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Model  
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## 1:43 MASERATI TIPO 63 BY LP CREATION

Price £6695 Material brass handbuilt  
Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★

Here's a model that should get Stirling Moss fans' juices flowing. It's an intricately detailed handbuilt creation lovingly fashioned by Pierre Laugier, based near Marseille. This incredible rendition of the Moss/Gregory/Casner Tipo 63 raced at Sebring in 1961 is fashioned almost entirely in brass, with the chassis frame soldered from individual tubes, and the multi-part suspension detailed right down to each individual pivot. The body panels are hand-formed from brass sheet, and it's completely correct, right down to the taped-over sponsor logos and headlamps. The car took roughly a year to create, which is reflected in the top-drawer price. In short, a genius creation.

## Best of the rest



1:43 COOPER 500 F3 BY SMTS  
Price £94.00 Material metal handbuilt  
Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★

Another Stirling Moss model, this time his 1949 Cooper which won at Monaco. Simple and nice.



1:43 OPEL MANTA BY SCHUCO  
Price £38.95 Material metal diecast  
Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★

Fantastic in Bastos livery, this value Paris-Dakar Manta sports well-modelled spotlights and 'roo bars.



1:43 BUGATTI T49 BY LUXCAR  
Price £87.55 Material resin handbuilt  
Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★

One of the lesser-known Bugattis, but that hasn't stopped Luxcar creating this near-perfect miniature.



1:43 ASTON MARTIN LAGONDA BY MINICHAMPS  
Price £34.95 Material metal diecast  
Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★

So big it threatens to dwarf the standard packaging, the sharply modelled Lagonda is lots of diecast for your cash.



1:43 BRAWN BGP01 BY MINICHAMPS  
Price £35.80 Material metal diecast  
Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★

Jenson fans have been waiting all year for this one. The Malaysia-winning car has the correct monsoon tyres.



1:43 FERRARI TESTAROSSA KOENIG BY BBR  
Price £200.70 Material metal handbuilt  
Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★

Koenig managed to make a Testarossa look even more '80s – we like this, right down to its gaudy screen banner.



1:43 LOTUS EUROPA S1 BY SPARK  
Price £36.95 Material resin diecast  
Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★

A delicate model of a delicate Lotus, which is elegantly modelled. Hard to fault, easy to like.



1:43 NISSAN MID4 BY NOREV  
Price £44.95 Material metal diecast  
Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★

One Nissan should have built; at least Norev has finally modelled this 1987 concept supercar.



1:43 PORSCHE 917 JAGDWAGEN BY MINICHAMPS  
Price £26.95 Material metal diecast  
Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★

Great-value recreation in miniature of one of Porsche's might-have-beens. Probably one for completists, though.



1:43 AUDI R8 SPIDER BY SCHUCO  
Price £34.95 Material metal diecast  
Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★

Dilled discs and fine leather interior are the highlights of this rendition of Audi's latest supercar.



1:43 JENSEN INTERCEPTOR S3 BY NEO  
Price £46.95 Material metal diecast  
Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★

It's nice to see a really well-crafted Interceptor model, and this one's a delight. Mirrors clumsy, wheels lovely.



1:43 BMW 2.0CSL BY SCHUCO  
Price £35.95 Material metal diecast  
Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★

Strident 'Batmobile' model lacks some fine detail, but has character in abundance.

Models shown are available from Grand Prix Models, +44 (0)1295 278070, www.grandprixmodels.com.