There's plenty of fine detail in the kit to enjoy with exposed engine and etched parts to build up the suspension and it's mounting subframes. The main paint finish is a simple yellow with the chestnut brown sections of the livery on clearly printed decals. An attractive and important piece of F1 history.



## This Way Up - New 1:43 metal kit

- [TWU084](#) Token RJ02 Germany 1974 Ashley LAST STOCK £98.75

Alternative versions [TWU048](#) Pryce Belgium & [TWU083](#) Purley UK

Ian Ashley made his F1 debut at the Nurburgring in 1974 and scored the best result of his and the Token's team's brief Grand Prix careers, although he was later deemed an unofficial entry and although the FIA allowed his result to stand, they kept the prize money! But for minor sponsor changes the car was near identical to that driven by Purley at Silverstone and the kit parts offer plenty of fine mechanical detail to get stuck into. Ashley's name is spelled incorrectly on the side of the cockpit, as it was in the race, and the other decals look to be correct too. Only fifty examples of this kit have been made, so be quick.



## Motorsport Model Kits - New 1:43 resin & metal kits

- [MMK43004](#) Ferrari 458 GT3 Evo Monza 2016 'Black Pearl' £85.45
- [MMK43005](#) Ferrari 458 GT3 Evo ITGT 2015 Ombra £85.45
- [MMK43006](#) Ferrari 458 GT3 Evo ITGT Champion 2015 Baldini £85.45

Our main criticism of the first batch of kits that we saw from this maker was that the acetate window frames weren't clearly printed, no such problems with this batch, the frame sections of the pre-cut windows are excellent. The kits share common components and assembly instructions with clearly printed decals for each version and a selection of colour photographs of the real car for decal placement and decoration on a separate sheet, also including Tamiya colour references. The quality of the resin parts is excellent, most of the smaller components are in white metal and there's plenty of etch for the finishing touches including a multi-part rear diffuser.





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

**BBRC182**

**Ferrari F60 America 2014**

**£158.50**

Ferrari have only built ten examples of this striking roadster to celebrate their sixtieth anniversary in the American market and despite (or perhaps because of!) a price tag in excess of two million Dollars all were pre-sold. The lines of the car are well captured on the model and the unique shade of metallic blue looks very good. The decal stripes are neatly placed and we see carbon detailing on the rear deck. The wheels have fine machined tyre valves fitted and the interior, with its unusual asymmetric red and black colour scheme is very nicely done with the painted dash and centre console being particularly bright.



**JPS - New 1:43 painted resin kits**

**JPS403**

**Ibec 308LM Le Mans 1978 #19**

**£61.55**

Looking not dissimilar to a de Cadenet-Lola, Ian Bracey's IBEC was based on a Hesketh Formula 1 monocoque and suspension and had DFV power. It was the engine which proved the weak link, failing in the nineteenth hour. The kit is a limited re-issue of an older release (from 2003 according to the engraving in the body casting) and looks to be a typically simple build. There is flash to remove from the smaller resin parts and these are quite brittle, so be careful here. The paint finish on our sample is very good, leaving some detail painting to be done and then a simple decalling job.



**JPS404**

**Aston Martin V8 Vantage Le Mans 2016 #99**

**£61.55**

It's been many years since the first 'current' subject from Le Mans came from a kit manufacturer, so congratulations to JPS for being fast out of the blocks with this one. Although the cleanly cast resin body is very well painted in white, there is still a fair amount of painting to do with the smaller details and on the lower extremities. The instructions suggest satin black for the sill panels, splitter and diffuser and you may wish to use carbon instead (SKU1443). The blue stripes on the real car were a foil finish and metallic decals have been provided for these, to be applied before the clearly printed sponsorship.



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

**ARE809**

**Porsche 911 Carrera 2.7 RS TDF 1973 #80 - kit**

**£60.50**

*Hand built available [ARE809M](#)*

Claude Haldi dominated the Group 3 category on the Tour de France, winning twelve stages on his way to finishing fifth overall. This will be a relatively easy car to build, the well-cast bodywork needing a simple blue paint finish once a few feed tags have been removed and the separate bumpers and engine cover are fitted. The white door panels are included on the decals and there is plenty of fine etch for the smallest details.



**ARE812**

**Chevrolet Corvette Spider Sebring 1968 - kit**

**£68.90**

*Hand built available [ARE812M](#)*

Arena tell us that this Corvette Spider in Sunray DX colours was a GT winner at Sebring in 1968, but we're not sure in which race that would be? It certainly wasn't the 12 Hours as that honour fell to the team's #3 coupe. We've found photos of the car with other race numbers on other circuits and the shape and general decoration look good, even if the exact race is a mystery. A two tone paint finish will be needed on an otherwise straightforward build.



**ARE810**

**Chevrolet Corvette Sebring 1973 #11 - kit**

**£68.90**

**ARE810M**

**Chevrolet Corvette Sebring 1973 #11 - built**

**£221.55**

The Sebring 12 Hours ceased to be an International event in 1973 and instead saw a very healthy grid of seventy-two cars take the start under IMSA's flag. Leading them away was the Corvette of de Lorenzo and Durst which battled for the lead in the early stages before eventually succumbing to the pace of the numerous Porsches. We were expecting this to be a two-tone paint finish but the kit decals include the black rear panels and of course the blue striping. The body is very crisply cast with nice sharp edges and panel lines and the hand built model shows that the relatively simple components go together well and that the decals will take a clear coat over the top providing that you have them well snugged down.



**ARE811**

**Chevrolet Corvette Sebring 1968 Yenko - kit**

**£68.90**

*Hand built available [ARE811M](#)*

Three near identical Corvettes were entered under the Sunray DX banner at Sebring, this example seeing Chevrolet tuning specialist Don Yenko partnered with Pedro Rodriguez. One of the sister cars was a class winner but this suffered engine failure. The resin parts in the kit are very crisply moulded and this time a two-tone paint finish will be needed with the white bonnet area needing masking. The decals are well printed and should be straightforward to apply but we're a little surprised that the kit doesn't offer all three team cars as options, something that could be done from the spares box if you wished.



**ARE813**

**Chevrolet Corvette Daytona 1969 #67 - kit**

**£68.90**

*Hand built available [ARE813M](#)*

There were two near identical Owens Corning Corvettes entered at Daytona in 1969 (neither of which finished) and as with the Sunray DX car that arrived in the same delivery, we're a little surprised that the decal in this kit only offers the #67 car, especially when the sheet is obviously intended for more than one kit and has some completely unrelated race numbers on it. The kit parts are generally very good with crisp castings and the decals do include the red side panels for the car making for a fairly straightforward build.



**ARE814**

**Chevrolet Corvette Spider SCCA 1969 - kit**

**£68.90**

*Hand built available [ARE814M](#)*

We have reference to Allan Barker winning an SCCA B Production class race at Mid-Ohio and a photo of him in a car extremely similar to this captioned (possibly wrongly) as 1972, but a 1969 car. The decoration mostly matches that image but for the placement of the BP class lettering and a couple of small supplier logos. The bright metallic blue main colour with white and red trim looks very smart and the stripes and back panel are all included on the decals. Another well-made and pretty subject from Arena.



**ARE815**

**Porsche 911SC Sears Point 1981 #62 - kit**

**£60.50**

*Hand built available [ARE815M](#)*

Bill Koll ran his colourful Kegel Enterprises Porsche in two seasons of IMSA GTU racing and the high point came at Sears Point with a second placed finish. The bodywork on this car is much modified with quite angular extensions to the wheel arches all around. Some of the edges here look a little soft, particularly on the rear arches, but may be better once painted. The decals are clearly printed and have been designed in relatively small panels to ease fitting over the very complex shape. The headlights were covered for this race and the instructions show these covers painted white, whereas the stripes should cover them, so some careful painting will be needed here. There is a photo showing the covers on the real car included. Not the simplest of builds or decorations, but a great looking subject.



**DMC - New 1:43 decal**

**DMC43439**

**Saab 93 Monte Carlo 1959 #305 Decal**

**£3.65**

No colour is suggested for this Danish-crewed Saab but from the rather poor photo included with the decal it is a dark colour and our guess, based on other rallying Saabs of the period, would be dark red. The photo shows enough to aid decal placement and the only other images we've been able to find have been equally indistinct!



**Renaissance - New 1:43 resin & metal kits & 1:24 decals & accessories**

- REN4391** Gordini T20S Le Mans 1954 #30 £53.35  
**REN4391B** Gordini T20S Le Mans 1955 #30 £53.35  
**REN4391C** Gordini T20S Le Mans 1957 #30 £53.35

Hand built available [REN4391M](#), [REN4391BM](#) & [REN4319CM](#)

These three were initially announced as one kit but subtle changes on the body over the years means that each now needs to be an individual kit. The 1957 car is the most changed with large vents in the flanks and a full width windscreen as well as unusual blisters above the rear wheels. Bodies aside, the kit parts are all very similar and once a few feed tags and some light flash has been removed the builds look to be pretty straightforward. One area which will need care is removing the very fine radiator grille from its sprue before painting and fitting. These parts look to be 3D printed and bring photo-etched finesse to resin parts.



- REN2486** Peugeot 206WRC Mediterranean 2001 Decal 1:24 £17.05

Made to fit Tamiya kits

This is a re-issue of a decal first released several years ago and offers the Peugeot Spain entry of Luis Monzon who won the Spanish rally championship in 2001. The car is to be modelled as it appeared on the opening round where he finished third and he went on to win the majority of other rounds that season. A simple white paint finish will be needed and all of the stripes are on the decal.



- REN2451** Subaru Impreza WRC RAC 99 Climent Decal 1:24 £16.95

Made to fit Tamiya kits

This is another re-issue of an attractive privateer WRC entry. Luis Climent drove his ex-works Impreza to twelfth overall on the RAC rally and in doing so clinched the Teams Cup for privateers in the championship. The model will require a white paint finish before detail painting and application of the attractive yellow and red livery.



- REN24423** Renault 5 Gr2 Monte 1978 Calberson Decal 1:24 £15.20

Made to fit Esci and Revell kits

Renault's Group 2 R5 Alpines only competed in works trim on selected events but with the highly talented Jean Ragnotti and Guy Frequein behind the steering wheels, they scored some impressive results, none more so than second and third overall on the Monte in 1978! This decal offers the choice of either driver and the various sponsors and event specific decals are all clearly printed, although you will need to apply a three colour paint finish first.



- REN24424** Ford Escort RS1600 RAC 1974 Colibri Decal 1:24 £15.20

Made to fit Belkits [BEL006](#) & [BEL007](#)

Belkits' releases of the Escort are both RAC Rally winners and this offers the next winner of the event in sequence, driven by Timo Makinen. The gold logos of Colibri cigarette lighters are clearly printed and the other smaller details look good. The instructions suggest a dark burgundy for the colour but this car was brown, most likely Ford Tawny Brown.



- REN24425** Ford Escort Mk1 Fast & Furious 6 1:24 decal £13.95

Made to fit Belkits [BEL006](#) & [BEL007](#)

The Hollywood movie franchise "The Fast & The Furious" has featured a wide variety of machinery and playing a minor role in the sixth instalment was a blue Ford Escort RS1600. Hopefully only the close up 'hero car' was the real deal as several were destroyed in stunts. This simple decal set offers the OVA side stripes and correct number plates for the right hand drive movie car.



- REN24428** Ford Escort RS1600 Tarmac Set 1:24 £19.80  
**RENA24128** Minilites 13" Wheels (x4) 1:24 £14.40

Made to fit Belkits [BEL006](#) & [BEL007](#)

Out of the box the Belkits Escorts are modelled as gravel rally machines but there are plenty of aftermarket decals becoming available offering circuit race versions. The tarmac set offers a replacement rear axle with slightly longer trailing arms and shorter dampers and there are also shorter front struts. With the suspension lowered there are then wide Minilite wheels with slick tyres. The wheels and tyres (RENA24128) can also be purchased separately, ideal if you're building a diorama or modifying something other than the Belkits Escort.



- REN24430** Subaru Impreza GrA P Detailing Set 1:24 £15.35

Made to fit Hasegawa/Revell kits

This relatively simple etched set is for the original four door Impreza rally cars and includes various grilles, brake facings, roof vents, door handles and mud flaps for the outside of the car and seat brackets, pedal pads, co-driver's footrest and a few dashboard details for inside.



- RENA24127** VW Golf Mk2 Steel Wheels 1:24 £14.40

Made to fit Revell kit [REV07072](#)

The wheels and tyres in Revell's Mk2 Golf kit aren't the best and here's a chance to improve things with finely detailed wheels and realistic looking low profile Pirelli tyres. Fitting the later wheels to Mk1 Golfs is also popular, so there's another option.



- RENA219** Citroen DS3 R2/R3 OZ 16" Wheels (x4) £8.65

This cleanly cast set of wheels is of the style used on the Citroen's used in the lower classes of international rallying and includes slick tyres.



**Automodelli Studio - New 1:43 resin & metal kits**

- AUTAMS041** Alfa Romeo Sprint GTV Bathurst 1967 £99.50

Automodelli Studio has sensibly gone to Arena for the base parts for this kit. These are based around a cleanly cast, well proportioned resin body with white metal and resin ancillaries and plenty of etch. To these parts Automodelli add new decals offering several options and also small additional etched grille pieces for the Bathurst options. Looking through the decals there are a total of nine options (five from the ATCC and four from Bathurst), although the instructions concentrate on the latter. Colours are suggested for all options and there are additional online sources quoted to help, should you choose one of the un-illustrated versions, or perhaps wish to build all nine!



**Dwindle - New 1:43 resin & metal kit & hand built model**

- DWI43004** Moto Guzzi Nibbio LSR 1935/47 - kit £85.70  
**DWI43004M** Moto Guzzi Nibbio LSR 1935/47 - built £212.70

Powered by a Moto Guzzi two-cylinder engine this streamlined record car was built by Count 'Johnny' Lurani in the 1930s and continued to be used after the war. We've found period images of it in action at Dessau which are dated 1939 and the lines of the tiny machine look very good. The kit parts are extremely well cast and will be simple to assemble once a two-tone paint finish has been applied. Decals are included for the edges of the black sections and include the very fine pinstripes. On the hand built model with the decals lacquered over, the join is invisible and the overall effect is of a very attractive and quite unusual miniature.





**Hiro - New 1:12 & 1:24 high detail resin & metal kits & accessories**

**HIR12537** Ferrari 315S LM/MM 1957 #7/532 1:12 £873.95  
 Alternative version **HIR12538** Le Mans 1957 #6/8 & **HIR12539** Mille Miglia 1957 #534/535

The two options offered here are the car driven by Hawthorn and Musso at Le Mans or Von Tripps on the Mille Miglia and we suspect that most will go for the latter as this was a second-placed finish whereas at Le Mans the car retired. Your build starts, as usual, with a well detailed engine with the crankcase and cylinder banks cast in resin and plenty of white metal, machined aluminium and etch for the smaller parts. The leaf spring for the rear suspension is assembled from etched parts and we see more etch in the radiators and for the numerous tiny details. The wire wheels will need assembling and are mounted on realistic looking multi-piece brake drums. Looking through the instructions it's all beautifully thought out and will make a great project with a huge number of modelling hours for your money.



**HIR24541** Ferrari 250SWB 1st TT 1960 Moss 1:24 £273.50  
 Alternative version **HIR24542** LM 1961 #18

Hiro made their first 1:24 250SWB kits many years ago and looking through the parts here they have stood the test of time well. Beneath the well-proportioned bodysell there is a detailed engine which has separate heads and pistons cast into the block at different levels allowing scope for diorama builders. There's plenty of suspension detail and the grille is made up of multiple etched parts, as are the wire wheels. Moss famously listened to the live BBC commentary of the race on the radio as he drove to victory and disappointingly, neither a radio nor antenna are included, so some scratch building will be needed here.



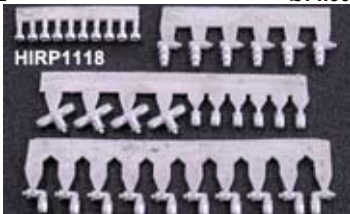
**HIRP1107** Carbon Fibre Mask Decal Fine Pattern £15.95  
**HIRP1108** Carbon Fibre Mask Decal Large Pattern £15.95

The detailed instructions for the use of these perforated mesh decals tell us to paint the base colour of the component, apply the decal as you would any other water-slide transfer, paint your second colour and then remove the mask while the paint is still wet. It will take a little practice but the end result should be very realistic finishes on your modern race car components.



**HIRP1118** Hose Joint Set A 1:12 £14.30  
**HIRP1119** Hose Joint Set B 1:12 £14.30

There is a certain amount of commonality between these sets of cast ends for braided hose with each pack including numerous right-angled elbows. Set A also has T-pieces and small straight connectors, while set B has a range of straight connectors and some rather complex looking double elbow unions.



**HIRP1120** Rivets 1:12 £14.30  
 Over fifty individual pieces are in this set with several styles of cast rivet head for a variety of uses.

**HIRP1115** Wiring Loom Trunking Thin 1:12 £14.30  
**HIRP1116** Wiring Loom Trunking Medium 1:12 £14.30  
**HIRP1117** Wiring Loom Trunking Thick 1:12 £14.30

Made in soft white metal, these trunking lengths will come in handy on many projects. Each pack contains four pieces approximately 11cm in length and the diameters are 1.5mm, 2mm and 3mm respectively.

**HIRBOOKS** Honda RC174 and RC166 In Detail £14.50  
 Weight 400g

Aimed at builders of Tamiya's kit (**TAM14113**), this handy photographic detail guide is packed with close up images of Honda's 250cc RC166 and 350cc RC174 as displayed in their Motegi museum. Packed with close up images, usually eight to a page. This is a purely photographic study, with no text taking up valuable page space.



**Studio 27 - New 1:20 resin & metal kits, 1:12, 1:20 & 1:24 accessories**

**STU20336** McLaren M26 US/Can 1978 Lowenbrau 1:20 £208.95  
**STU20337** McLaren M26 Spain Practice 1978 1:20 £208.95

Alternative versions **STU20334** 1977, **STU20335** 1978 Works & **STU20338** Lunger

These two kits offer something a little different for your F1 collections. For the races in the USA and Canada the McLarens wore a special livery with Lowenbrau beer taking centre stage, although the regular backing was also present on the rear endplates and front of the cockpit cowl. In practice for the Spanish GP it was the usual orange and white colour scheme on the car but James Hunt ran with an experimental additional front wing mounted above the front axle, which looks as if it might cause some fairly major visibility issues! The core parts in both kits are very similar with clean resin for the main body and white metal for the majority of other parts including a full exposed engine. There's etch for various finishing touches and the decals are, as usual, excellent and have complete branding.



**STUFF24187** Toyota Celica GT4 (ST165) PE Detail 1:24 £24.25  
 Made to fit Aoshima/Beemax kit **AOS09788**

This etched fret is for the Safari rally version of the Aoshima/Beemax Celica and includes all of the seat belt buckles (with ribbon belts), brake facings, pedals, footrest and fasteners that we might expect to see along with a replacement cover for the additional lamp pod.



**STUFF1217** Honda RC213 V 2014 Detailing Set 1:12 £54.90

Made to fit Tamiya kit **TAM14130**  
 Something slightly different from Studio 27 this time. There are two sheets of etch containing the expected chain, sprockets, clutch detailing and various grilles and we also see numerous very cleanly cast white metal parts for axles, twist grips, brake and clutch levers, shift linkage and a few other smaller parts.



**STUDC1167** Porsche 962C JSPC 1987 Leyton Decal 24 £15.75  
**STUDC1169** Porsche 962C Supercup 1986 #1 Decal 1:24 £24.25  
**STUDC1170** Porsche 962C Supercup 1989 #2/11 Decal 24 £24.25

Made to fit Hasegawa kits  
 There are multiple options on each of these decals for Hasegawa's short-tail 962. Detail changes are shown for five races on the Leyton House car from Japan and interestingly the tyre branding varied between events on this one. For Hans-Joachim Stuck's satin black 1986 Supercup machine there are four race options, with changes to the colouring and style of the numbers adding interest, the earlier two of these races were winners. For the more conventionally decorated white and blue Blaupunkt machine from the 1989 season, we are offered the choice of the #2 machine driven by 'John Winter' for the whole season or Frank Jelinski's Norising winner. Instructions are clear for the small differences on each version and the decals have excellent definition.



**STUCD20039** Lotus 102B Templated Carbon Set 1:20 £25.95  
 Made to fit Tamiya kit **TAM20030**

Two sheets of excellent textured composite decals here include panels for the wings, airbox, various suspension parts, brake ducts, chassis tub and floor and also the cockpit bulkhead and dash. Much of this will be very subtle when applied but well worth the effort.



**Tabu Design - New 1:20 decal**

**STUTAB20088** McLaren M23 Holland/Italy 1978 £13.95  
 Made to fit Tamiya kit **TAM20062**

Nelson Piquet started three races for the BS Fabrications team in their McLaren M23 and this sheet offers the last two of those outings, his best result a ninth place at Monza in the rather aged machine. A two tone paint finish will be needed and the orange sections should be matched to the decals, which are complete for sponsorship.





Spark resincast [SPK4673](#) - Porsche 911 RSR (991) Le Mans 2015



Looksmart hand built [MRCLSAUDIET](#) - Audi e-Tron Quattro concept 2016



Jade Miniatures [JAD4385](#) (kit) [JAD4385MG](#) (built) - BRM P25 France 1959 Moss



MG Model [MGMGT0047](#) (kit) [MGMGT0047M](#) (built) - Ferrari 250 GTO '64 Sebring 1964



Marsh Models [MM279](#) (kit) [MM279M12PP](#) (built) - Porsche 908/02 1st Keimola 1970 Rindt



Matrix resincast [MTX40205-061](#) - Bugatti T57 Guillore 1937



TrueScale Miniatures resincast [TSM164318](#) - Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport Nassau 1964



Autocult resincast [ATC03008](#) - Gutbrod Superior Sport Roadster 1951



Tron [TRO330P](#) (kit) [TRO330PM](#) (built) - Fiat 50NC Race Support 1977



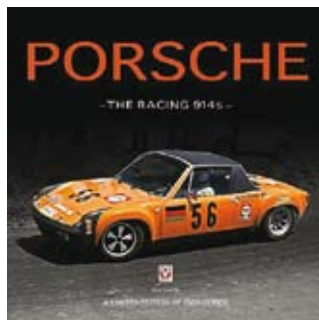
Spark resincast [SPKSG246](#) - Mercedes AMG GT3 Nurburgring 24 Hours 2016



## New books

### **ISB9781845848590 Porsche, The Racing 914s** £65.00

*Weight 2.1kg* by Roy Smith  
Dismissed by many as 'not a proper Porsche' due to the marketing machine working so closely with VW, the Porsche 914 made a very effective racing car especially in six-cylinder form. Factory attention was largely focussed on prototypes and 911s, but an army of privateer entrants and dealer teams enjoyed plenty of success with the mid-engined machines in a wide variety of disciplines. This lavishly illustrated history of the type shows us cars competing worldwide and there is plenty of information included along with memories from those who drove them. An interesting and previously overlooked story.



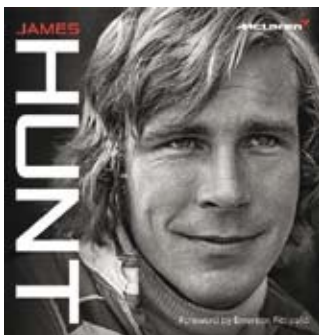
### **ISB9788879116558 Formula 1 And Monza** £60.00

*Weight 3.3kg* by Enrico Mapelli  
Monza is one of the few circuits whose history has been permanently intertwined with the history of Formula 1 and also a rare venue that pre-dates the World Championship in 1950. This magnificent pictorial history shows the evolution of the track from the early days in the 1920s through to the safety and environmental upgrades required for the twenty-first century. The bulk of the imagery is from those Grands Prix though and covers sixty years from 1954 through to 2014. The images capture the highs and lows of motorsport and plenty of atmosphere. Text is in both Italian and English and is mostly in the form of detailed captions, although there are occasional scene setting pages for particularly historic episodes and also a results section to round things out.



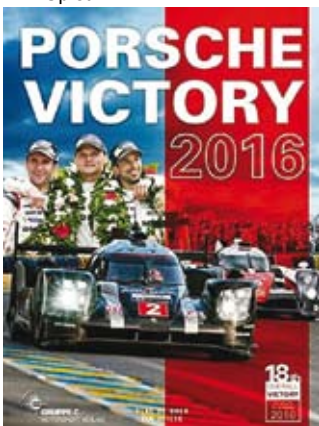
### **ISB9781910536766 James Hunt** £35.00

*Weight 2.1kg* by Maurice Hamilton  
Published to coincide with the fortieth anniversary of his F1 World Championship, this colourful publication is much like its subject! Maurice Hamilton has brought together interviews with the man himself and with many who knew him well, be they former colleagues, competitors or family members. This is a full biography from childhood, through his racing career, on to commentary in later life and then his untimely death. There is a great warmth in the shared anecdotes, along with some brutal honesty and a great selection of photographs illustrates the story.



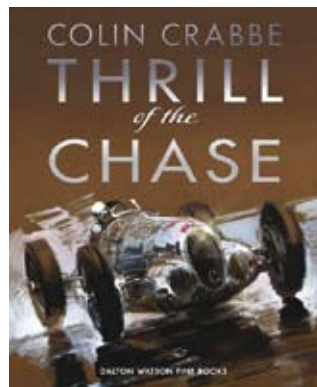
### **ISB9783928540858 Porsche Victory 2016** £37.99

*Weight 1.9kg* by René de Bore and Tim Upietz  
With five minutes to go in the Le Mans 24 Hours, it looked as if this book wasn't going to be published this year but with the cruel failure of the leading Toyota, Porsche seized their eighteenth win in this great race. This lavishly illustrated book takes us through the build-up and race from the Porsche team's perspective with the LMP1 919s and also the GT class 991s all featuring. The text includes personal reflections of the race from the three winning drivers and is written in German, English and French.



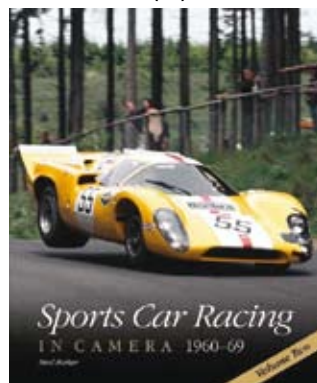
### **ISB9781854432766 The Thrill of the Chase** £59.00

*Weight 2.5kg* by Colin Crabbe  
Colin Crabbe has been surrounded by quality motor cars for most his life, his father being an enthusiast and that passion being passed on. As a young man he had a keen interest for archaeology and that set him in good stead as he spent many years travelling the world finding rare and exotic machines, be they in barns in France or hidden away in South America. Crabbe was also a keen racer in the 1960s before moving into team management entered under the Antique Automobiles banner. This is an entertaining autobiographical account of a fascinating life and tends to jump around a little almost as if memories pop into Crabbe's head. Great fun.



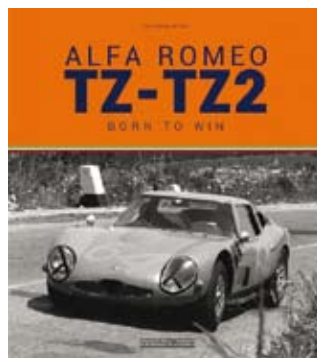
### **ISB9780992876944 Sports Car Racing in Camera 60-69 (v2)** £45.00

*Weight 1.6kg* by Paul Parker  
Paul Parker's excellent "In Camera" series continues with a second look at long distance races in the 1960s, a decade rich in sports car development and the source of many all-time classic machines today. The images selected are a fairly even split of colour and monochrome and with over 300 of them, there is plenty to enjoy. The first volume concentrated on results, while here we relish the variety of machinery from the famous to the obscure. Images are selected from many great events but also look to the darker side of racing with some stark reminders of how dangerous motorsport was back in this 'golden' age.



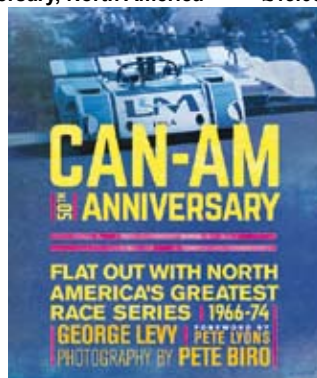
### **ISB9788879116411 Alfa Romeo TZ-TZ2 Born to win** £60.00

*Weight 1.8kg* by Vito Witting da Prado  
Tubolare Zagato, the lightweight space-frame chassis with beautiful aerodynamic bodywork and Alfa Romeo mechanical parts were instantly successful when they first appeared in the early 1960s. This is a detailed history of the development of these magnificent machines and to set the scene the author (an Alfa Romeo enthusiast, collector and former racer) looks back to Alfa's rich sporting history prior to the 1960s. A huge number of carefully selected images, many in colour, illustrate the story and we finish off with a close up walk around of a preserved TZ2 and factory chassis records. A must for serious Alfisti.



### **ISB9780760350218 Can-Am 50th Anniversary, North America** £45.00

*Weight 2.2kg* by George Levy  
With such loose regulations the Can-Am series gave birth to some of the most spectacular racing cars ever seen and saw rapid development in its nine seasons. It all started in 1966 and George Levy looks back on these races with his well-written and engaging text superbly illustrated with photos from Pete Biro. There's plenty of colour included (perhaps too much where some of the shirts are concerned!) and we see plenty of cars that we weren't previously familiar with. With colour images of these there could well be some potential model subjects to come as a result!



### **MINCAT16-3 Minichamps Diecast Colour Catalogue 2016** £0.75

*Weight 400g*  
This supplement to the first Minichamps catalogue published for the year includes details of many 2016 subjects from F1, the Nurburgring 24 Hours and MotoGP, plus series for road and race cars in numerous scales. Where possible there are photos of prototype built models, otherwise there are real car images for illustration.



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## Dr. Porsche's Winner Building GB Models' 1934 Auto Union P-Wagen by Wayne E. Moyer

When the German government (i.e., Adolph Hitler) offered huge subsidies to any German company willing to build a Grand Prix car, two companies took him up. One was, as expected, Mercedes; the other was Auto Union, a consortium of four small auto manufacturers. Auto Union engineers knew how to build small, economical cars, but nothing about high-powered racing cars, so Dr. Ferdinand Porsche was hired in March 1933. His contract specified that by the end of one year a car must either win an international Grand Prix or run 10 laps at Avus with speeds of 250 kph (155 mph) on the straights. Of course the car wasn't ready for the 1933 GP season, so on March 6, 1934, Dr. Porsche, Hans Stuck, and a team of mechanics took what would later be designated as the Auto Union Type A, but was known internally as the P-Wagen to Avus, where Stuck and the P-Wagen set three Class C World records: 1 hour at 217.1 kph, 200 kilometres at 217 kph, and 100 miles at 216.9 mph. Porsche's contract was renewed and the rest, as we like to say, is history.

When I saw the kit of the P-Wagen in FSW, released by Touchwood Models in their GB Models range ([GBM014](#)), I immediately emailed an order for one; I've always been interested in both Auto Union and Mercedes record cars and have been building Touchwood's fine kits for as long as they've been available. When the FBB arrived, it went right to my workbench where I found, pretty much as I'd expected, a relatively simple kit (photo 1) whose 37 parts included three excellent resin castings. 17 almost as good white-metal parts, four assembled wire wheels and rubber tyres and what I wish more kits would include, a pre-cut windscreen. The five-page instruction sheet includes photos of the finished model, a numbered photo of the parts, painting guide, assembly instructions and eight "in-progress" shots— more about those later.



**1. GB Models' kit (GBM014) consists of 37 well thought out parts including clean castings and a pre-cut windscreen**

Those resin castings had just very thin "ragged edges" and a couple of smaller feed tags that were removed with an emery board in a couple of minutes. Most of the white-metal castings needed only a pass or two with medium sandpaper to remove the small mould lines but the rear bulkhead needed more work to remove mould lines and open up slots for the baseplate and cockpit side frames (photo 2).

With all those assembly photos you'd think everything would be covered, but nothing showed how the "air exit plates" fitted the body. After a few tries I decided they went this way (photo 3).



**Wayne's completed build of GBM014 - Auto Union P-Wagen**

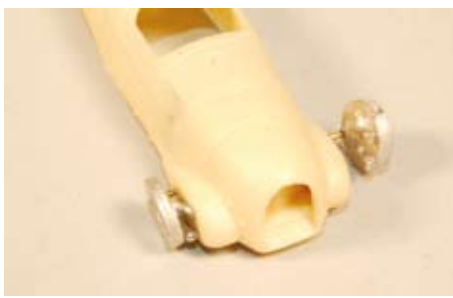


**2. Rear bulkhead needed a little work**



**3. Air exit plate location eventually worked out - the instructions could have been clearer here**

The baseplate and body fit so tightly that I decided not to prime the baseplate or inside of the body, but sprayed Alclad II "Aluminum" directly onto both. Front suspension assembly was straightforward (photo 4) but I decided not to try to get the rear axle, trailing arms, brake drums, and transverse leaf spring all in place before applying glue, and left out the spring (photo 5). This made assembly easier, but required cutting the spring in two to get it through the body and backing plate slots.

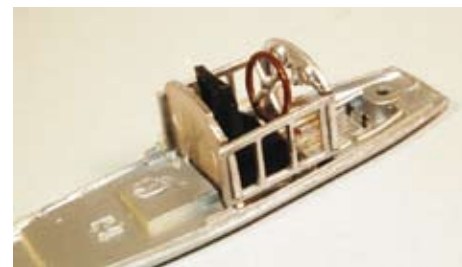


**4. Front suspension assembly was straightforward**



**5. Spring cut in half to make fitting of rear suspension easier**

With all the suspension in place, I sprayed on a light coat of primer which showed virtually no flaws and just a couple of "textured" spots which were sanded smooth with 320-grit sandpaper. Since I didn't want a shiny finish, I sprayed Alclad "Aluminum" directly over the primer and then painted the brake drums "steel" and picked out the suspension with a couple of metallic colours for contrast. All the interior parts fit well, although as the instructions advised, some filing was needed on the upper rails to get it to fit inside the body (photo 6).



**6. Interior parts fit well**

Towards the bottom on the assembly instructions there's a line that reads "Cut a piece of 0.8 mm brass rod to fit beneath the rear axle fairing and trapped between the body top and base". OK, but where? This doesn't appear in any of the photos nor could I find any photo of the real car showing this. My assumption was that it would connect the lower rear trailing arms, but it was necessary to cut a notch in the bottom of the fairing to allow this (photo 7). I expect that some FSW reader may know just where this should go.



**7. Brass rod lower link fitted**

No other problems were encountered and my finished model matches photos of the real car VERY well. If anything, Touchwood's body is too smooth and Alclad II "Aluminum" is too shiny - the real car (obviously a prototype) was pretty rough! To sum it up, a relatively simple kit with excellent castings that fit well and at a reasonable (by current standards) price. It makes up into an attractive and accurate model of a historically important racing car, too.



**The real car for comparison**



ABC Brianza [BRK43334](#) (kit) [ABC334](#) (built) - Rambler-Ferrari "Ferrambo"



Profil 24 1:24 kit [PFL24103](#) - Ford GT Le Mans 2016



Minichamps resincast [MIN417160021](#) - Haas VF16 2016 Gutierrez



GPM Exclusive hand built (by SMTS) [GPS030](#) - Jaguar D Type Le Mans 1955  
Beauman/Dewis



Carbone 1:18 hand built [CAR18001](#) - Delehayé 175S Saoutchik 1949



RPM [RPM1349](#) (kit) [RPM1349M](#) (built) - Bond Bug 1974



Marsh Models [MM277](#) (kit) [MM277M54](#) (built) - McLaren M6B St Jovite 1969  
Koveleski



Spark resincast [SPK4716](#) - Jaguar XJR9 4th Le Mans 1988



Autocult resincast [ATC05009](#) - Bizzarrini 1900GT Europa 1969



Truescale Miniatures resincast [TSM164310](#) - Alfa Romeo 33TT12  
2nd Watkins Glen 1975



Ebbro diecast [EBB45383](#) - Nissan GT-R Super GT500 Sugo 2016



Matrix resincast [MTX40205-041](#) - Bugatti T51 Dubos 1931



BBR 1:18 hand built [BBP18135A](#) - Ferrari 'LaFerrari' Spider 2016



Marsh Models [MM279](#) (kit) [MM279M12](#) (built) - Porsche 908 Buenos Aires 1970 Rindt/Soler-Roig



Autocult resincast [ATC07005](#) - Ford Thames 400E 1958 "Team Lotus"



Minichamps 1:18 resincast [MIN107115134](#) - Delage D8-120 Cabriolet 1939



Spark resincast [SPKSJ044](#) - Porsche 962C WSPC Suzuka 1989



Automodeli Studio kit [AUTAMS017B](#) - Lotus Cortina 1st Lakeside ATCC 1964 Geoghegan (SMTS base)



Mysterious hand built [MYS43095M](#) - Ferrari 612 Mid Ohio 1969 Amon



Looksmart hand built [MRCLS465A](#) - Lamborghini Centenario Roadster 2016

## Carbone

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

**CAR4396 Mercedes 680S Torpedo Saoutchik 1928 Grey £297.95**

*Alternative version CAR4397 Red*

Period advertising for this low slung Mercedes roadster with bodywork by Joseph Saoutchik describe it as 'avant garde' and that seems a fair description for 1928. The car was specified in dove grey with red lizard skin interior and included German silver fillets in the front wings. These details have all been faithfully restored on the real car which won Pebble Beach in 2012 and the model checks out well with images of the car here. The red interior colour is echoed on the chassis and underside of the wings as well as on several fine pinstripes, all of which are neatly applied. A very smart machine.



**CARCHR069 Voisin C28 Cabriolet Saliot 1938 Bordeaux £297.95**

*Alternative version CARCHR070 Blue*

One of the last chassis built by Voisin before the war, this elegant four seat roadster was clothed by Saliot of Paris. The body is very unusual for a Voisin and without the radiator mascot could easily be confused for another marque. The model depicts the car as it is now (it was blue at some stage in its life) and is smartly finished in two-tone burgundy and bright red, which suits the lines of the car very well. A fine chrome trim separates the colours and a cream interior offers a smart contrast.



**J-F B Models - New 1:43 resin & metal hand built models**

**JFB43042 Maserati Tipo 151 Road America 1962 #60 £244.75**  
**JFB43046 Maserati Tipo 151 Road America 1963 #93 £244.75**

These two typically well finished hand built models from J-F-B depicts the same chassis (004) but with changes made between the 1962 and 1963 seasons and are variants of the brutal Maserati coupe as yet unmodelled. Augie Pabst's 1962 entry was similar in layout to the cars as appeared at Le Mans with a Plexi cover over the intakes to improve forward vision. Skip Hudson drove the car in 1963 and this version of the car sees a solid bonnet a raised section in the roof to clear the driver's head and a scoop on the passenger door for cooling air. The livery is also subtly different with lighter blue stripes edged with very fine red pinstriping. These detail differences are all extremely well observed and with only 75 examples of each model made, rare pieces.



## TSM MODEL™ SCALE MINIATURES

**TrueScale Miniatures - New 1:18 & 1:43 resin cast models**

**TSM141203 Porsche 917 1st Le Mans 1970 1:12 SOLD OUT**

We'd been looking forward to seeing TrueScale's 1:12 917K in the resin and the initial reaction is of an impressive model. The basic shape of the car looks good, the paint finish is excellent and on our sample the clear parts for the headlight covers and windows are all neatly fitted. At the rear there is some chassis detailing and the engine fan in the rear deck looks pretty realistic. At this scale we don't expect to see panel lines obscured by decals and on the left of the car the Borg & Beck logo is slightly misplaced (the decoration was not symmetrical) but most frustrating is the addition of decals which are on the restored car but were not on it as raced at Le Mans. It's pretty obvious as the extra decal on the nose is from Le Mans 1983! We understand restored cars being modelled when dealing with pre-war road cars but when there is a subject as well documented as this, it's just lazy research. Fortunately the decals are not lacquered over, so the extras on the nose and driver's door could be removed if you wish (the front one will need careful cutting of the carrier film with a scalpel) and the panel lines could also be improved with a gentle decal solvent, but none of this should be necessary.



**TSM154312 Alfa Romeo 33/3 Monza 1970 #38 £69.95**

Your reviewer approaches this batch of Alfa 33s with some trepidation as, while TrueScale's models are usually very well finished, their accuracy particularly on previous Alfa 33 variants has been variable. First impressions here are good, the nose colour is the correct yellow and the general layout of the body looks correct with fine etched parts fitted for the small aero trim and well placed minor sponsor logos. The car was driven to seventh overall by Galli and Stommelen but the model has the names of Hezemans and Gregori (sic) on the side. It was going so well...



**TSM154311 Alfa Romeo 33/3 Sebring 1971 #34 £69.95**

**TSM164304 Alfa Romeo 33/3 1st Brands 1971 #54 £79.95**

**TSM164305 Alfa Romeo 33/3 Brands 1971 #55 £79.95**

For the 1971 season there were changes to the 33/3's bodywork, most noticeably at the rear where in short-tail form there was no return panel beneath the spoiler, just exposed chassis, transaxle and suspension. TrueScale's treatment of the chassis frame is actually a little over complicated when compared with the rear end shots we have from Sebring, but otherwise the detailing is pretty good. In terms of decoration, we are pleased to be able to say that they are close to accurate. Not perfect, but close. On the Sebring car for some reason the yellow decals on the engine cover are missing their Bosch wording and there is one tiny decal that has been missed, but the placement and print of the decals on the Brands Hatch cars is all as it should be.



**Looksmart - New 1:43 resin cast models**

**MRCLSF103 Ferrari SF15T Belgium 2015 Vettel £92.50**

Ferrari celebrated their 90th Grand Prix start at Spa in 2015 and it looked as if Vettel was going to mark this milestone with a podium finish, only to be robbed by a tyre failure in the closing laps. The decoration on the car featured very subtle logos on the barge boards and a slightly larger one on top of the nose highlighting the number of races and these, along with the rest of the decoration, are all neatly applied. We see textured carbon parts for the floor and suspension with plenty more carbon decal carefully applied and as usual for modern resin-cast F1 subjects, regardless of who they are made by, the vents in the rear wing endplates are closed which remains a disappointment for us.



**MRCLSF104 Ferrari SF16H 3rd Australia 2016 Vettel £92.50**

**MRCLSF105 Ferrari SF16H 5th Bahrain 2016 Raikkonen £92.50**

In the early stages of the 2016 season it was Ferrari taking the fight to the dominant Mercedes team with podium finishes for both drivers early on. Slightly odd then that Raikkonen's car is modelled as the Chinese rather than Bahrain race, but this is presumably down to reference material. Both models are well finished as we would expect and we see well placed decals. Apart from driver specific details the most obvious difference between the two is the tyre compound colours. The style of the models is extremely similar to that of Spark and Minichamps' resin cast releases of 2016 F1 subjects, from the way the suspension is assembled to the rear wing endplates, so they will all sit very happily together in any display.



**TSM164309 Alfa Romeo 33 TT12 2nd Spa 1975 #1 £79.95**

**TSM164310 Alfa Romeo 33 TT12 2nd Glen 1975 #3 £79.95**

**TSM164311 Alfa Romeo 33 TT12 1st Monza 1975 #2 £79.95**

During the 1975 season, Alfa Romeo won nearly every sports car race entered with the TT12 and these three models all represent chassis 008, driven by Merzario and joined by Ickx, Andretti and Lafitte at Spa, Watkins Glen and Monza respectively. For the most part the decoration has been well done and each car has the correct minor sponsorship, although one or two of these smaller decals aren't placed totally accurately. On the Monza car the race numbers are a little large but overall they are fair representations of their subjects and as with all TSM models, the standard of finish is excellent.



**TSM164314 Bentley Continental GT3 Spa 2015 #84 £84.95**

**TSM164315 Bentley Continental GT3 Spa 2015 #83 £84.95**

These two Bentleys were both entered by the German HTP team at Spa but were separated by some distance on track with the red #84 machine being a Pro class entry eventually finishing ninth overall (one place down on qualifying) while the black #83 was in Pro-Am and failed to finish having started twenty-fifth. Both cars have satin finishes which is authentic and the decals are clearly printed and carefully placed with the specific sponsorship changes between the cars accurately represented.



**TSM164330 McLaren 650SGT3 Int.GT Open 2015 #2 Teo** £89.95

Silverstone marked the start of a winning streak for Alvaro Parente and Miguel Ramos in their McLaren and they came away victorious from four of the five last rounds of the series to be crowned GT Open champions. In race photos their McLaren looks like a simple bright silver but on the model there is a subtle blue tint to the extremely well finished metallic paint. The darker panels are applied as decals and have a gentle fade at the edges and the orange stripes are nice and bright, all making for a striking model.



**TSM164333 McLaren P1-GTR Test 2015** £79.95

McLaren unveiled their track only version of the P1 at Pebble Beach in 2014 but that car was only a mock-up showing the shape. The car hit the track in raw carbon and it's that version that we see here. Most of the bodywork is painted satin black but there are carbon detail highlights adding visual interest. As with many track-prepared machines in unpainted form, the overall look of the car is extremely aggressive, although the black does perhaps hide some of the subtler detailing.



**TSM164323 Land Rover S1 86 1955 Oxford** £89.95

Also available [TSM164322 Cambridge](#)  
In September 1955 two teams of three, one each from Oxford and Cambridge universities, set off on what became known as the 'First Overland' expedition from London to Singapore. The vehicles were among the first production Land Rover 86 station-wagons and were supplied straight off the line by Land Rover. A few parts were added such as winches, double skinned roofs for insulation and items such as additional fuel cans mounted on the front. These are marked as Gin and Tonic on the Oxford car (the Cambridge chaps seemingly preferred Whisky and Soda) and we see some slightly more serious beverage supply such as Brooke Bond Tea as sponsors on the cars. The small details are all beautifully modelled and the overall finish is excellent.



**TSMCE154302 Cadillac Series 90 V16 Town Car 1938 Black** £89.95

Although 1938 was a very good year for sales of the V16 Cadillacs, this town car body style with exposed driver's compartment was very rare with just ten examples made. The license plates on the model suggest that this is based on the car initially delivered new in Paris to Countess Rosaria de Larechea de Schiffner and then gifted to Cardinal Spellman after the war. The overall shape certainly looks good when compared with images of this car but a little artistic license has been used adding chrome to some of the trim details and picking the bonnet mascot out in gold.



**TSMCE154305 Buick Roadmaster Convertible 1949 Ivory** £89.95

Also available [TSMCE154306 Maroon](#) & [TSMCE164313 Blue](#)  
In convertible form the fifth generation Roadmasters are among the most desirable of all Buicks on the collector's market. The pale ivory colour chosen here suits the car superbly and the deep burgundy interior makes for a fine contrast. The small details are all neatly fitted and overall this is a very attractive subject and model.



**TSMCE154314 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B Lungo Touring Spider** £89.95

Alternative version [TSMCE151804](#) 1:18  
We saw this same subject (chassis 412019) modelled in 1:18 by TrueScale recently and were particularly impressed with the delicacy of some of the detailing such as the windscreen. It's neatly done here too but is rather tall. The chrome trim on the rear spats is applied as polished etch and this doesn't quite work either. A shame, as the paint finish on our sample is excellent, the other small details are carefully fitted and the interior looks very inviting.



**TSM144320 Chevy Corvette Grand Sport Sebring 1964 #2** £76.95

**TSM164318 Chevy Corvette Grand Sport Nassau 1964 #00** £89.95

These two models depict the same car (chassis 003) at either end of the 1964 season. At Sebring it was driven by John Cannon and AJ Foyt while stock car veteran Jack Saunders was in control in Nassau. The shade of blue on the models is rather darker than we usually associate with Mecom team machines, but matches period photos from both races. The Nassau shot we have shows it with other Mecom cars and they're all the same shade, so it could be a reproduction issue. The body details all look good and the decal placement is accurate from the angles that we have.



**TSM154321 Chevrolet Corvette Le Mans 1971 #1** £89.95

Ecurie Leopard of Caen were more commonly entrants on rallies but ran Corvettes at Le Mans for a few years and this car was also entered for the Tour de France (giving a rallying cross-over of sorts). The colour photos that we've found suggest a much paler blue, but some are a little washed out so could be misleading. The decal placement does match these images very well though and the overall finish is excellent.



**TSM164368 Porsche 356 Cabriolet Ivory** £89.95

We've seen a few variants of the 356 from TrueScale now and this latest Cabriolet is particularly charming. The windscreen frame is a little heavy but otherwise the shape looks very good and the main paint finish is excellent. It is the smaller details that really make the model stand out though with check cloth of the centre panels of the seats and the luggage trunk on the rear rack covered with stickers which suggest that the car's owner was a motor racing enthusiast. Great fun.



**Le Mans Miniatures - New 1:18 hand painted resin figure**

**LMMFLM118022 Race Director 1950/1970** £28.20

In its long history, the Le Mans 24 Hours has only had six race directors, individuals who many of the public only see waving the chequered flag at the finish. The figure modelled is based upon the second of those, Jacques Loste, who held the position from 1957 to 1968 and depicts him late in his career, as featured in the film 'Slow Zones'. He is very smartly dressed in a sharp suit with official armband and handkerchief neatly folded in his top pocket. A separate flag slots into his right hand, ideal for flagging home one of the winning GT40s.



**KK Scale - New 1:18 diecast model**

**KKSDC180051 Ferrari 365 California 1966 Red** £88.95

Also available [KKSDC180052 Metallic Blue](#)

First impressions of this kerbside diecast model are good. The shape of the car looks pretty accurate, the paint finish is to a high standard and the interior is neatly detailed. As we look a little closer the inexpensive nature of the model gives itself away a little, with the strakes across the side intakes being part of the main casting with a painted edge and the wire wheels lacking a little in terms of finesse. Still very good for the money though.





Spark resincast [SPKM43004](#) - Honda RC213 V - 3rd Argentina 2016 Pedrosa



BBR 1:18 hand built [BBP18106NL](#) - Ferrari 488 GTB Niki Lauda Tribute



Carbone hand built [CAR4396](#) - Mercedes Benz 680S Torpedo Saoutchik 1928



Autocult resincast [ATC03007](#) - Triver Rana 500 1958



Truescale Miniatures resincast [TSM164315](#) - Bentley GT3 Spa 24 Hours 2015



Matrix resincast [MTX50108-091](#) - Aston Martin Jet 2 by Bertone 2013



Marsh Models [MM276](#) (kit) [MM276M47](#) (built) - McLaren M1B Nassau 1965 McLaren



Minichamps 1:18 resincast [MIN107692006](#) - Porsche 908/02 Nurburgring 1969 Lins/Attwood



Spark resincast [SPKSG235](#) - Mercedes AMG GT3 Nurburgring 24 Hours 2016



Ebbro diecast [EBB45271](#) - Honda NSX-Concept Super GT500 Okoyama 2015



## MINICHAMPS®

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

**MIN417160008** Haas VF16 F1 2016 Grosjean - resin £89.95  
**MIN417160021** Haas VF16 F1 2016 Guttierrez - resin £89.95

As is often the case with Minichamps' F1 releases, no race is specified for these models but looking through images from the early parts of the season, they check out well against the Bahrain GP which is where Grosjean scored an impressive fifth overall for the new team. In some photos the car can look white and that is what Minichamps has gone with for the excellent main paint finish, with the dark grey, red and carbon highlights all neatly applied as decal. Sadly, this is not right, the car is actually a very pale grey (we double checked with the team who are a five-minute walk from us and they tell us it is RAL7035). The suspension parts are the now familiar very fine flat components which are printed with a carbon texture and the wing parts front and rear are reasonably fine although our usual bugbear of stall vents being scribed in the outside only appears again. Shame about the colour choice.



**MIN417160033** Toro Rosso STR11 2016 Verstappen - resin £89.95  
*Alternative version* **MIN417160055** Sainz & **MIN417160126** Kvyat

Once again, no race is specified here but Verstappen only drove in the first four races of the season for Toro Rosso before promotion to the Red Bull team, his sixth place in Bahrain one of the team's best results all season. The overall finish of the model is very good with excellent paint and clearly printed decals, although the colours on the decals look a little dark. The suspension parts are very fine and there's plenty of carbon visible but on the rear wing we do not even have the markings for the stall vents visible, just solid endplates.



**MIN417160333** Red Bull RB12 1st Spain 2016 Verstappen - resin £89.95  
*Alternative version* **MIN417160003** Ricciardo, **MIN417160026** Kvyat, **MIN417160103** Ricciardo Monaco & **MIN417160203** Ricciardo Russia

Having been promoted to the main Red Bull team after four races of the 2016 season, Max Verstappen made the perfect start with a win first time out, making him the youngest victor in the history of F1. The car is neatly modelled and the satin black paint finish makes a great background for the vividly printed decals. As usual we would prefer to see the vents in the rear wing endplates open, but the other detailing is nice and fine.



**MIN110150544** Mercedes F1 W06 1st USA 2015 Hamilton 1:18 £149.95  
*Alternative version* **MIN110150044** 1st Australia & **MIN110150344** 1st Japan

Lewis Hamilton's elation at winning his third World Championship was clear to see at the end of the 2015 US Grand Prix and this well finished model by Minichamps includes a figurine of him crouched on the front of the car, fists clenched, just before he leapt into the air. The figure is located using a peg in one foot, so there is a fairly obvious hole in the bodywork if you were to display the model without him. The main model has an excellent paint finish and neatly placed decals, with carbon texturing where necessary but as usual we are frustrated by the lack of open vents on the rear wing endplates, which is very obvious in this scale.



**MIN107139421** Bentley Speed Six Corsica Coupe 1930 1:18 resin £299.95  
*Alternative version* **MIN107139420** Dark Red

This imposing and rather sinister looking coupe by Corsica of London appears to be a one off. All images that we have show the car finished in black and with a different registration number to that on the model. It is possible that the black is not the original colour as the owner of the then unrestored car through the 1960s says that after he sold the car in the mid-70s it was rebuilt, the black may be a repaint. The shape looks good and the general detailing is too, with the unusual oval steps having a realistic wooden finish and small handles and trim parts neatly fitted.



**MIN537831807** McLaren MP4-1C US West 83 Watson 1:18 resin £199.95  
*Alternative version* **MIN537831808** Lauda

Although Watson, Lauda and McLaren were all used to winning races, none expected a 1-2 finish at Long Beach as the drivers lined up in 22nd and 23rd positions on the grid, but a combination of the right tyres, plenty of overtaking and a few collisions ahead of them saw Watson lead Lauda home in an unlikely victory. This resin model is well proportioned and the paint finishes are very good. It does look rather naked though with the title sponsorship missing so additional decals will be needed from Museum Collection (**MUSDC18825**). A smartly presented model.



**MIN436720006** Lotus 72D World Champion 1972 Fittipaldi £69.95

Minichamps are really rattling through their World Champions collection at the moment and whereas with some it has been tricky to nail down the exact race, we can see that here the car is based on the Italian GP which Fittipaldi won to secure the title. The rear wing was very simple for this race and featured four laurel leaf decals to celebrate as many wins already that season. The wing itself is laid back a little far but otherwise the detailing looks good. There's an exposed engine and a well painted driver figure but as usual the livery is in politically correct form and the obvious plug leads on the engine wouldn't go amiss.



**Premium X - New 1:43 diecast & resincast models**

**PRX0563** Dodge Coronet Woody 1949 Bordeaux £39.95

The Coronet was the highest trim level for the first post-war new models from Dodge and in station wagon form the six-seat body was largely constructed in wood. The overall shape of this diecast looks pretty good and those wooden panels appear to have been tampo-printed with a realistic grain. Unfortunately, the base body colour shows around the windows, whereas this should all be wood, but otherwise the finish is generally very good indeed.



**PRX0109** Porsche 930 Martini 1975 £34.95

The makers list this as being a 1975 car and the physical details on the model with the shapes of the spoilers and rear engine cover are correct for this year. The Martini edition was made in very limited numbers in 1978 only to celebrate Porsche's sportscar World Championship and was on the 3.3 litre version of the car which has many subtle differences. A pity as the special stripes are very neatly applied and at first glance this is a very attractive model.



**PRX0257** McLaren M6GT 1969 Orange - resin £49.95

The M6GT was originally conceived as a potential long distance racer but realising the homologation obstacles the project was quickly shelved. McLaren built only one car, which was used as daily transport by Bruce McLaren, and a handful were built by Trojan. The car depicted here is one of the Trojan builds, originally supplied to David Prophet, modelled as it is today in America. The overall finish on the model is very good and it matches photos of the real car well with excellent paint and neatly fitting detailing.



**PRX0085** Rover SD1 Vitesse 1980 Red £34.95

These days 190bhp is not considered enough for a hot hatch but in the early 80s it was plenty for a fast executive saloon such as Rover's Vitesse. The model offered here is instantly recognisable but one or two small details aren't quite right. Most obvious is that the entire top surfaces of the bumpers are chromed, but this should be a narrow trim. Otherwise the shape is not bad, the Vitesse decals on the sides are neatly applied and the paint finish is good.





Spark - New 1:43 resincast models

**SPK1874 Porsche 718 RSK Le Mans 1958 #30 £50.95**

Alternative version [SPK1869](#) #29 & [SPK1875](#) #31

One of three works entered RSKs, this car driven by Von Frankenberg and Storez was near identical to the third placed #29 machine but unfortunately crashed out of the race. The car is very neatly modelled and a detail which particularly stands out is the 'tape' trim around the edges of the clear tonneau cover. We see fine etched grilles on the rear of the car and the paint finish is excellent with a fine grain and soft gloss.



**SPK4876 Peugeot DKR 1st Dakar 2016 #302 Peterhansel £52.95**

Alternative version [SPK4877](#) Sainz, [SPK4878](#) Loeb, [SPK4950](#) Desprez & [SPK4949](#) test

Although still called the 2008 DKR, the 2016 factory Peugeot for the Dakar was a significantly changed machine from the previous year. The most obvious change externally is the mounting of the spare wheels in the side of the vehicle, but there is much more. The overall shape of the car is very crisply modelled and the Red Bull livery is neatly applied with a deep gloss blue paint finish and the remaining colours as decals with chrome foil on the roof and there are various neat details including sand ladders stowed in the tail. The team cars were all near identical with the main difference being the colour of the cabin air intake on the roof, Peterhansel's winning car seen here sporting yellow.



**SPK4141 MG B GT V8 £48.50**

Alternative version [SPK4137](#) Roadster, [SPK4138](#) Hardtop & [SPK4140](#) GT

As the real car shared body-pressings with the standard MG B GT, so Spark has used the same main castings here as with their recently released regular version. As with the previous release, the car is instantly recognisable but the lines just aren't quite right, the lower half of the car being slightly too shallow to our eye, making the nose look long and also the roof appear high. The specific external details for the V8 version such as badging and wheels are all very good and the overall finish is up to standard.



**SPK4398 Lotus 11 9th Le Mans 1957 #62 £50.95**

Alternative version [SPK4399](#) #55, [SPK4400](#) #42 & [SPK4401](#) #41

Four Lotus XIs started the 1957 Le Mans 24 hours and all four finished, this example scooping the 750-1100cc class in a magnificent ninth overall. Period colour images suggest a dark shade of green but that may well be a reproduction issue as even our digital images of them are slightly darker than the model looks on the desk. The finish is excellent though and the shape and decal placement all checks out well with race photos.



**SPK4396 Nissan 88S Le Mans 1988 #85 £50.95**

Alternative version [SPK4729](#) #86

This was one of two Nissans entered by the Itala Cabin Team Le Mans and was the older of the chassis, having first raced in 1986. The general shape is typically well modelled and there are some neat touches such as individual etched vents let into the body for the radiator outlets. A few easily found decals will need to be applied to complete the decoration and you will then have a pretty accurate miniature.



**SPK4406 McLaren F1GTR 9th Le Mans 1996 #33 £50.95**

Alternative version [SPK4404](#) #29, [SPK4405](#) #30, [SPK4407](#) #34 & [SPK4732](#) #53

Although this was the lead Gulf entry at Le Mans in 1996, it finished some distance behind the sister machine due to clutch problems which eventually led to time consuming replacement. We're most concerned with the exterior of the car here though and the basic shape of the model looks very good. The blue paintwork is excellent and the orange decals and painted wheels are a near perfect match.



**SPK4451 SARD MC8-R Toyota Le Mans 1995 #26 £50.95**

The origins of the SARD MC8-R are fairly obvious from many angles, the car being based upon a Toyota MR2 chassis tub which had been extended behind the cabin by 60cms to accommodate a Lexus V8 mounted longitudinally, where there should originally have been a transverse four-pot. The car was plagued with clutch problems from the start and eventually retired in the early hours of the morning. The elongated lines of the car are neatly modelled and the various vent details look correct. The paintwork is excellent and the vivid coral pink striping is carefully fitted with clearly printed sponsorship over the top.



**SPK3862 Renault 5 Turbo 1st TDC 1982 Ragnotti £50.95**

Although significantly less powerful than much of the opposition, Jean Ragnotti's Renault 5 Turbo was very nimble and he and the car were perfectly suited to the tight roads of Corsica, this his second WRC win. The event is well documented and the photos show that the model has been accurately observed. The shape and finish is very good with carefully placed decoration that even extends to scrutineering stickers in the side window.



**SPK0579 Porsche 935 1st Sebring 1979 #9 £52.95**

With the fastest eleven qualifiers in 935s and Porsches accounting for forty-six of the seventy-two starters, it was simply a question of which of the German machines would win at Sebring in 1979. It turned into something of a 'hare and tortoise' race with the Akin/McFarlin/Woods machine starting from ninth and running steadily to the flag while others ran faster but had problems. The colourful livery of the Dick Barbour Racing machine has been neatly recreated and the smaller details are all carefully fitted.



**SPK4672 Porsche 911 RSR Le Mans 2015 #77 Dempsey £50.95**

**SPK4673 Porsche 911 RSR Le Mans 2015 #88 Abu Dhabi £50.95**

These two Proton Racing Porsches from the GTE Am category finally complete the GT grid for the 2015 Le Mans race (at time of writing there are still three LMP2 cars missing). The basic layout of the livery is very similar on both but with pale blue highlights on the Dempsey car, while the Abu Dhabi supported sister machine has whites and greys over the black base colour. Both liveries are very neatly applied and appear to be accurate when checking against the images in Automodelisme (AUTO2015).



**SPK4717 Jaguar XJR9 Le Mans 1988 #1 £50.95**

Alternative versions [SPK4716](#) #22, [SPK4718](#) #3, [SPK4719](#) #21 & [SPKLM088](#) #2

Jaguar had five cars on the grid at Le Mans in 1988 and the first few hours of the race saw a battle royal between these and four works-supported Porsches. The #1 car was driven by World Championship leaders Martin Brundle and John Nielsen but they retired from the race on Sunday morning after a second head-gasket failure. There were subtle changes to minor sponsors on the otherwise very similar Jaguars and those small decals are all correct here. The title sponsorship is not fitted, so a number of easily found decals will need to be applied to complete an otherwise very well finished model.



**SPK5126 Oreca 05 Nissan Le Mans 2016 #44 £50.95**

The Manor team brought F1 experience to Le Mans both with the management and some of the mechanics and also their lead driver Roberto Merhi. Qualifying performance wasn't spectacular but once the safety car was withdrawn at the end of the first hour their performance was exceptional, taking the P2 class lead on lap thirteen and holding it for several hours. Sadly, to finish first, first you must finish and this was one of several P2 cars to retire on Sunday. The orange sections of the livery on the model are extremely vivid and the paint on all four corners matches well with the smaller decals. As with the Alpine, the model sits on wet tyres which are visible through the wheel arch vents. A good looking model.



**SPK4999 McLaren MP4-X F1 Concept 2016 £52.95**

With increasing concerns about driver safety there have been a number of solutions proposed for what a future F1 car may look like. McLaren's 2016 concept sees a very narrow, enclosed cockpit and enclosed wheels, which makes it look as if straight line speed will be particularly impressive. Beneath the skin there is hybrid technology of course but it's the external details that are of interest to us here and the model matches McLaren's publicity photos very well indeed.



**SPK5020 Toro Rosso STR11 Spain 2016 Kvyat £52.95**

*Alternative version SPK5009 Verstappen & SPK5010 Sainz*  
At the Spanish Grand Prix Red Bull swapped their drivers around with Verstappen being promoted to the senior team and Kvyat being put back to Toro Rosso. Both were clearly keen to impress and in the race Kvyat set fastest lap in the closing stages as he fought his way into the top ten. The model is typically well finished with brightly printed decals and a fair amount of fine textured carbon applied.



**SPK5014 Manor MRT05 Australia 2016 Haryanto £52.95**

*Alternative version SPK5013 Wehrlein & SPK5021 Ocon*  
Rio Haryanto has had connections with Manor Racing since starting in GP3 in 2010 and eventually got his chance in F1 becoming the first Indonesian Grand Prix driver. His debut in Australia wasn't the most glorious start with a practice incident leading to license endorsement and then a mechanical failure in the race! The model is smartly finished with a fine metallic blue main paint finish contrasting with a vivid orange decal on the upper surfaces. On the airbox this includes a very subtle shadow Manor logo and the smaller sponsorship is all clearly printed. The wing surfaces and rear of the bodywork are carbon decalced and there is the now familiar carbon textured parts used for the very fine suspension.



**SPK4852 Porsche RSK F2 Germany 1958 Barth £50.95**

This first single-seater Porsche had first appeared in the hands of Jean Behra at Reims and was effectively an RSK sports car with the chassis modified to create a central driving position and the upper body panels (tonneau and rear deck) remodelled for optimum streamlining. For its second outing at the Nurburgring Edgar Barth took the wheel and with rear stabiliser fins removed the car finished sixth overall in the German GP and won the F2 category. The streamlined shape is very well replicated and the unique bodywork is painted with a fine metallic silver. Etched grilles are fitted at the rear and the cockpit detailing is neatly done.



**SPK4749 Porsche 911 Carrera RSR Le Mans 1977 #77 £50.95**

This particular RSR enjoyed a long career in American racing and was four years old when it appeared at Le Mans in 1977, unsurprisingly with an all-American crew. The front bumper of the car is an unusual design, obviously inspired by the 935s, and has been neatly modelled along with the other bodywork details. The vivid colours of the sponsorship are brightly printed on the decals and it's all carefully assembled.



**SPK4834 Lotus 72E 1st RoC 1974 Ickx £50.95**

*Alternative version SPK4833 Driver South Africa & SPK4835 Peterson Monaco*

The first thing we noticed about this model is how bright the yellow print of the sponsorship is on the bodywork. Looking at race photos, the stripes and logos certainly weren't the earlier gold, as there is clear contrast to the wheels (as seen here) but only in one image do they look as bright as this, the others suggesting the more normal "printers' oatmeal". The bodywork details of the car are good though and those decals applied are accurately placed. There are easily found sponsor logos to add and with that done the decoration will be complete. The subject may seem a little obscure but has significance as this marked Jacky Ickx's last win in an F1 car.



**SPK4855 Surtees TS19 Holland 1976 Andersson £50.95**

*Alternative version SPK4005 Pescarolo France, SPK4006 Jones UK, SPK4007 Lunger UK, SPK4013 Jones Japan & SPK4856 Takahara Japan*

We usually associate the livery on this Surtees with American driver Bret Lunger but in August 1976 he was otherwise occupied racing at home and so Swede Conny Andersson got the opportunity to make his only F1 start. It was to be a short Grand Prix career when the engine let go after only nine laps. The model is smartly finished with crisp panel engraving and a neatly applied two-tone paint job. A number of easily found decals must be fitted, after which you will have a pretty accurate miniature.



**SPK4705 Courage C34 2nd Le Mans 1995 #13 £50.95**

Mario Andretti won nearly every major prize on offer in motorsport but the Le Mans 24 Hours always eluded him. In 1995 he came out of retirement to have another go and joined by Bob Wollek, who too had been repeatedly frustrated at La Sarthe, along with former winner Eric Helary. Their Courage ran well but ultimately they had to settle for second, a best result for the lead two drivers and the team. The shape and decoration on the car is well recreated and the panel engraving is particularly crisp beneath an even paint coat.



**SPK4908 Mercedes G500 4x4\*2 AMG 2015 Black £52.95**

Inspired by AMG's ludicrous 6x6 G-Wagon pickup, this is a slightly saner version with only four wheels and regular five door bodywork. It still has the road presence thanks to huge ground clearance and wheels and there are various carbon fibre trim details which are very subtle against the flawless black paintwork on our sample. Most of the windows are heavily tinted but the interior detail that we can see is good and there are shock absorbers visible in the wheel arches.



**SPK5109 Ligier JS P2 Nissan Le Mans 2016 #23 £50.95**

Formerly the goalkeeper for the French national team and major football clubs including Marseille and Manchester United, Fabien Barthez first took to the race tracks in Porsche Cup after retiring from the beautiful game in 2007. 2016 was his second outing at Le Mans, the previous in a GT Ferrari and he did so with his own team, run with Olivier Panis. The car was finished in a smart livery of peppermint green and satin black (close up photos suggest that most was black rather than raw carbon). This is well replicated on the model, some sections of the green applied as decal and others in perfectly matching paint. One interesting detail that we spotted when processing images is that the wheels have Oreca branding in the centre. Odd on a Ligier we thought but seemingly correct!



**SPK5115 Ligier JS P2 Nissan Le Mans 2016 #31 £50.95**

*Alternative version SPK5114 #30*

Extreme Speed Motorsports ran two near identical Ligiers at Le Mans and as is often the case with multi-car teams, they enjoyed mixed fortunes. This was the quicker car initially but various mechanical issues dropped it down the order over the course of the weekend, although it did manage to finish. The main sponsorship on both came from Paul Mitchell hair products and the livery represents long flowing hair. The car may basically be black and white, but this design really works well and is very neatly applied over parts large and small.



**SPKSA103 BMW 320 Gr5 1st Macau 1981 #1 Viceroy £52.95**

The Macau Guia touring car race usually reflects top flight saloon car technology and in 1981 that meant Group 5! Manfred Winkelhock had driven a Zakspeed Capri during the DRM season but for Macau switched to one of Schnitzer's low-line 'Flach' BMW 320 Turbos. The car featured a double rear windscreen to smooth airflow and this along with the various aerodynamic appendages are well modelled. The white paint finish is excellent and the simple sponsorship is complete and well placed.



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**SPKSG231 Mercedes AMG GT3 1st Ring 2016 #4 SAP £52.95**

It was always likely that a Mercedes would win the 2016 Nurburgring 24 Hours, with AMG GT3s filling the top four spots, but less clear was which one. Maro Engel was in this Black Falcon entry for the final stint and snatched the lead on the final lap with a robust move as the cars rounded the Grand Prix section. The car is smartly finished in white with bright blue stripes and the livery is well replicated. Inside the windscreen we see the shrouded light which warned slower cars that this was one of the big boys coming through and there are plenty of very fine pieces of etched detailing.



**SPKUS016 Bentley Continental GT3 Long Beach 2016 £52.95**

With a deep metallic grey main paint finish and vivid fluorescent yellow highlights, this Bentley driven by Hong Kong driver Adderly Fong in the Pirelli World Challenge certainly makes for a striking model. There are subtle carbon details contrasting with the main paint finish too and it is all very neatly done. As with other Bentleys that we've seen from this race series (those made by Spark under the TrueScale banner), there is a very distinctive camera pod on the roof and this and the other details are correct.



**SPKM43002 Honda RC213 V MotoGP 1st USA 2016 Marquez £27.95**

Alternative version **SPKM43004 Pedrosa Argentina**

It was quite a surprise when we first saw Moto GP machines in Spark's 2016 catalogue and it's fitting that the first release in 1:43 is a winning machine (from the US GP) of the World Champion Marc Marquez. The model is only 2 inches (5cm) long and the general finish of the bodywork is very good. The front brakes are rather oversized on an otherwise well-proportioned machine and for display there is an etched paddock stand included along with a strip base which the model will fit on to.



**Matrix - New 1:43 resincast models**

**MTX40201-111 Bentley 8 Litre Mayfair Coupe 1932 £121.95**

Although modelled on the restored car, that restoration was faithful to the original specification of this unique Bentley coupe and reversed a number of modifications which had been made during the car's life. The pillars on the cabin are slightly thick when compared with real car images but the shape otherwise looks pretty good. The two-tone dark green and black paint finish is very neatly done and there's plenty of fine detailing which had been carefully fitted.



**MTX51311-021 Maserati 3500 GT Spider by Frua 1959 £101.95**

Maserati unveiled the 3500GT at the 1957 Geneva motorshow as a coupe and several coachbuilders created spyder versions. Frua's crisp design sadly remained a one off and the car is modelled as it survives having been well preserved during its life. Many sources say that this was a 1957 car and Matrix use that description themselves, but Frua records show that it was designed in August/September 1958 and completed January 1959. The shape of the car looks good on the model and the rich cream paintwork and turquoise and cream interior match photos very well.



**MTX40205-051 Bugatti T57 Aerolithe 1934 £106.95**

Bugatti's advanced Aerolithe coupe was the sensation of the Paris show when it first appeared in public in 1935, but it divided opinion. The 'Elektron' magnesium alloy bodywork couldn't be welded due to its flammability and so was externally riveted instead. The external seams are very neatly replicated on this model and the pale metallic green paintwork matches the recreation of the car superbly. The small trim is all neatly fitted and the whitewall tyres even have tiny Dunlop logos.



**MTX51206-031 Lincoln Model K Derham Sport Sedan £108.95**

Derham built this unique streamlined sports sedan speculatively in 1937, a risky undertaking in a recession hit country, and it took a year to sell. Fortunately the car survives today and has been a concours winner in recent years, so there are plenty of photos. The body shape looks good and the black paintwork on our sample is flawless. The fabric effect roof offers contrast and the large sunroof panel is open to reveal a well detailed interior.



**MTX51206-041 Lincoln Model K LeBaron Convertible 1938 £107.95**

This one-off four seat convertible was commissioned by Lincoln dealer James H Knox to showcase what Lincoln could do. At the front a modified Lincoln Zephyr grille was used and the car, designed by Bob Koto, was built by LeBaron. Aside for the grille, one notable feature is a very raked windscreen and this is echoed by a smaller screen for the rear occupants when the roof was down. The model is very smartly finished with these glazed areas well done and to add a little character the rear picnic table is modelled in the raised position with a bottle of champagne and glasses!



**MTX50102-041 Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 Gran Sport Aprile Spider £106.95**

This most unusual looking Alfa Romeo was originally supplied in 1931 with Zagato bodywork and was acquired, damaged, in 1938 by coachbuilder Giuseppe Aprile who re-clothed it with this streamlined design. The car is modelled as it is now having been restored a few years ago and is smartly finished in two-tone white and dark blue. Neat chrome trims separate the body colours and there are various other delicate details carefully fitted. Nicely done.



**MTX50303-061 Chrysler Imperial C15 Town Car LeBaron £113.95**

At the front this looks like a standard 1937 Chrysler Imperial but from the cowl back the coachwork was unique. The car was a personal order for Walter Chrysler from LeBaron and is claimed to be the first car built with power windows and central locking. As usual we have images of the restored car to compare with and overall the model matches these very well, with a typically good paint finish and carefully fitted trim.



**Ixo - New 1:43 diecast models**

**IXOTRU022RE Berliet Stradair Transporter 1974 Matra £49.95**

Matra used the futuristic Berliet Stradair trucks for a number of years and here we see one as it would have supported the MS670s and MS680 during the 1974 season. We've found an image of this and the team's larger Leyland transporter in the paddock at Le Mans and this shows that the tailgate folded down to carry at least one car (although the model is closed). The model is very well proportioned and is a combination of diecast for the cab and resin for the main rear bodywork. Unusually it is supplied fully liveried with all correct sponsorship.



**IXOMUS060 Austin FX3 1954 Black/Beige £31.95**

The FX3 was the first post-war taxi built to the Metropolitan Police's regulations for London Taxis and sixty percent of the production ended up plying trade on the streets of the city. Most of these had an open luggage platform to the left of the driver but for markets outside London a more conventional four door layout was used with this luggage compartment enclosed and that is how the car is modelled. The overall shape of the vehicle looks pretty good and the two-tone paint finish is neatly applied. Interestingly the model is not fitted with the taxi for hire light above the windscreen, but there are the optional roof-mounted direction indicators.





Jade Miniatures hand built [JAD4371MZ](#) - Aston Martin DB3-6/DBR2



Tron/Bee Bop [TRO323P](#) (kit) [BEE147](#) (built) - Ferrari 365 GTB Daytona Prototype by Pininfarina 1969



Carbone hand built [CARCHR069](#) - Voisin C28 Cabriolet Saliot 1938



Autocult resincast [ATC06011](#) - Audi Asso di Picche by Italdesign 1973



Spark resincast [SPK1875](#) - Porsche 718RSK 4th Le Mans 1958



Matrix resincast [MTX40204-101](#) - Bristol 400 DHC Pininfarina 1948



Marsh Models [MM279](#) (kit) [MM279M16](#) (built) - Porsche 908/02 2nd Keimola 1970 Kinnunen



Spark resincast [SPKSG239](#) - Porsche 991 GT3R Nurburgring 24 Hours 2016



Truescale Miniatures resincast [TSM164305](#) - Alfa Romeo 33/3 Brands Hatch 1971



Mysterious hand built [MYS43093M](#) - Alfa Romeo GTV6 Turbo DRM Zolder 1979

**ATC02007 NSU Thurner RS 1969 Red £96.95**  
 Racing driver Rudi Thurner built the prototype for his NSU based fibreglass coupe in 1968 and it was well enough received for production to start the following year. One hundred and twenty-four examples of this hand built machine were supplied, some of which were in component form, following a very similar plan as Lotus at the time, albeit rather less successfully! The shape of the model looks very good and the finish on our sample is excellent, with flush fitting glazing and neatly applied small details.



**ATC04006 Persu Experimentallimousine 1924 £96.95**  
 Aurel Persu was a Romanian engineer and a true visionary. In 1914 the German authorities awarded him a medal for his work on the potential for space travel, but it was this slightly more down to earth machine that was truly ground breaking, the first car to have the wheels smoothed into the bodywork, which he received a patent for in 1924. The styling was inspired by a falling raindrop and the end result is a very unusual looking machine. The narrow track helped keep the drag co-efficient below levels designers today are only just achieving and there was no differential. The only colour images that we have been able to find are hand touched and show the car in either dark green or brown the latter on a 2010 postage stamp! The car survives but has no paint left on it, so we can't be sure if the excellent black paint is authentic or not.



**ATC06009 Skoda Winnetou 1967 Red £96.95**  
 This one-off prototype was shown by Skoda's Swiss importer at the 1967 Geneva Motor Show. Mechanically it was all Skoda but the swoopy body was an American Devin moulding (more commonly found covering VW or Porsche parts) and the car was assembled in Aachen, Germany. Autocult's model is typically well finished with excellent paint and fine detailing, but when compared with period photos it looks a little too long in the cockpit area.



**ATC11005 General Motors Streamliner 1936 £153.95**  
 The idea for General Motors' "Parade of Progress" was born at the 1933 Detroit World's Fair, when GM Executive Charles Kettering saw the potential for a vast travelling roadshow reaching the more remote areas of the United States. Eight of these streamlined trucks formed the centrepiece of the show with six joined together in groups of three as a large walk through exhibit, one with a stage that folded from the side and the eighth used as a support vehicle. This would appear to be the stage vehicle as there is a large panel engraved into one side only. There are no opening parts but the lines of the art-deco styled machine are well replicated and the two-tone silver and red paint finish is excellent. The ideal accompaniment to the Futurliners recently released by TrueScale and Neo.



GLM - New 1:43 resincast model

**GLM43106701 Duesenberg J Bohman & Schwartz 1937 £115.95**  
 This imposing Duesenberg limousine was the penultimate chassis made by the firm and their largest car ever built. It was known as the Throne Car and built for controversial preacher "Father Devine" having been commissioned by one of his disciples and initially registered in the name of John the Baptist! (Devine's is a story well worth Googling!). The car survives in excellent condition and the model matches photographs of it very well. The deep green paintwork is excellent and the roof has a satin finish to represent the vinyl top on the real car. This was originally a landaulet so that the owner could be seen by his disciples but modified to a fixed roof in the late 1940s. There's plenty of fine detailing inside and out including the very luxurious rear seats from which the car took its name.



**NOR473908 Peugeot 309 GTi 1987 Red £34.95**  
 Peugeot's 309GTi was rather overshadowed by the mechanically similar but smaller 205, but was great fun to drive and a very usable hot-hatch. Norev's model is typically well finished and simply detailed, but isn't their best pattern. The front end of the car is fine but the rear looks very odd, the shape of the side window, thickness of the rear pillar and curvature of the rear screen are all slightly off.



**NOR519168 Renault Fregate Limousine 1957 de Gaulle £39.95**  
 This unique Fregate limousine was built by Renault for Charles de Gaulle but never became part of the official fleet as the President seemingly preferred his Citroen-based conveyances. It did get used for visiting dignitaries though, including Eisenhower. The side windows are a touch shallow but otherwise the shape of the car looks pretty good and, as usual from Norev, the paintwork is excellent. Etched parts are used for the wipers and mountings for the official flags, which makes the heavy moulded radio aerial even more obviously out of place.



**NOR473814 Peugeot 308CC 2011 Silver £39.95**  
 It was a pleasant surprise when unpacking our sample for photography that Norev have managed to incorporate a functioning folding roof structure in this model. It is a little fiddly to operate and doesn't look quite right when raised, but it does work and is very finely moulded. The overall finish of the model is good with a fine grain to the metallic paint and a well appointed interior all adding up to an attractive model and great value.



**NOR270549 Ford Mustang Fastback 2015 Blue £39.95**  
 The Ford Mustang was reborn for the 2015 model year and among the developments beneath the skin were independent suspension and right hand drive for the first time along with, a little more controversially, four cylinder engines to broaden appeal in global markets. The car modelled is the 'full fat' 5-litre V8 version and looking at press images the overall shape of the model looks pretty good, the nose being possibly slightly long. The dark metallic blue paint finish is excellent though and the wheels are finely moulded.



**NOR479972 Peugeot 3L Indy 1920 #17 Boillot £44.95**  
 This is an interesting choice of subject from Norev as there aren't too many pre-war Indycars available to collectors, but also a slightly odd one as in 1920 this car was the first retirement whereas Peugeots had won the race twice in the previous few years. The only photo that we have of the real car shows the right hand profile and from this the race number on the model should be mounted higher up the scuttle and the tail looks a little high. A shame as the general finish on the model is good and it makes a charming (if not terribly accurate) miniature.



**NOR270212 Caterham Super 7 1979 White £39.95**  
 The overall shape of Norev's Caterham looks very good and the KN Diamond wheels are period correct for the claimed 1979. The track-day tyres are a little more modern but a common retro fitment and there are also full harnesses in the cockpit. These are a bit chunky, as are some of the plated trim parts, but overall it still looks the part.



## The Jaguar XK120

by David Blumlein

For this scribe the Jaguar XK120 remains the prettiest and most beautiful of all the sports Jaguars and its surprise début at the first post-war Earls Court Motor Show in 1948 was a major sensation, the exquisite lines and potent engine making a big impact on the whole motoring world, more so even than the E-Type did at Geneva in 1961. The latest of the line, the rather bland F-Type, possesses none of the magic of its XK forbear; put a well preserved XK120 alongside and F-Type and my case will be convincingly proven.

So where did the XK120 come from? It was the engine which was the real inspiration and this had its roots in the minds of William Lyons (later Sir), Bill Heynes and Claude Baily while they were fire-watching towards the end of the war in Coventry. They wanted to evolve a higher performance engine for their post-war cars generally, the (now) Jaguar cars having hitherto relied on their modified Standard-based units. As Heynes himself expressed it, the company's aim was "to produce a series of engines with a higher basic performance than is normally obtainable which would not call for constant revision of design to keep abreast of the competition."

Heynes and his team, joined by Walter Hassan, decided to design two alternative engines - an "economy" unit for the home market and a high performance version for world markets. Various layouts were considered, a four-cylinder, a vee-eight and in-line six and even a vee-twelve. Eventually they decided on an in-line six and the economy engine was to have four-cylinders. Interestingly, most of the initial testing was done on the four-cylinder model. A relatively long stroke was adopted and the series of engines built had the X designation (Experimental).

The original four-cylinder test engine, the XF, had a capacity of 1,360c.c. From the outset the team had decided to use a twin overhead camshaft layout and this first engine's head had a close affinity with the final XK design. Experiments were also made with a cross-over pushrod head

(à la BMW 328) but this was soon cast aside for another twin-cam version, the XJ which had a capacity of 1,996c.c. It was on this engine that most of the experiments (e.g. cylinder head design) were carried out.

We note that it was one of the XJ engines which was loaned to Major 'Goldie' Gardner for his successful record attempts in Belgium in October 1948. Gardner was using his M.G. record car, the EX135, which had started life in 1933 as an M.G. K3 Magnette and Thomson and Taylor of Brooklands was engaged to insert the Jaguar engine into the M.G. chassis. Thus the four-cylinder engine had the honour of making the twin-camshaft design's first public appearance. Gardner used it to good effect and secured international Class E (2-litre) records at 176.7 mph over the kilometre and 173.7 mph over the mile at Jabekke. It also provided Jaguar with some useful high speed testing.

The intention had been to market the XK engine in its final form in the two basic types - the four-cylinder 1,996c.c. version with similar dimensions to the experimental XJ and the six-cylinder 3,442c.c. model. The six was giving 160b.h.p. at 5,000 r.p.m. while the two-litre unit produced 105b.h.p. at 5,400 r.p.m., the latter representing more than 50b.h.p. per litre. It must be stressed that it was always the intention that the six-cylinder XK engine should be first used in the Mark VII saloon car but this was certainly not production-ready in 1948. So the idea of launching the engine in a sports car would be a timely publicity move and such a car could be envisaged to have a limited production run.

Twelve months before the car's announcement three prototypes, all with the six-cylinder engines, had been extensively tested, mainly by R.M.V. "Soapy" Sutton (known in the inter-war years for his competition successes with Lea Francis). Sutton, himself, wanted to be reassured that the car was going to be capable of a 120m.p.h. performance so in the small hours of one morning he took one of the prototypes on a deserted five mile stretch of road not far from



SMTS [RL113D](#) (kit) [RL113DM17](#) (built) - Jaguar XK120 Le Mans 1950 Johnson/Hadley

Coventry and attained 120m.p.h. without difficulty.

So the car was ready for launching at the Motor Show and the six-cylinder was presented as the XK120. The four-cylinder was also announced as the XK100, using a chassis identical to that of the bigger car, but it remained in the catalogue and it never went into production, the four-cylinder development programme being completed in 1949.

The XK120 had a box-section frame with large box-section cross-members. Suspension was similar to that on the MkV with torsion bars giving an independent front end and semi-elliptics at the rear. Steering was Burman recirculating ball type and full Lockheed hydraulic brakes were used. There was a four-speed gearbox with synchromesh on the upper three ratios. An aerodynamic two-seater body was offered with attractive rear wheel spats and there was a vee-windscreen. A fifteen gallon fuel tank was standard with a fairly generous luggage boot but a twenty-five gallon tank was also available. This exciting car was offered for a mere £1,273 including tax but deliveries first began in July 1949 and the cars were not offered in the home market until March 1950.

In May 1949 R.M.V. Sutton took one of the first production cars to the Jabbeke-Aeltre motorway in Belgium and, officially observed by the Royal Automobile Club of Belgium, and minus hood and screen and with the optional undershield, a higher back axle ratio and Dunlop Roadspeed tyres, did 132.596m.p.h. for the flying mile. Then full road equipment was used and the car did 126.448m.p.h.

In August 1949 the XK120 made its race début, at Silverstone for the

Production Car Race. Lyons sent three standard XK120s, a red one for Peter Walker, a white one for Leslie Johnson and a blue one for Bira. Johnson won the one-hour event at 82.8m.p.h. with Walker second. Bira had a tyre burst after sixty miles. The three cars then did a tour d'honneur at Shelsley Walsh in September.

The competition career of the XK120 took off in 1950, but in the hands of privateers. The Italian Biondetti led the Targa Florio before retiring and four cars confronted the Mille Miglia: Biondetti retired with rear spring failure, Haines crashed, Johnson finished fifth and Tommy Wisdom had his transmission fail just thirty miles from the finish. Then came Jaguar's first time at Le Mans, the race that was to bring them world international recognition. Of the three cars, entered this time privately, the Johnson/Bert Hadley car ran for twenty hours before succumbing to clutch trouble, Clark/Haines finished twelfth and Whitehead/Marshall fourteenth. But it was the Tourist Trophy at Dundrod, run this year in wind and rain, that gave Jaguar its first long distance race win, thanks to an inspired solo drive by young Stirling Moss at the wheel of Tommy Wisdom's XK120 with Peter Whitehead in second place and Johnson in seventh, giving Jaguar the Team Prize in addition.

Nor were the XK120's competition achievements confined to the race track. The demanding world of international rallying brought the XK120 outright wins in the Alpine Rally (Ian/Pat Appleyard) and in 1951 the toughest of all, the Liege-Rome-Liege (Johnny Claes/Jacques Ickx).

Not only a beautiful looking car but also a very competitive one as well - definitely my favourite!

## REVIEWS

**OXFORD** 

Oxford - New 1:43 diecast models

[OXFAMV002](#) Aston Martin Vanquish Bronze  
Alternative version [OXFAMV001](#) Appletree Green

£24.95

This pale metallic Selene Bronze is one of Aston Martin's current colours of choice for press and launch machines it seems and there are several examples of the Vanquish that we've found online in this shade. The shape of Oxford's model looks very good and the paint finish is excellent, although there are a few marks in the casting beneath the paint of our sample above the rear wheel arches. The roof is in a neatly masked contrasting black and a cream interior finishes things off.



[OXFJAG9004](#) Jaguar Mk9 Black/Maroon

£23.95

Jaguar's MkIX was the company's largest model and proved popular with private owners and governments alike during its short, two year, production run. The car depicted is one of the earlier ones from 1959 and the model is smartly painted in a two tone burgundy and black, which suits the lines of the car very well indeed. The smaller external trim is painted rather than plated, but very neatly done, and the overall finish is, as usual, excellent, with just the thickness of some details such as wipers showing it to be an inexpensive diecast.





# NEW & SOON



Jade Miniatures [JAD4385](#) (kit) [JAD4385MF](#) (built) - BRM P25  
1st Holland 1959 Bonnier



Truescale Miniatures resincast [TSM430108](#) - Ford GT Le Mans 2016



Marsh Models [MM277](#) (kit) [MM277M55](#) (built) - McLaren M6B St Jovite 1969



Matrix resincast [MTX40205-031](#) - Bugatti T46 Faux Cabriolet Veth & Zoon 1930



Looksmart resincast [MRCLSF105](#) - Ferrari SF16H Bahrain 2016 Raikkonen



RPM [RPM1502B](#) (kit) [RPM1502BM](#) (built) - Triumph TR7 V8 Turbo 1981  
restored version



Spark resincast [SPK5115](#) - Ligier JS P2 Nissan Le Mans 2016



Autocult 1:18 resincast [ATC80001](#) - Otto Mathe Fetzenflieger 1952



Maxichamps diecast [MIN940022200](#) - BMW 2002 Turbo 1973



MG Model [MGMGT0048](#) (kit) [MGMGT0048M](#) (built) - Ferrari 250GTO  
Daytona 3-Hours 1963 Piper