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New tooling introduces an iconic jeep to Oxford's 1:76 scale military series in the shape of the Austin Champ. Our replica is based on the vehicle which the Austin Motor Company manufactured between 1951 and 1956 as both a military vehicle and subsequently made for civilian use as well. It was the British Army's answer to the famous US Army's Willys MB Jeep, also already

immortalised in our 1:76 scale Military series.

The Army version had the official title Truck ½ ton, CT, 4x4, Cargo & FTW, Austin Mk I or Truck ½ ton. The civilian version was named simply Champ, by which the vehicle was to become unofficially known. Developed by the Nuffield organisation in the late 1940s, it is interesting to note that the suspension was designed by Sir Alec Issigonis who later became most famous for his design of the Morris Minor and the Mini.

The Champ was an open four seater 4×4 vehicle which featured a Rolls-Royce 26.36cc 80 hp (60kw) 14 petrol engine. A light PVC coated hood, hinged doors and a set of weather screens were also available for use in

deployments less weather-friendly. Some were fitted out with additional equipment for deployment as field ambulances, telephone line-laying or even carrying armour and a .303 in Vickers Machine gun or .303 Bren gun. Most, however, served as cargo or personnel carriers and could be fitted with radios.

Our new model is as deployed by the 7th Armoured Division, also known as the Deserts Rats, in Germany in 1957. The Desert Rats are one of the most famous units of the British Army and made their name for their distinguished service in the deserts of North Africa in World War II. Their insignia, a red rat on a white background, can be seen on the front and the rear of our Champ, along with other military markings. Registered 10 BF 23, the Champ is decorated in a distinctive bronze green with dark beige interior seating and a lighter beige folded down hood. Intricate detailing includes the black steering wheel with silver spokes and the large dark green petrol can on the back of the jeep, held in place with beige straps next to the spare wheel.

OXFORD

I mentioned in the last Globe (262) that we were attending our first show since Covid-19 and I can confirm it was a success. We thoroughly enjoyed the buzz in the atmosphere, it was great to see familiar faces and to watch families enjoying together.

Unfortunately, we will not be attending the Royal International Air Show this year but hope to attend next year. In light of this, we have created an assorted box of aircraft, you can find details of this on Page 8.

We are working on our latest announcements, we will release this information in due course. Considering the supply issues that we still face, this has been delayed, but we hope to deliver this to you soon.





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N Gauge Box		
NGAUGEBOX	SCALE 1:148	PRICE £50.00

OXFORD 1:76 SCALE



Here is the third release on the 1:76 scale short wheelbase Series III Land Rover which made a previous appearance as part of a 5-piece set (76SET55) some time ago. It's great to see it now as a solo item with the same detail as before, registered SLA 215L and decorated in the signature Bronze Green colour scheme with cream hard back upper section, which is also echoed in the cream wheel hubs. The heavy rear door hinges, fuel filler cap, window surrounds and the radiator grille are all picked out in contrasting silver while the customary spare wheel is fixed to the top of the bonnet.

Bronze Green

Land Rover introduced their Series III short wheel base

It proved to be the most popular of all the Series vehicles with an incredible 440,000 coming off Land Rover's production line. The variant chosen here at Oxford is the 2-door version but there was also a 4-door off-roader or a 2-door pickup. The improved spec of the Series III included a plastic grille and now the headlights were situated on the wings. The 4-speed manual gearbox had a selectable 4-wheel drive option and you could even choose whether you wanted diesel or petrol. Small wonder it was so popular. In Oxford miniature format, you've been treated to models in both military service guise and as operated in civilian life. And it features in the 1:43 scale Oxford range too.



OXFORD 1:76 SCALE



Austin Somerset - Cotswold Beige

Launched into the 1:76 scale range in a dramatic black colour scheme and followed by a pale green and then a misty blue, the fourth release in our 1950s Austin Somerset series appears in an equally ethereal colour scheme of pale grey beige. Against the all-over body colour, the chrome work looks very striking even down to the boot hinges and is complemented by the green beige seating inside. The four door saloon is registered OBP 908. The Austin of England signature features in silver on the edge of the bonnet on both sides of the car.

In real life, the Austin Somerset had a very short 2-year production life between 1952 and 1954, during which time it was produced at the Austin Longbridge factory. The Austin Somerset was classed as a medium family car with four doors. It featured a 1.2 Litre engine and came with a 4-speed manual gearbox. Top speed was 70 mph! Despite its short 2-year production span, over 173,000 Austin Somersets were made, some of which appeared as a modified 2-door convertible.

The Austin Somerset was superseded in 1954 by the Austin Cambridge, which is also part of Oxford's series of 1950s and 1960s cars.



OXFORD 1:76 SCALE







Ford Transit MkV SWB Low Roof -Frozen White

76FT036 SCALE PRICE £6.95

VW T5 Van - White

76T5V002 | SCALE | PRICE | £7.45 | 1.76 | £7.45 |

OXFORD 1:50 SCALE



OXFORD 1:43 SCALE







Ford Cortina MkII Crayford Convertible (Roof Down) - Black/Silver

The Oxford tooling for this 1:43 scale Ford Cortina Mk II came with the option of a closed top saloon or with the roof down. For its fourth outing, it comes open-topped, revealing its sleek lines and detailed interior. The Ford Cortina Mk II was the best selling UK car of the 1970s, with a production span of 20 years. It came with the additional sporty modifications, the speciality of Crayford Engineering, many of which are replicated on our model.

Crayford Engineering was a car coachbuilder based in Kent and was formed in 1962 by engineer and designer leffrey Smith and sales expert David McMullan. The company specialised in taking desirable and usually prestige cars of the era and converting them from the original into estates and convertibles. The Cortina Mk II was one such car that Crayford introduced as a convertible but in very small numbers, so they are very collectable today.

Our model features a black body with silver bonnet and boot lid, registered OXL 825E from 1967. Externally, the car features the majority of the trim finished in black, with some chrome work to the single door mirror on the driver's side, exhaust, wipers and rear roof trim. Internally the seats are moulded in black with beige centre seat panels, with the addition of silver door handles, black floor and beige sun visors. Note the highly detailed dashboard dials and the sporty three-spoked steering wheel, as well as the manual transmission feature on the central console.

> Rounding off the model is a wry detail - a For Sale £199 sticker 'selotaped' to the windscreen. An absolute steal!

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Aircraft Box		
AIRCRAFT BOX	SCALE 1:72	PRICE £50.0





New Ford Transit Van (L.Roof) -

76FT3002

Mercedes Sprinter Van - Royal Mail

76MSV003

SCALE PRICE £7.95

76FT002 SCALE PRICE 1:76 £6.95

SCALE PRICE **£7.45**



Scammell Highwayman Tanker -Shell/BP



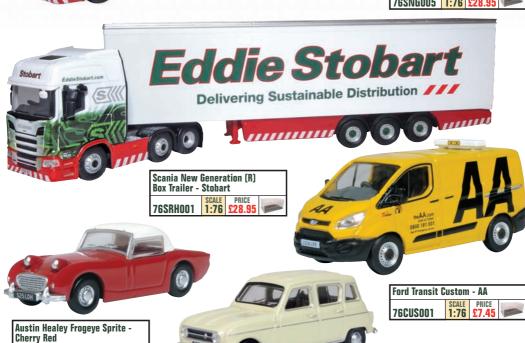






OXFORD 1:76 SCALE In case you missed it!







SCALE PRICE

1:76 £6.25

76AHF001

Renault 4 - Beige			
76RN001	SCALE 1:76	PRICE £6.45	-

Riley Elf MkIII Arianca Beige	/Pale		
76RE001	SCALE 1:76	PRICE £6.45	-

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AC Invacar - Pale Blue			
76INV001	SCALE 1:76	PRICE £6.45	1

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AR181 American Classic: As the Auto Review series works it way through the many American car brands produced by the various groups, some important makes are left as 'orphans'. Described in these pages are 11 classic US car marques; Mercer, Stutz, Marmon, Jordan, Ruxton, Kissel, Moon, Hupmobile, Locomobile, Crane-Simplex and Gardner. Many of these classic US marques fell under the control of one or other of those rickety organisations, and failed in the process.

Other companies were vulnerable to speculators, seeking to asset-strip firms whose saleable assets were worth more than their stock market valuation. Some car manufacturers, however, managed to stay independent to the end. There are so many other 'American Classic' marques still to cover that we will revisit this topic in a future Auto Review publication.

AR182 Shelvoke Album and other municipals: Here we have the story of Shelvoke & Drewry (S&D), a company which found a profitable niche in the commercial vehicle market. Its co-founder James Drewry designed the Freighter commercial vehicle, which found favour for municipal bodywork, where S&D became a market leader. We also look at the two firms with which James was associated before he went into partnership with Harry Shelvoke, Drewry and Lacre. In addition, we also take the opportunity to look at some other companies involved with municipal vehicles;. These vehicle types, by various manufacturers, include Refuse Collection Vehicles (RCVs), trade waste disposal vehicles (aka dustcarts), road sweeper-sprinklers (aka water carts) and gully cleaners, as well as the similar cesspit emptiers.

