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Cherry Red/Old English White

The newly tooled 1:76 scale Austin-Healey Frogeye Sprite is a great addition to Oxford's nostalgic series of '50s and '60s iconic British sports cars. Aptly named due to its fixed upward looking headlights, the Frogeye Sprite was introduced in May 1958, just two days after the Monte Carlo Grand Prix. Designed by Donald Healey as a lowcost compact sports car and classed as a 2-door roadster, production took place in the Abingdon MG factory. Our Oxford model is based on the Mark I version of the Sprite, which sported a 43 bhp, 948cc OHV (overhead valve) engine, giving the Frogeye Sprite had a top speed of just over 82 mph with fuel consumption around 43 mpg. Externally, there were no door handles. There was no boot lid either, with the boot space and spare wheel accessed by tipping the interior seats forward.

The wheels were only 13" and in tune with the day, the car was fitted with Dunlop tyres. You could buy a Frogeye Sprite for £669 and just under 49,000 of the Mk I were manufactured before the Mk II emerged in 1961. The sports car was a popular entrant - and winner on the race track too. It seems even today, Frogeye Sprite owners take to the track with their much-loved vehicle. Against this background, let's turn to our 1:76 scale replica which makes its debut in a rich cherry red with white roof and black chassis. The bumpers, wheels and other external trim features are finished in silver while the distinctive radiator grille is silver wiped with black. The interior is red, echoing the body colour and our model is registered 525 LDH. A final flourish sees the Sprite 'signature' across the boot and the Austin Healey Sprite badge in the centre of the bonnet. We love it!







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We welcome an exciting release this month with a couple of new tooling items. Arriving with us are some long-awaited items, the Austin Healey Frogeye Sprite and the AC Invacar. We also see a couple of new liveries on previously released items such as the Scania New Generation (R) Box Trailer Stobart, Ford Transit Custom in White and the Scooter with Trailer in Union Jack livery.

We are currently preparing for our next release in May of new tooling items and new liveries. This will be announced on the Facebook pages, on our website and in the Globe.

We are still facing some supply challenges from an outbreak of Covid in China and the position with Ukraine & Russia. The conflict is deeply concerning, and our thoughts go out to everyone affected by the heart-breaking scenes we are seeing in Ukraine.

We apologise for any delay you are experiencing with our products and services.







AC Invacar - Ice Blue

We gave you a pre-launch taster of this new tooling a while ago and now here's the real thing for you to get your hands on!

In 1948 British engineer Bert Greeves came up with his first motorised wheelchair, powered by a lawnmower engine and designed to help his paralysed cousin get about. Bert's first job in England had been with the Austin Motor Company in their Longbridge factory following which he set up his own garage business in London, where his main occupation was motorcycle design and manufacture. Together with his disabled cousin Derry Preston-Cobb, the pair saw the potential in further developing this new invalid carriage and founded Invacar Ltd - an abbreviation of Invalid Carriage. The small single-seater vehicle won the small company a contract with the Ministry of Pensions as a national supplier of transport for the physically disabled which went on for nearly 30 years. The Government distributed the Invacar free to eligible people, particularly those injured or maimed in the war, as part of their disability allowance, providing a welcome lifeline and high level of independence for its recipients.

Designed as a single seat vehicle with wide sliding doors for entry by wheelchair, the driver could stow the folded wheelchair next to him when driving. The sliding seat also made access easy. The special chassis was of welded construction using heavy gauge steel sections. The body was made of high quality fibreglass. The simple user manual explained the three control options; via a

conventional steering wheel; a bicycle handlebar steering system; or tiller bar, all available without foot controls where desired. The brakes could be applied by depressing the handlebars; there was a hand throttle and the controls could be adapted for left or right hand position/operation. The Invacar was powered in its early years by an air-cooled Villiers 147 cc engine but was replaced in the 1970s by a 500cc or 600 cc Steyr-Puch two-cylinder engine which functioned for long periods without the need for servicing. It also had a reputed top speed of 82 mph!

The Invacar was modified many times over the years with around 50 variants being produced to accommodate special requirements. It was produced in tens of thousands until the end of the Government contract in 1977. In 2003 the Government reclaimed and scrapped all the Invacars they had supplied, due to health and safety regulations, however many remained in private ownership and surprisingly, they are still allowed on UK roads. In fact, in the late 1970s an AA man was called out by the Police to recover two Invacars on the M5 motorway. Their occupants had been pulled over after overtaking the Police car at more than 70 mph!

Now you know all about the real thing, here at Oxford, we are proud to launch our 1:76 scale version of the wedge-shaped, three-wheeler Invacar with its inward sloping rear window and wide side doors, which makes its debut in the traditional ice blue colour of the original, registered KPK 71P from 1975/76. All the interior features are finished in black and the model is rounded off with silver wheels. No speeding, mind!



In real life, the Scania New Generation of trucks is the current range manufactured by Scania AB. The cabin interior has a distinctive hump in the middle of the cabin in order to clear the engine. Available as either rigid or articulated tractor units, the range also incorporates a number of engine, cab and gearbox options to suit the application, the particular market and local regulations. There is also a choice of chassis height and suspension. All in all, the New Generation offers various options, all geared to long haulage. Although now part of the Volkswagen Group, Scania - originally founded in 1891 -

still has its headquarters in its home country of Sweden. For its first long haul job, our 1:76 scale New Generation (R cab) truck makes its entrance in the very familiar modern Stobart colour scheme, registered PO18 OKC. The white body comes with a silver trailer roof and features the signature Stobart Group red and green artwork promoting its sustainable distribution ethic. The cabin interior is moulded in black. The distinctive Scania radiator grille still has space for the traditional inclusion of a girl's name - this time Chloe. She should be delighted!



3-piece Set New Defender 90/110/110X

This is a magnificent set comprising the launch models of each of the new Land Rover Defenders.

Land Rover's new Defenders were launched at the Frankfurt Motor Show in 2019. Designed by Gerry McGovern, the new Defender has been engineered to comply with global car regulations and the car shares no component or technology with previous Defender models. It features permanent all-wheel drive, locking differentials and a ZF 8-speed automatic transmission. The new models also have an aluminium unibody.

The first of our three piece set comprises the New Defender 90 (76ND90001), a replica of the three-door, short wheelbase model. Our 1:76 scale Oxford model is decorated in Pangea Green, registered PBS 534. It features a high gloss white roof and black interior. Trim is finished in both black and silver and a spare wheel is fixed across the rear door. The front grille is black with silver lower section whist the silver lower rear panel houses the rear number plate.

The second model in the set is the New Defender 110 Explorer (76ND110001) faithfully reproduced in Indus Silver, registered VCP 503. It is a replica of the new Defender 110 with a special Explorer Pack of accessories. With the same long wheelbase as the basic new 110, the Explorer Pack includes an exterior side-mounted gear carrier; an expedition roof rack; raised air intakes for protecting the engine when driving under dusty or sandy conditions; wheel arch protectors made of durable high quality composite material and a stylish rear-mounted spare wheel cover bearing the Defender name. All these exterior details are incorporated in our 1:76 scale model. Rounding off the set is the New Land Rover Defender 110X (76ND110X001) which in real life is based on the 110 but with extras! The 5-door Defender 110 has a long-wheelbase of 119.0 inches. Standard on the life-size

model are such things as darkened rear lights, leather

heated front seats, walnut veneered dashboard, heated



rear seats, a top of the range sound system and 4-way manual headrests.

3-piece Set New Defender 90/110/110X			NEW
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Our Oxford replica of the Defender 110 is based on the X trim level. Registered 103 NBG, it is decorated in Godwana Stone, a gold beige body colour with black roof and bonnet. The interior is also black.

This prestigious set would make a great gift with a difference for any enthusiast of the Land Rover marque.



Jaguar I Pace - Photon Red			
76JIP001	SCALE 1:76	PRICE £7.95	-

Land Rover Discovery Sport - Fuji White			
76LRDS003	SCALE 1:76	PRICE £6.95	1

Land Rover Discovery 5 - Firenze Red			
76DIS5003	SCALE 1:76	PRICE £6.95	



Ford Transit Custom - Frozen White

The second in the series of the very modern Ford Custom Van is in complete contrast to Oxford's debut model. Having been launched in the striking livery of the AA, we now see it in pristine white - a must for all lightweight commercial van enthusiasts, for whom the ubiquitous white van is a necessity.

In real life, the Custom was launched at the 2012 Commercial Vehicle Show in Birmingham, when it was classed as a mid-size front wheel drive vehicle, a smaller version of the Ford Transit Mk 8. Still in production today, the original 2.2 turbo diesel powered van is now available as a plug in hybrid version powered by a Ford

Ecoboost petrol engine and a 13.6kWh electric battery. As with other Ford Transit models, there is a choice of two chassis lengths and two roof heights as well as being easily adapted for cargo and passenger use. There is also the choice of a 6-speed manual or automatic gearbox. Since its introduction, the Ford Custom van has seen one or two upgrades in its history. Our model is based on the original and is registered MA16 XLV from 2016. Its simplicity emphasises the detailed tooling elements of the model, which features contrasting black trim to wheels, radiator grille and bumpers and the familiar Ford badge finished in blue and silver. The interior is moulded in a contrasting dark grey.





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Mobile Trailer - Coca Cola

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Commer Commando - Coca Cola

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Scooter & Trailer - Union Jack

Oh yes! We love this scooter which makes its second appearance, this time with the addition of a trailer for extra excitement, as well as useful storage. Emblazoned all over with the Union Flag in patriotic red, white and blue, the 1960s scooter is registered 350 YUP and it is

definitely a YUP from us, too! The trim is finished in red to the mudguards, white - see the wheels - and silver to handlebars, brakes and headlight surround. The seat is made for a pillion passenger too, moulded here in black and there's a spare wheel fitted to the back of the seat with a bracket.



OXFORD TAXIS











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