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Austin K2 Ambulance - RASC 'Katy' Western Desert

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A brand new World War II Ambulance joins Oxford's 1:76 scale Military series and it has wartime Royal connections. It has also featured in several media roles of the period, notably the film Ice Cold in Alex starring John Mills, where it was called 'Katy'. Many images of the then Princess Elizabeth in her wartime ATS uniform show her either under the bonnet or behind the wheel of a K2 Ambulance which she was trained to drive.

The Austin K2/Y Ambulance, affectionately known as KATY, was built between 1939 and 1945 by Austin at their Longbridge plant. It was quite a large vehicle, 18ft in length, 7ft 5 inches wide and just over 9 feet high. To save as much space as possible for the wounded, the crew was limited to 2-3 personnel. Weighing just over 3 tons, the K2 came with a 6-cylinder 3462 Austin D-Series engine with four speed gearbox and had a top speed of around 50 mph. Just over 13,000 K2 Ambulances were built and proved very popular with British and Commonwealth troops as well as US forces. The K2 could



accommodate ten casualties sitting or four stretchers. The driver's cab did not have doors but folding canvas sheets instead. The exterior of the vehicle comprised mostly painted canvas. Our Oxford tooling is based on the early version of the K2 with round roof ventilators. And so on to our detailed replica. Decorated in a sand camouflage colour scheme with darker sand canvas roll up doors and seating, the Red Cross logo appears on every surface. The yellow bridge plate is printed with the number 5 and the leaping red gazelle against the white background on both the front and rear signifies deployment to the Western Desert, home to the gazelle. The white WD Census number of our K2 - A121370 KATY - is printed along the edge of the bonnet and also along the bottom of the offside back door After the War, the K2 Ambulance also served in Germany with the Allies, followed by action in the Korean War in the 1950s. It is estimated that around 50 examples still survive today.



The second model in our recently tooled up 1:76 scale Volvo FL Emergency One Pump Ladder is as deployed by the South Wales Fire & Rescue and represents one of the latest fire appliances on the emergency scene. Our appliance is registered WX17VWA and is decorated in bright yellow and red, with silver masking. Note the bi-lingual lettering on the crew cab doors and along the roof line. The impressive run of ladders stretches right along the roof as far as the roof light on the cabin, coloured silver. The crew cabin interior is all black. Emergency One (UK) Limited is based in Cumnock where it was founded in 1989. The expanding company which has undergone a management buyout has moved

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NEW

Volvo FL Emergency One Pump Ladder -

to new premises on the same Cumnock estate. It is now arguably the UK's leading manufacturer of fire and rescue vehicles.

On to the technical aspects - the Volvo FL is built to take a 6 person crew in the extended crew cab. The appliance features a Volvo Euro-6 compliant D8K280, 280 hp engine with maximum torque of 1700 rpm. Transmission is fully automatic with integral hydraulic retarder, an electronic braking system, ABS, Anti slip regulation (ASR), stability control, 5.8 tonne capacity front axle with a full air suspension 19.8 tonne drive axle with locking differential (diff lock). A final safety feature to combat attack - a growing sign of the times - is antibandit glass to the windows. Pretty impressive!





#### Vauxhall Corsa D Facelift - Oriental Blue

Vauxhall introduced their latest Corsa D car in 2006, with a facelift in 2011 to create a new front end, newly styled grille, eagle-eye headlamps and new front bumper. The Corsa was produced until 2014 with assembly in Germany and Spain as the Opel Corsa although always sold in the UK as just a Corsa, available as either a 3 door or 5 door hatchback and with petrol or diesel engine.

Vauxhall Corsa D Facelift - Oriental Blue			NEW
76VC005	SCALE 1:76	PRICE <b>£7.45</b>	-

Our 1:76 scale Oxford model Corsa was tooled up based on the 5-door version and now makes its fifth appearance in the colourful series in bright blue offset with both black and silver masking and silver wheels, registered CY60 GXB from 2010. The interior and the steering wheel are moulded in grey. Looking at the car head on, it is easy to understand the 'eagle eye' reference given to the front headlights. Aptly named!



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#### Austin Maestro - Rattan Beige

British Leyland introduced the 5-door hatchback Austin Maestro in 1983 as a small family car. It had a basic 1.3L gearbox rising to a top of the range 1.6L engine and a 5-speed gearbox.

Oxford's 1:76 replica is based on the 1.6L model and following on from the bright red launch model, for its 76MST002 1:76 £7.95

second outing, the Austin Maestro appears in an equally authentic colour scheme of beige with black exterior trim and a brown interior and silver wheels. It is registered LVL 618Y from the first few months of production. In both 1983 and 1984 it was high on the list of best selling cars and went on to achieve over 600,000 sales before it ceased production.



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Austin Champ - RASC Fire Service			NEW
76AC004	SCALE 1:76	PRICE <b>£8.95</b>	-

#### Austin Champ - RASC Fire Service

The Royal Army Service Corps was the section of the British Military responsible for the Army Fire Service as well as other key duties such as land, coastal and lake transport, air despatch and barracks administration.

Our Oxford Austin Champ appears now as deployed in the role of the Fire Service, dressed in deep bronze green with straw coloured folded canvas hood and dark stone coloured seating. It has a board fitted across the base of the windscreen displaying its Army Fire Service RASC deployment. The military number plate reads 30 BE 62 and the vehicle is right hand drive. The yellow bridge plate has no black numbering on this model but the pale blue and yellow shield of the RASC on the offside bumper features the five stars of the Southern Cross, with the pale blue and yellow diagonal cut square on the nearside. Fascinating regimental attention to detail here! Our replica is based on the vehicle which the Austin Motor Company manufactured between 1951 and 1956 as both a military vehicle and subsequently for civilian use as well. It was the British Army's answer to the famous US Army's Willys MB Jeep, also part of our 1:76 scale Military series.

The Army version had the official title Truck <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ton, CT, 4x4, Cargo & FTW, Austin Mk I or Truck <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ton. The civilian version was named simply Champ, by which the vehicle was to become unofficially known. Developed by the Nuffield organisation, it is interesting to note that the suspension was designed by Sir Alec Issigonis who later designed the Morris Minor and the Mini.



# OXFORD I:43 SCALE

#### Bedford CF Ice Cream Van - C.J. Copner

Our Oxford 1:43 sale Bedford CF Van is back on the road in a bright new colour scheme for the 2023 season. Chris Copner and his ice cream vans are centred in Abergavenny in South Wales but he attends events all over the country. He started in 2009 with just one van but by 2021, Chris had been named as one of the top three ice cream mobile vans in the UK by the Ice Cream Alliance. Now he has four ice cream vans, both classic and contemporary.

Here we see one of his vans KNE 202V registered in 1979 decorated in a creamy white with masses of bright

pastel shades displaying all the refreshing treats

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 Bedford CF Ice Cream

 Van - C.J. Copner
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printed on all sides. The external bodywork also feature lots of promotional graphics such a 'You've tried the rest, now try the best' as well as a cautionary note on the back to 'Mind that Child'. Additional tooling sees two decorative ice cream cones mounted on the front of the roof on either side of the windscreen. The interior is moulded to give a pale green finish to the fridge doors and fridge tops; the counter tops are white, as is the dashboard while the floor and the driver's seat are both moulded in grey. Quoting an invitation to Try a 99 above the side hatch - well, we might just do that!



### **OXFORD 1:43 SCALE**

Land Rover Series III Postbus - Royal Mail			NEW
43LR3S008	SCALE 1:43	PRICE £17.95	1

#### Land Rover Series III Postbus - Royal Mail

Oxford's short wheelbase Land Rover makes its latest appearance as used by the Royal Mail who used specially adapted Land Rovers, incorporating a closed rear section with large windows for better visibility of the mail being transported. The rear compartment was designed to accommodate postal workers and their mailbags securely. The vehicle also had additional storage compartments for sorting mail and carrying postal equipment. The vehicle was also totally suitable for traversing rough ground and accessing rural and isolated locations. Our 1:43 scale Royal Mail Land Rover series 3 is decorated in bright pillar box red with a white roof and black interior, registered MFS 345P from 1975. The number plate is fixed to the centre of the grille on this release and there is also an additional board fixed to the white bumper printed KINGIE. The exterior is also finished with contrasting silver trim.

The Series 3 Land Rover was produced between 1971 and 1985 and was the most popular of the Series vehicles with Land Rover producing over 440,000 of them. It had a 4-speed gearbox with a selectable 4-wheel drive option and a choice of petrol or diesel fuel.



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# **OXFORD N SCALE**

#### VW T1 Samba Bus -Turquoise/Blue White NVWS005 1:148 \$7.45

#### VWT1 Samba Bus -Turquoise Blue/White with Surfboards

The highly popular split windscreen VW T1 Samba Bus is a variation on the first generation VW T1 van which made its first appearance in 1951. Our Oxford enthusiasts have already been treated to this exact model in 1:76 scale. Now, for collectors of 1:148 scale vehicles, we are pleased to introduce our Samba bus once more in the eyecatching turquoise and white colour scheme with cream

CG 597

upper roof pane. Two brightly coloured surfboards are held in place by a chrome roof rack. Registered GCG 597, the interior is moulded in cream, including seats, dashboard and steering wheel.

The Samba Bus was at the luxury end of the VW TI series with improved features including two pivot doors at the side and a fabric sun roof. A light and airy feel was also achieved by adding more windows. All great fun for those who had the pleasure of owning one.



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### OXFORD AMERICAN 1:87 SCALE

#### 1961 Chevrolet Impala Convertible - Jewel Blue/White

1950 Chevrolet Panel Van -

**Speciality Foods** 

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There's nothing like creating an impact and the bright blue and white colour scheme, combined with the long lines of this Chevrolet Impala release certainly do that. Hailing from the extremely sunny Grand Canyon State of Arizona and numbered DBR - 351, our 1:87 scale Impala has a darker blue interior with a contrasting satin white folded tonneau cover. Chrome detailing surrounds the

PRICE

£8.95

1961 Chevrolet In Convertible - Jev	NEW		
	SCALE	PRICE <b>£8.95</b>	1

white flash along the length of the car, the windscreen surround, bumpers and wheels.

The 1961 Impala represented the third generation of the famous marque and our model is finished off with the colourful Impala signature embedded into the radiator grille as well as the badge printed on the boot and in the fins behind the rear wheels.

SPECIALITY FOODS

#### 1950 Chevrolet Panel Van -Speciality Foods

The Chevrolet Panel van was introduced in the 1950s and fulfilled a variety of roles. Now it makes its fourth appearance in the 1:87 scale series of American classics as a high class grocery van 'Speciality Foods'.

Our solid looking little vehicle is decorated in muted post-war two-tone colours of sage green and black. The printing on the sides is finished in gold and the

 1959 Pontiac Bonneville Coupe - Seaspray Green

 87PB59003

 1:87

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Oxford Diecast, PO Box 62, Swansea, UK, SAI 4YA TEL: 02038 877802 www.oxforddiecast.co.uk double back doors are left plain. Registered in New Brunswick as 52.136, the van has a black interior. There's a lot of exterior chrome including the extremely large radiator grille, above which the Chevrolet badge features in silver and red.

The two-door vehicle was built on a car chassis and usually came with seating for a driver and one passenger alongside. No different from our early UK small van configurations really.





**Showtime Bundle** 

SHOWBUNDLE SCALE

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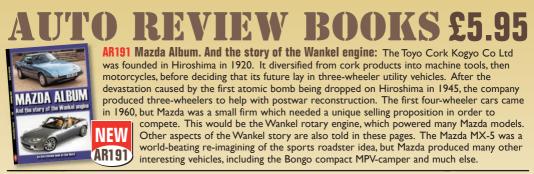
### SHOWBUNDLE

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**AR192 American Classic 2. And the men behind the marques:** In Auto Review 181 we looked at American Classic car marques regarded by car enthusiasts as 'orphan makes' because they were never absorbed into any of the large car-making groups. In that publication we examined some attempts to create conglomerates capable of competing with General Motors, including Hare's Motors, Durant Motors and New Era. In this volume another selection of 'American Classic' marques focuses on the men behind them. Our chapter headings are mostly names of the visionary entrepreneurs, engineers and salesmen who dived into the shark-infested waters of the American car market in the early years of the 20th century. They include Colonel Albert Pope, Henry Lozier, Frank Stearns, Benjamin Briscoe, Albert Barley, David Parry, Raymond and Ralph Owen, Elwood Haynes and Paul Du Pont.



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