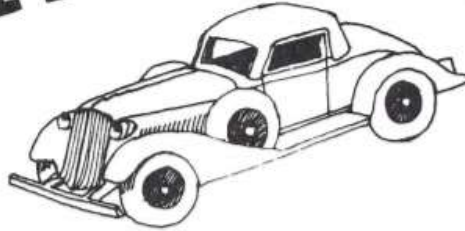


CAPITOL MINIATURE AUTO COLLECTORS CLUB



DECEMBER 2024
NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 15,
2024

CMACC MEETING DETAILS

December 2024

DATE AND TIME: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024 11:00 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

LOCATION: VIENNA FIREHOUSE BOARD ROOM (JACK WILL BE HAVING 1/64 SALE 8 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. IN MAIN HALL), 400 SOUTH CENTER ST., VIENNA, VA 22180

THEME: OAST-NEW MODELS

RSVP: HAROLD BLEVINS 517-224-1123,
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EVENTS: Let me know if you know!

December 15, 2024—8 a.m. to 2 p.m., JAX 1/64 sale at the Vienna Firehouse.

Editor's Corner

Top of the letter—Club meeting this Sunday, December 15, 2024 at the Vienna Firehouse. See above.

Thanks to Harold, Todd and Carol for all their work for our Club! Two weeks ago this was the first of several meetings at the Vienna firehouse, and this past weekend it included a long day setting up the sale of a portion of Jeff's Cadillac collection followed by open hours Friday night, and then all day Saturday and then packing it all up and storing all the models that didn't sell. I don't even know the names of all those other helpers that were there who need to be thanked, and they provided great food at both events. The models covered at least 40 tables!



I also want to thank Bob Short, Doug Campbell, Joe Libricz and Robin Godwin for the contributions this month. I had planned to continue the British car museum theme, but didn't need to. I have the photos from the museum at Beaulieu, and when I downloaded them it was a least 70, and it will take some time to curate down to a reasonable number and add captions. But it's coming. As is an article based on the photos from John Goodman (correction from last month).

We have heard that Dan Danielson is having significant health problems, and we are all sending our best wishes and support to him and to Hope. Enjoy this issue, and have a Happy Holiday time.

Fred

Minutes of the November 17, 2024 Meeting of the CMACC

By Fred Fravel



Our November meeting took advantage of the fact that Jack's 1/64 monthly show has moved to the Vienna firehouse for the winter, allowing us to use the Board Room off the main hall for the Club meeting. So Jack's show filled the room (photo above), and we met off to the side. Food was provided by the fire house supporters who were selling hot dogs and snacks to the larger group, so we got hot dogs with Vienna Inn chili, snacks and drinks—brought to us in the board room. This arrangement will continue through March, so we have a meeting place each month. Next meeting December 15.

Members present included Harold, Todd, Jack Dye, yours truly, Josh Pinho, Bob Short, Mark Starr, and Jim Williamson (aka Jimbo).

Harold called us to order, and brought us up to date on our Show results—he was able to make an addition to the Club bank account. Harold has been working with the Cadillac-LaSalle Club to have a sale of mostly Cadillac items here at the firehouse on December 6 and 7—CMACC members welcome of course.

Todd (and Harold) mentioned a find at Jeff's house that is seen in the pictures below—we think it might be a photo of Jeff sitting in the Group 44 racing Triumph TR-6. Group 44 was a widely-noted sports car racing team that was based in west Falls Church, and I recall Jeff telling me about visiting the garage. Based on the fact that it is a TR-6, I expect this was sometime between 1972 and 1976. Not sure when Jeff moved to Northern Virginia, but I thought that was later.

Robert 'Bob' Tullius was the founder of the famed Group **44** racing team, which won many many races, several championships and paved the way for sponsorship in modern racing. He was very well known for the success of his racing team including Le Mans Jaguar cars. Who thought of Falls Church as the home of an internationally known racing team, officially sponsored by British Leyland. Google it...

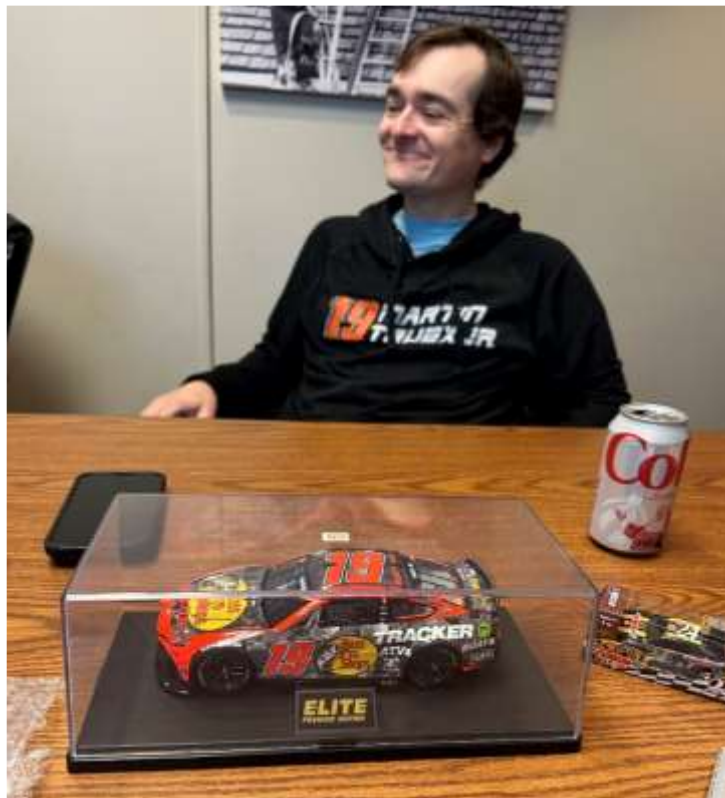


Once Around, Show and Tell (OAST)

Josh Pinho started us off with some recent additions, as shown in the photos. One is a new 1/64 model #24 that was the special souvenir from his recent trip to the Martinsville Speedway.



Another find was the 1/64 scale Toyota Supra Pace car from Long Beach, made by Autoworld. In 1/18 scale he had the #19 Toyota driven by Martin Truex on the Joe Gibbs team (hope I got all that correct). The model is a special limited edition in the Elite Premier Edition series actually made by Lionel (?)



Also in the new models brought by Josh was a new Stamp model of a 1983 Cadillac Sedan de Ville.



And In my photo file was a new Greenlight 1975 Cadillac Eldorado convertible in Showroom Floor Series. Given that it is a Cadillac I assume Josh brought this as well.



What is it?

At last month's meeting Harold brought this toy from Jeff's collection—and no one knew what it was or where it came from.



So who had the answer? Mark did!



Mark brought his own model Kar Kit in red and black—along with the owner’s manual/catalogue. These were apparently made by a firm called Toy Founders Incorporated, that offered this toy in four different body styles. It was an assembly kit, apparently. The toy was like the full-size cars in that the purchaser could purchase additional options separately, including a clockwork motor. Once you registered as an owner, they sent a letter offering license plates! Very interesting, and really neat to see all the instructions. The firm also offered other toys, as shown in the manual—but not vehicles.





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CHASSIS ASSEMBLY:

- Screw out an each end of rear axle to end of thread. Put wheels (flat side out) on axle. Screw hub caps on and tighten. Then adjust nut until tight against inside of wheels.
- Place assembled axle in slots (K) at rear of chassis. Ball bearing caps over axle, using four round headed bolts. Screw caps on bolts. Tighten bolts with screw driver.
- Put wheels (flat side out) on front axle. Screw hub caps on tightly.
- Fasten front axle to frame with round headed ball through hole (M) of frame and hole (N) of axle, placing washers between axle and axle and between axle and nut. Nut should be screwed fully to maintain desired position of axle.

BODY ASSEMBLY: ROADSTER—Fasten one front and one rear fender assembly to the body as a team by inserting plastic leg of front fender into hole (E) of body and bolt of rear fender through hole (O) of front fender and hole (C) of body, making sure that plastic leg of rear fender inserts in hole in rear side of body. Fasten fender assembly to body by screwing out one hole at rear fender. Tighten nut with wrench. Repeat this fender assembly for other side of body.

Attach front bumper to body with flat headed ball through hole (L) of bumper and hole (F) of body, making sure that round bumper hangers are fitted into front fender recesses. Screw in one bolt and tighten nut with wrench. Repeat this procedure for which rear bumper.

Attach body to frame with a flat headed ball through hole in rear and hole (I) of chassis. Secure in place with nut screwed on ball. Tighten ball with screw driver.

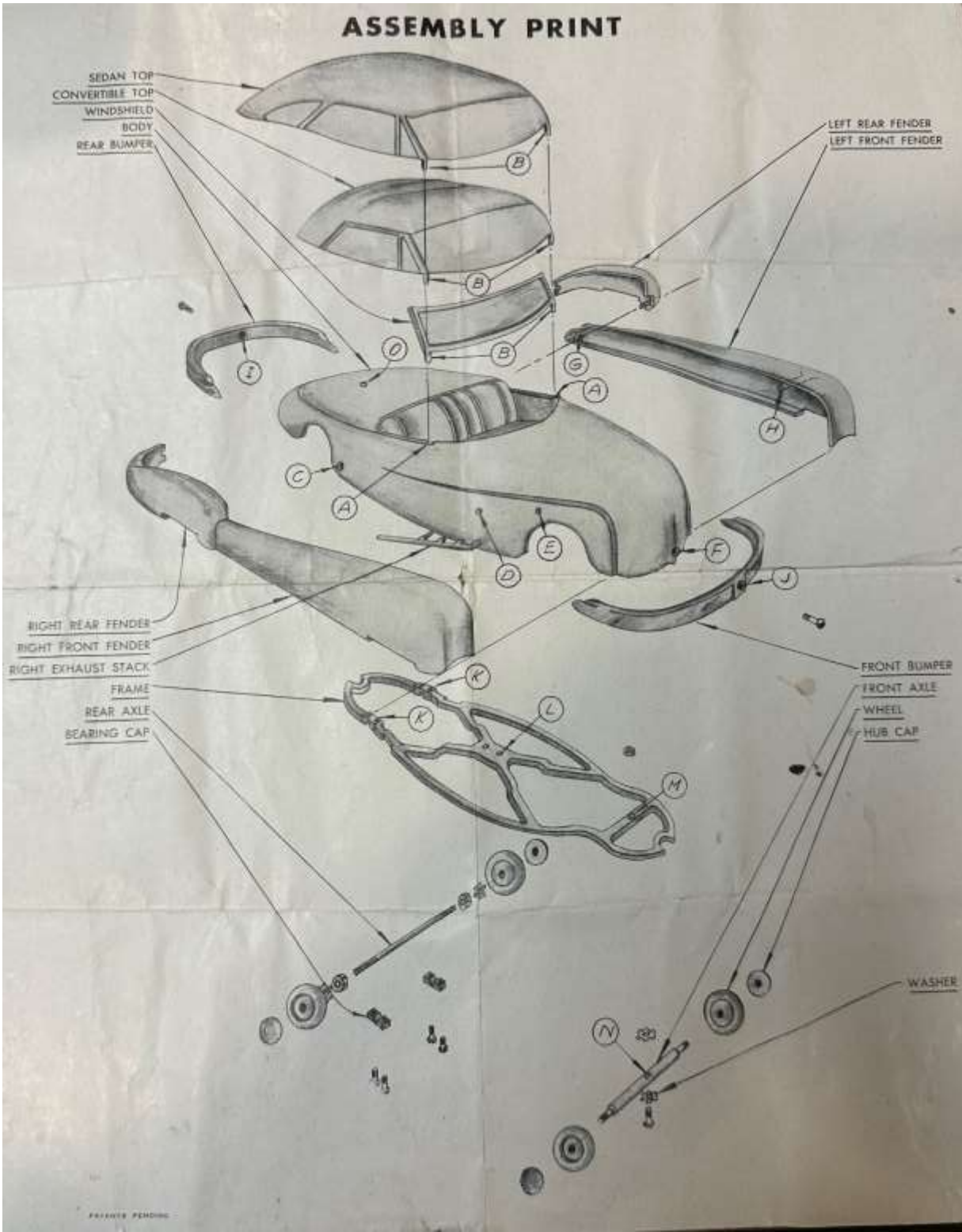
Attach windshield by inserting legs into slot (A) of body.

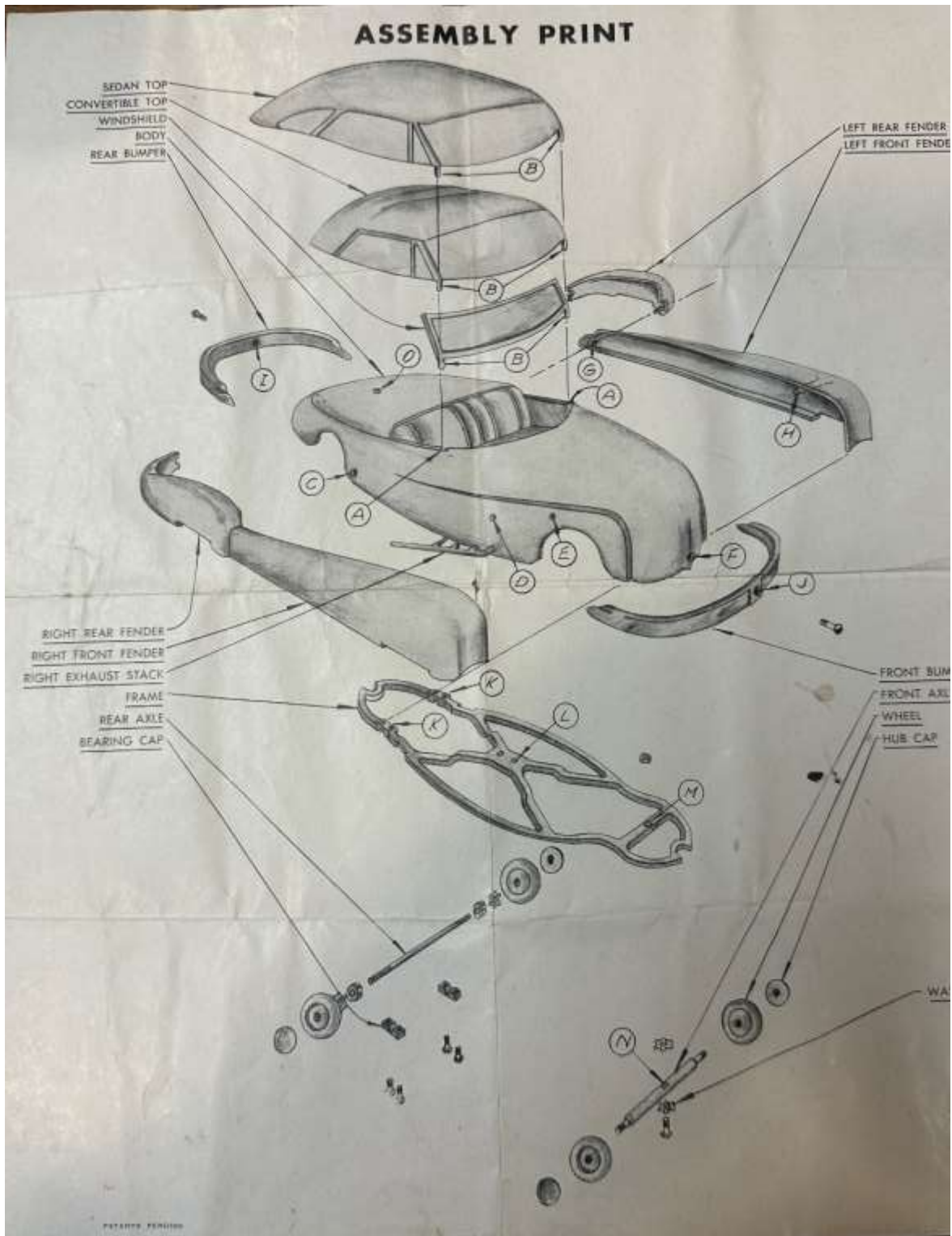
CONVERTIBLE—Insert legs on front end of this top into slots (A) of body, making sure that plastic leg at rear of top is inserted in hole (O) of body. Press convertible top down firmly into place.

SEDAN—Remove convertible top. Using sedan top, repeat same operation as above.

RACER—Remove convertible, or sedan top from body. Remove body from frame, also bumpers and fenders from body. Insert metal legs of exhaust pipes into holes (B) and (D) of body. Screw nuts on threaded legs of exhaust pipes. Tighten nuts with wrench. Set body on frame, attach with flat headed ball. Attach windshield.

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101	Body <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow	1.50 ea.
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103	Convertible Top	1.00 ea.
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105	Rear Fender <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right	.35 ea.
106	Frame	.75 ea.
107	Front Bumper	.30 ea.
108	Rear Bumper	.25 ea.
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110	Windshield	.10 ea.
111	Front Axle	.10 ea.
112	Rear Axle	.10 ea.
113	Hub Caps	.10 ea.
114	Bearing Caps	.05 ea.
115	Wheels	.05 ea.
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Mark also brought a nice Monogram 1956 Cadillac kit that he got from Jeff. This is a large (1/20 scale) model. Mark has a light blue built kit and an unbuilt red kit in the box with instructions. Note that it is made of acetate plastic, and Monogram felt that this was a plus worth putting on the box.



Bob Short was there and let us know that he is expecting many of Goldvarg models that members have ordered will arrive in December.

I brought a Porsche racing team truck in 1/43 by Exoto, looking to see if it could find a new home.

Jimbo described 1970 Ford Maverick promos that represent his experience driving them in the 1980's when he had his parent's Maverick as his wheels. He also talked about finding a place in Ephrata, PA that had those tire brand ashtray promotional items, and a 1945 wall calendar. And that concluded our OAST.

ONCE AROUND, SHOW AND TELL (OAST)

OAST-Doug Campbell

With my wife, Joan, recently spending a week in GBMC hospital after a fall, then about 5 weeks at Md. Masonic Homes in their wonderful rehab facility, I haven't been able to attend any club meetings for awhile, but hope to be active again now that she is homeso hope my submissions to our club journals will suffice to continue my club interest at least!.... So here's my OAST for December....for your enjoyment... In this first photo I have shown some recent CANDYLAB (wood / diecast bases -designed in NY and made in China) issues..I find these colorful models so unique and just of such nice quality- since being introduced to them a few years ago by fellow CMACC member, Andy German....and of interest is that CANDYLAB has just gotten a license from VOLKSWAGEN, so the the 3 VW vans shown are all fully licensed and sport the VW emblem on the front..as the pink BEACH BUS was issued months ago WITHOUT any VW license- so it looks much nicer with the VW. emblem added- the two little VW vans model an older and newer VW van style... those VW vans are available in a choice of colors....I buy my CANDYLAB models directly from CANDYLAB itself, but they are also sold across the USA in gift shops and toy stores.



Available at your local Christmas store this holiday season, is this nice (1/43 ?) highly detailed UN-licensed "VW" bus, sporting a holiday wreath on the front, and a detailed roof load too..made by LEMAX in China, who offers a HUGE line of holiday miniature buildings, amusement park rides and accessories..all very reasonably priced too!



With Joan in the rehab center I did not expect to get up to the great 44th annual ALLENTOWN (Pa.) ANTIQUE TOY SHOW (I have attended EVERY one to date !) this year, as weekends are long for her, but on Friday she had therapy most of day, and was busy, so my friend Jacques Kelly, who has me drive him to the show each year, as he does not drive, could not go on Saturday this year, and said he would pay my \$50 (yes! ...and show was as crowded as on Saturday!) for the pre-show opening on Friday, as he really had a lot to pick up from his many German dealers who attend that show, so we rode up for the 10am opening - most dealers were set up..had a nice visit with our CMACC fellow member, Perry Eichor again at that show..and I have to say again that Allentown is STILL truly the BEST toy show of all!! From my old friends Liz and Gerhard Klarwasser (used to own Toys for Collectors & Rt. 1 Models...), at the show I purchased this wonderful , many years old, SWISS-made heavy metal biscuit tin that looked so much like the trams we rode in Switzerland, and when I got it home they had left the little brochures from the biscuits inside, along with the little bag of tin destination signs to attach to the roof...this is REALLY a QUALITY tin, as any SWISS product should be!



The SWISS-made TRAM tin in my last photo was from LACKERLI-HAUS (whose 1 of 7 candy shops in Switzerland we may have visited the one in Luzern or or Bern many years ago !) and the little brochure describing their delicious original biscuit cookie - made from flour, honey, almonds, hazelnuts ,orange peel, lemon peel, spices and some local kirsch just seemed to fascinate my taste buds...so I looked up their website, and luckily had some English on it, and as I was ordering a bag of the original "Basler Lackerli" cookies, I noticed they had this handsome "Lackerli-Haus" Swiss-made tin truck, filled with an assortment of their delicious chocolates and biscuits on the web-site too...so being a truck nut, I had to have that tin too...so with very expensive Fed-Ex shipping for two expensive Swiss products in the

parcel...which took less than a week to cross the pond from Switzerland (the favorite nation we have ever visited!). I'm just DELIGHTED to now enjoy those wonderful Swiss sweets, and have also this truly nice heavy metal tin truck for my collection! ...what that trip to Allentown led to!!!



Haven't seen much in the stores as for models, special for the holidays, but SHOP-RITE grocery stores this holiday season have released two nice KENWORTH models of their actual fleet- the larger radio-controlled version is too big for my space, so I choose the smaller non-powered 1/43rd scale die-cast cab/plastic trailer version... other side has different graphics...also rear door graphics just like real fleet too!quite a SPLENDID toy replica!



Each holiday season for past few years, WAWA gas/convenience stores issues a new PEZ truck dispenser..here's their 2024 issue, shown in front of the 2024 "Dept. 56" wonderful hand-painted, ceramic lighted PEZ "candy factory", with the "Dept. 56" PEZ 2024 ceramic accessory shown on left .



At the recent Allentown toy show, Gerhard Klarwasser, who hand makes these wonderful heavy cast fire engines under his "Ashton Models" line (he has retired but is still doing a few new ones from left over parts, but very limited....had this display model of one of his older models at a VERY, VERY reduced price..its perfect but he had a few left over models he had used probably for catalog photos, and didn't want to sell as "new"...and I have so enjoyed a number of his Ashton models over the years, so added this Ashton #611947 Mack with 1956 rescue body "Boston Fire Engine 10" to my collection. He hand made these models in VERY limited numbers.



This holiday season, these are two of the many "Hallmark Keepsake Ornaments" introduced for 2024...the car is a 1984 Buick Grand National (40th anniversary) and the little building is the "Rod's Barbershop" issue in their nostalgic shops series.



Along with the new 60th anniversary HESS fire truck issued this holiday season, Hess also released this huge colorful poster, showing all the HESS trucks to date.....the last poster was made for the 50th anniversary...wonder how they will ever fit more photos in 10 more years on one poster??!!



In the past few days I noticed that SPIRIT AIRLINES has declared bankruptcy , so I wonder how much longer these neat little SPIRIT airport playsets will be available at the many airport gift shops where they were sold... I have collected many of these little sets by Daron of New Jersey (made in China..but the plane in front I bought also as I noticed it was made in Vietnam..the one in the gift set is marked "made in China").. I have never flown on Spirit, but always used to pick up these various airline gift sets when I saw them in the airport gift counters...nice little airport vehicles are always included!



For many years now I have collected these nice little ceramic HOME DEPOT store models, always a different designed , very reasonably priced & hand-painted model each year,...each store receiving only 5 models each to sell it seems this year i was told, and when I first saw this year's , I just couldn't figure why it didn't look like all the traditional Home Depot stores modeled each year..,and after looking on the Internet, noticing the little "5th Avenue" sign next to Santa, I see it EXACTLY replicates the new Home Depot store on 5th Avenue at 23rd St. in the heart of Manhattan in New York City!no room in a big city for the traditional store look & lumber yard, but this store has multi levels, and serves hardware goods needed by city residents in an older, traditional New York City building! ..to add some street "traffic" to my picture-the little Lincoln Continental is a cheap Chinese "pull-back" model and the Volkswagen 1500 is by Wiking of Germany in precision plastic, sold years ago only at VW dealers.



To follow my last photo, starting in 2023 (on left), Home Depot now sells a "HALLOWEEN" ceramic store replica..also hand-painted and reasonably priced. And full of ghostly details! Could be nice additions to a model railroad layout too!



My prize find at the great Allentown toy show this year, and worth getting there a day early (for the \$50 admission charge!) was this 1960's era -absolutely mint condition- TEKNO(Denmark) VW van, which my friend at the show who saw it (Bill Layer) who had for sale on his table a different 60's Tekno VW advertising van, not in this good of condition for \$400, said I really was lucky to buy mine at very well less than 25% of his \$400 price! These old Tekno VW vans have always fascinated me, with their unusual graphics, and it's been a long time that I could afford one in such pristine condition! They are rather rare to find models today on this side of the Atlantic!



OAST: JOE LIBRICZ

Merry Christmas!



Special wagon to haul the tree—'64 Studebaker wagon . 3D printed . Built by Mike Hanson in Minnesota. I bought the model online from a guy in California. I don't know where the file came from to print it. It's too cyber for me.

He does have a selection of usual subjects: The AMX II and AMX III as well as a model of the 67 Marlin which was based on the Ambassador chassis instead of the smaller 65 Marlin based on the Classic. I don't ever remember seeing that one ever.

He uses high quality resin which is thicker and retains more detail. [Ed. note—the sliding roof detail is amazing, as is the build.]





OAST-Bob Short

1. Chinese XCar Models rollback wrecker in 1/64 scale . I believe it is an Isuzu ,very detailed and functional considering the small scale . Found on the AliExpress website .



2. First Gear 1/25 1963 International pickup truck, these are scarce it seems. A very nice ebay find. Well detailed opening doors and tailgate.



3. 1/64 scale Chevrolet Express van in DC Metropolitan Police livery . Made by 596 Model another very detailed 1/64 model and a companion to their Ford Interceptor (Taurus)sedan. Again from Ali Express.



4. 1/24 1971 Oldsmobile 442 ,another well detailed model by First Gear . Issued in 2007 and again seemingly a scarce model it rivals Franklin Mint and Danbury Mint models in detail and functions . The ebay seller had this listed for a good bit more than my offer he accepted .



5. First Gear 1973 Ford F100 pickup in Gulf livery. 1/25 scale. Very detailed model with opening doors and tailgate, hood with detailed Ford 302 V8 and steering front wheels. Issued in 2012.



6.. GOC 1/64 Ford Crown Victoria LX.

This is the 5th one of these in my collection. This is apparently the premium version since it came in the presentation box and has chrome wheels and very nice red paint.



7. First Gear 1/25 1970 Mustang Boss 429. A \$4.99 ebay win. Very nice detailed model with opening doors, hood and trunk as well as steerable front wheels .



8. Ford F350 Dually pickup truck, made by Spec Cast ,1/25 scale.



9. Another Coke truck found on ebay for a reasonable price, 1/24 2003 Dodge Ram 1500 by Johnny Lightning. It has opening doors, hood and tailgate e. Now to just find a parking space.....



There's NO blarney about these models!

By Doug Campbell

From the short period of 1959-1967, some truly wonderful diecast cars, trucks, and buses were made in Belfast, Northern IRELAND.....SPOT-ON MODELS, the ONLY diecast models ever made in Ireland! A fire in the Belfast factory in 1967 ended production, but a few of the dies were saved, and later some models were made in New Zealand, although those models were very limited and super rare to find today! Both the Irish and the New Zealand models were made by TRI-ANG ...the famous British toy manufacturer, and what really made SPOT-ON models unique was their SCALE...ALWAYS to precision 1/42 scale! This was not a scale used entirely by any other model firm, and as you will note on the early red catalog cover I have pictured later, the SPOT-ON logo included engineering "calipers", and even a "bulls-eye" was on that early cover...as SPOT-ON models always were cast to a very exact 1/42 scale...no deviations! They were truly precision castings with excellent paint, and any graphics were applied with water-line decals. .

Our late members Ferdinand Zegel and Dick Wilkinson both had extensive Spot-On collections, and I rarely see Spot-On models for sale at toy shows anymore, and prices are quite high now, due to their rarity. Triang owned Dinky Toys after this period, so they well knew the diecasting business, and all Spot-On models were carefully chosen replicas of actual real-life vehicles!

I can't get to all my own Spot-Ons tonight to photograph, so some of my photos are from the Spot-On book by Graham Thompson(1983) and catalogs, but I have all these pictured in my own collection, but such a small sampling of such an extensive line of beautiful models ...from the land of Blarney!.....so let's look at the few Spot-Ons in my own collection and travel over to one of the most green and beautiful nations I have ever visited..Ireland ...former home of SPOT-ON MODELS! .Happy Collecting!

This is the cover of a very early (1959 or 60?) catalog in my files, and it emphasizes the exact precision 1/42 scale of those wonderful diecast models from Ireland!



#4315 Commer Window Cleaners Van with figures, and opening rear doors.. & roof removable extending mounted ladders..introduced in 1966, and shown in its original window box...maybe my favorite Spot-On model!



A charming little car..No. 131 Goggomobil introduced into Spot-On line in 1960..just 69mm long!



The Spot-On line included many NON-British vehicles too, including this well-detailed VOLVO P1800 , introduced in. 1963., had opening bonnet and boot with spare wheel too inside!), and full spring suspension..This green version I'm told was a rather unusual color to find! To me, Spot-Ons seemed to be heavier in weight then Dinkys and Corgis, and had such nice casting lines.



The BMW Isetta was introduced in 1960, and Spot-On seemed to capture the looks of the real car with precision! Full interior added to realism too.



Spot-On recognized their collector market with these wonderful colored pocket catalogs. This being the 1966 edition, costing in Britain a mere 6d, which I think was about a US quarter back then..? Spot-On also offered a club membership, and included little colored pictures in model boxes to attach into an album offered to the club.



I just can't get to my actual pin to photograph tonight, but in this picture, the pin would be gold with blue and red enamel colors... and I purchased mine many years ago at an Allentown show to add to my model pin collection.



Spot-On enamel collector's badge.

No. 273 Commer Security Van. Mine was purchased from an Irish collector many years ago ,mint in the box, and it had an Irish coin inside, and my model is now on display at the Federal Armored Museum in Cockeysville, Md. ...to get to remove the coins dropped through the roof slot, when opening the rear doors, you have to twist out the little Security Guard figure inside to open the cage door inside behind him! This is truly a STUNNING model truck!



273. Commer Security Van (Money Box), introduced in 1965. Length 126mm. Original price 12/11d. Fitted with opening rear doors, interior cage which lifts out, security guard, driver, money slot in the roof and spring suspension. Finished in dark green with yellow decals.

#271 ExpressDairies Milk float..a typical British delivery truck...open-sided with a plastic milk load in the rear..mine is dark blue and white and has great decals in front and on roof sides,,,3 wheeled truck...and driver included! True Irish CHARM!

271. Express Dairies Milk Float, introduced in 1962. Length 98mm. Original price 6/6d. Based on No. 122 the United Dairies milk float, fitted with a driver. Finished in dark blue with a white roof and appropriate decals.

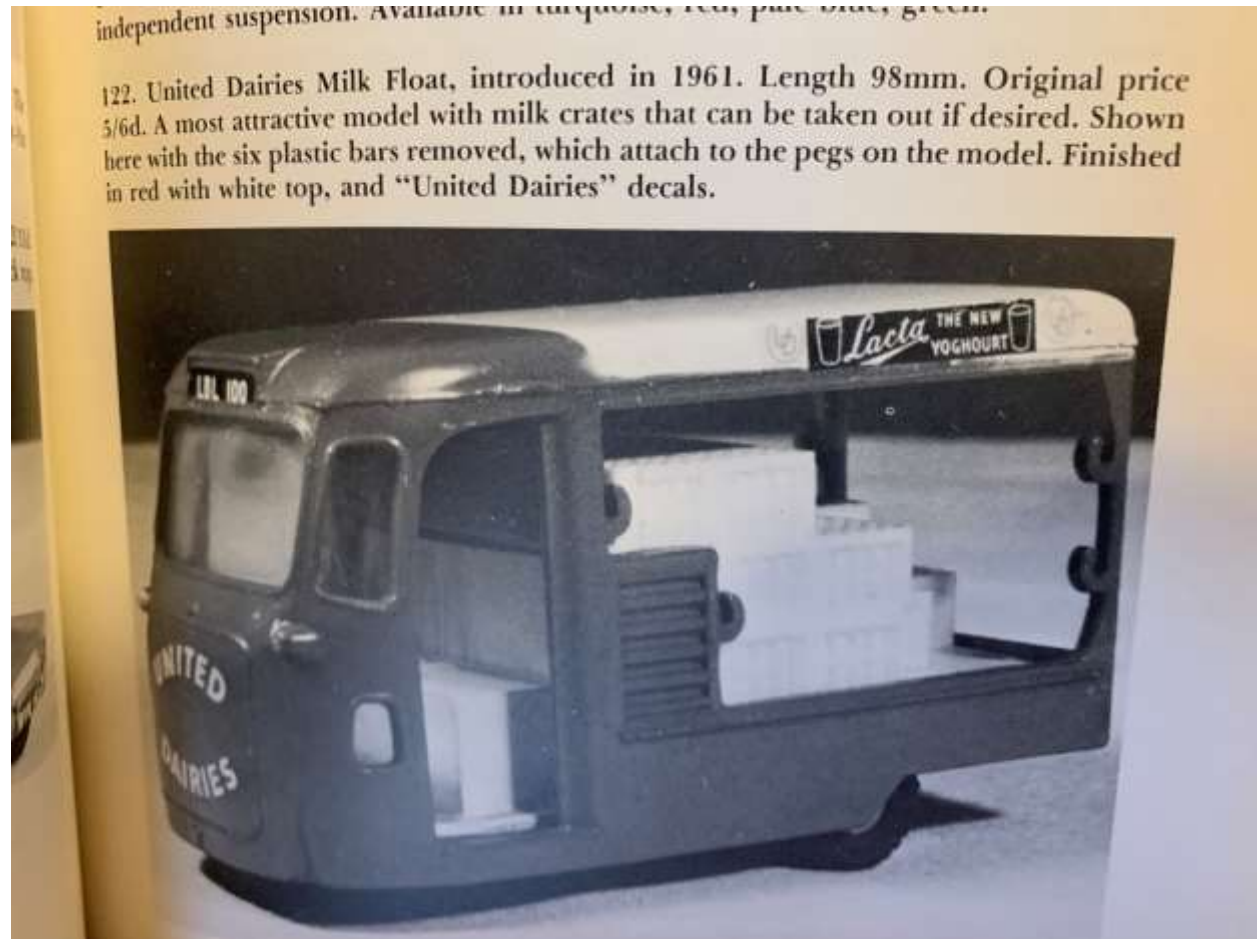


No. 210/2 Spot-On Morris Mini Van -Post Offices Telephones-introduced in 1962...was maybe a competitor to the Dinky model at the time...

210/2. Morris Mini Van – Post Office Telephones, introduced in 1962. Length 79mm. Original price 3/11d. Based on previous version except that it is finished in dark green Post Office livery.



Another typical British vehicle..this open side milk delivery float- no. 122 United Dairies Milk float introduced in 1961..painted in red and white..my model is missing those plastic milk crates shown in this photo, and I have replaced the rubber bands along the sides with white ones, as originals have long since dried out and rotted...no driver included in this earlier casting of the milk float....



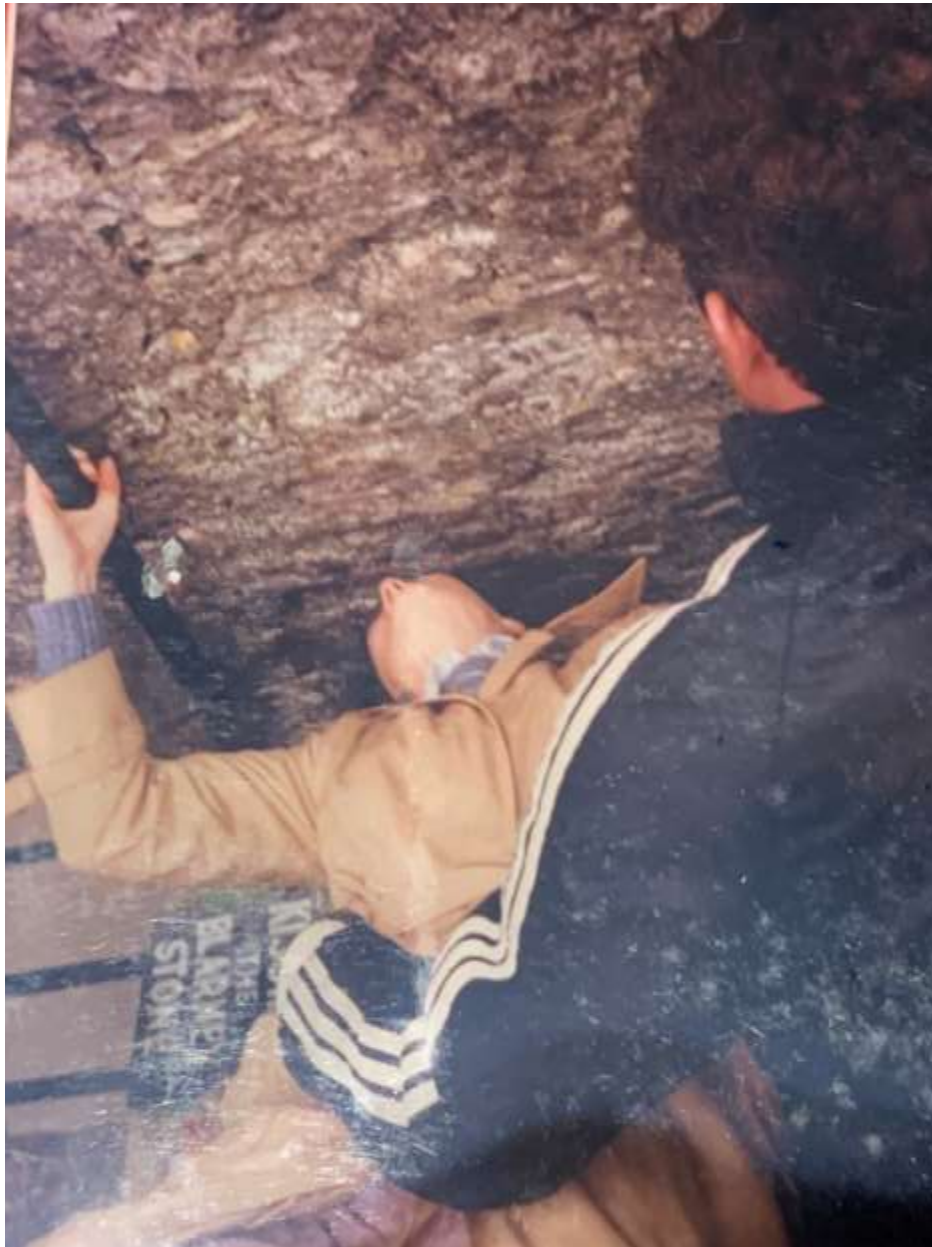
Here is my only Spot-On model that I have that was made in NEW ZEALAND , after the Irish factory had closed and a few old dies got over there.. the Bedford Ice Cream Van with server that tilts out of the window when suspension pushed down.. A New Zealand collector found me this model many years ago as they are rarer than Irish versions , as so few were ever made!



Bottom of the box of the New Zealand made Spot-On Bedford ice cream van



So I'll finish with some REAL BLARNEY...here's my wife Joan kissing the famous Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle in Ireland back in 1987...the photo of me is not as clear...they actually hold you upside down and below where her neck is, is a hole that opens under the famous stone at the top of the castle that is open to the ground a few hundred feet below! It's an experience of BLARNEY you'll never forget! Thankfully, all these wonderful Spot-Ons I have shown in this article aren't so full of Irish BLARNEY!



AUTOart Lamborghini Miura

By Robin Godwin

Almost 16 years ago (Jan 2009) I wrote an article for the CMACC Journal (the print version!!) called *Trucks Take the Lead* in which the main theme concerned super detailed truck models by the likes of TWH (now defunct) with extensive working features, and compared them to then popular diecast car model ranges, such as Ixo, Minichamps, Schuco, etc. This was before the big rise in resin collectable models, but the basics were essentially the same – nice detail, but sealed models with no opening features. I have always been a fan of operating features – opening doors, hoods, trunks, etc – who doesn't like a close up look at a beautiful V-12 motor beneath an opening hood?

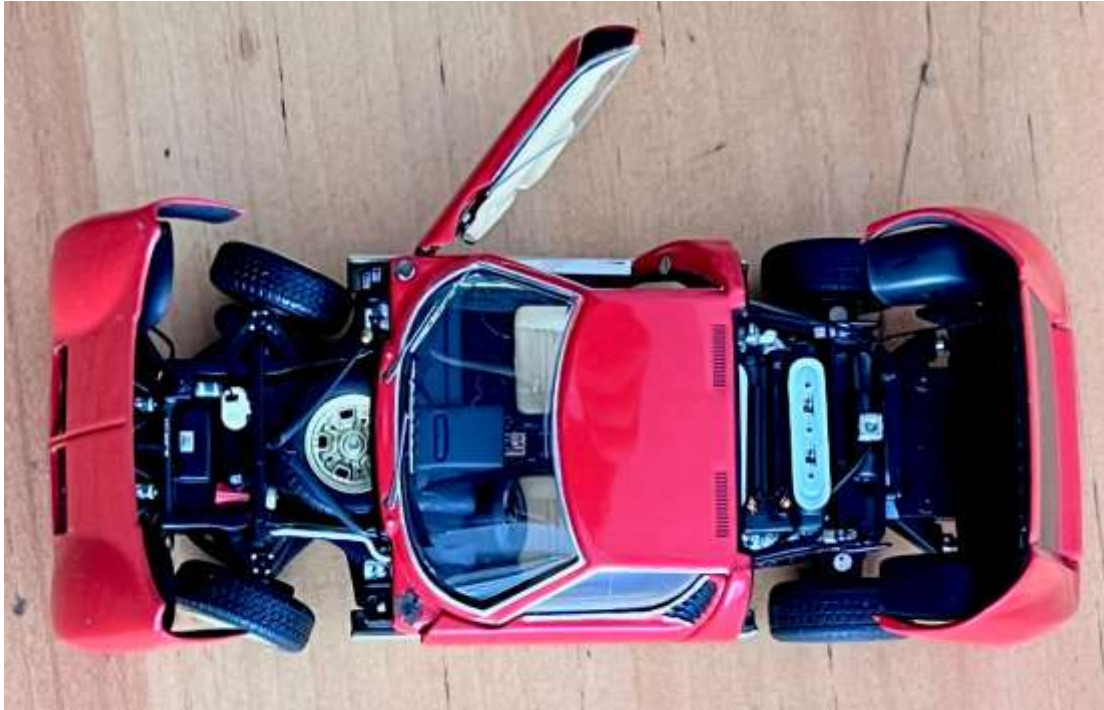
Many car collectors seem happy with sealed models, after all, opening features usually spoil the lines somehow or feature large gaps. The TWH (and Sword and others) truck/construction models showed us what could be achieved with engineering excellence (and of course, an elevated price). Well, a few years back, AUTOart of Japan introduced its Chinese built Signature range in 1/43 scale. These are built to the same level of excellence as the truck models I raved about. I have only one - the Lambo Miura (there is a range of Lamborghinis, and a Bugatti Type 57SC Atlantic – all brilliant models). I'm not a Lamborghini collector, but am given to impulse buying on occasion, and this one popped up on eBay as part of an estate sale at a price well below original retail. In short, it is stunning, and although long sold out in several limited edition color versions, it is well worth tracking one down.

The Miura, was introduced in 1966, and has been called the father of the modern supercar, with a transverse mid-mounted V-12 engine. Its beautiful styling (by Marcello Gandini at Bertone) usually puts it at number two on everybody's "Top 100 Best Looking Cars Ever" list (behind the E-Type Jaguar). Almost every toy manufacturer had a go at the Miura in period, and most featured opening panels, since that is where the toy car industry was at the time. Solido, Politoys, and Mebetoys all made excellent versions, and are expensive on the collectors market now. But even these versions from respected period manufacturers pale in comparison to the AUTOart. The model is mostly diecast, and is actually very robust since there are few exterior glue-ons. In my opinion, these AUTOart Signature models are absolutely the finest 1:43 scale models available in today's collector market. These are finally suitable matches for the trucks of 16 years ago. There are many videos of Miuras on the internet, but here is a link to a short one from Top Gear...

<https://www.facebook.com/topgear/videos/lamborghini-miura-sv-drive-top-gear/624614046378335/>



Everything opens and closes with excellent panel gaps – even the two small cooling grills in the forward part of the hood (plastic, I think) and the small trunk lid at the rear of the opening engine cover. There are three-point knock-offs on the wheels, so no axle ends show. It's hard to see, but there is a Bertone logo just behind the rear door line. It looks like it is tampo, but it has some elevation, so I think it may be a photo etch bit. It is very hard to tell from internet photos and videos, but most show a slightly lower ride height than the model itself, but this is hard to discern on a display shelf



Front wheels are poseable. The beautiful chrome trim is printed on to the diecast body in a process that I believe is called hot-foil printing. It is not silver tampo, or glued on photo-etch metal parts. Rear tires are, correctly, a wider profile than the fronts, necessitating wider rims as well. That chrome dot at the top of the bulkhead on the passenger side is a magnet to keep things buttoned up (that is debris of some sort on the bottom magnet). The doors and engine cover have similar arrangements. One can see how exquisitely thin the diecast hood and engine cover are, enhancing authenticity. The engine compartment is a thing of beauty, but hard to see since it is mostly black. The prominent dual air canisters enhance the aesthetics of the transverse mounted V-12. There is plastic plumbing and wiring. Suspension components are all modeled, but the suspension is inoperative. The interior is a good representation of beige leather, and there are lots of separate bits like shifter, shift gate, console, and handbrake. There are two large round instruments tampo printed on the dash. The photo-etched wipers appear accurate, and are really the only exposed delicate parts on the model



Doors open with a realistic arc and internal door panels are very convincing. The small trunk in the back of the engine cover looks barely sufficient for a set of golf clubs. The rear taillight clusters have three different colored inserts into the frames. The extra red lights below are painted red over the chrome housings. Black tampo on the back is perfectly printed. The rear exhaust tips are hard mounted to the engine cover and swivel downwards when the cover is opened. I have no idea if this is accurate, but judging by the rest of the model, it probably is. Simply a stunning model that gives that satisfyingly heavy feel in the hand!