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GLOBE

**J2
AUSTIN
& MINOR
HIGH TOP**

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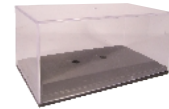
UK & EIRE 2 Guineas (£2.10) USA \$5.00



1:43rd Scale

**New
Release**

Walls ICE CREAM



**JA001
Walls
Edition 2,000**

This is the first release of our J2 casting and is the Austin variant. There are quite a few casting types. We'll also release Morris versions next month and we have a whole range of



This variant has the rear as pictured. The others will be a twin door which was used by the GPO and a single door which was the standard variant

different casting shapes. The J2 range was announced in June 1956 with a wheelbase of 7ft 6 ins and rated at 15 cwt. The van cost £554 and the 12 seater minibus £625, if you wanted heaters it would cost you £11 extra. The cab had two front panel designs to provide the Morris J2 and Austin 152 version which was a policy adopted by BMC. The van could be specified with either sliding or hinged cab doors, single or sliding rear doors. By 1965 the Morris front panel was dropped and the Austin front panel was adopted for both versions. So don't be surprised if you see some odd combinations being released! This is produced to 1:43rd scale and is a beautiful model, being around 4 inches long. We have had a lot of interest with these new J2 models and some of the despatches may be sent later in February as we will have a lot of orders to fulfil.



**New
Release**

British Rail

I spoke to Russ Harvey (He keeps the LCV Morris Minor Register) last year asking him for details on a British Rail Morris Minor. Did they ever have any I enquired?



Picture: Courtesy Russ Harvey



**MM030
British Rail
Edition 2,000**

That was a difficult one to answer, as he didn't have any recorded evidence except for a battered old picture of a yellow vehicle which you can see here. So yes they were used, but how regularly and where we're not sure. Anyone who has information then please send it in. TAFF

1:43rd Scale

Our new casting, this time featuring the very popular Royal Mail livery. This has a single door rear



1:43rd Scale

DER
Television Rentals

New Release



ANG011
DER
Edition 2,000

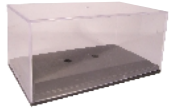
ROYAL MAIL
ER



1:43rd Scale

JA002
Austin J2 Royal Mail
Edition 2,000

New Release



Back in the 1960's many of us rented television sets. I remember the excitement in our house when I come home in 1965 to see one sitting in the front room. DER (Domestic Electric Rentals) was one such company and was owned by Thorn who as a manufacturer needed control of the retail outlets. Their main brand was Ferguson, whilst Radio Rentals used the name Baird. The two groups were soon to merge as the market began to shrink as the costs of TVs dropped and more of us decided to purchase as the quality of the televisions improved.. Other popular names were Rediffusion, Decca and Rank.

Pears

An early entrant into the quality soap business was Andrew Pears. A West Country man who had opened a barber's shop in Gerrard Street, Soho, Pears became interested in the production of better quality soap. In 1789, he commenced production of a transparent soap at a factory in Wells Street, off Oxford Street. In 1835 his grandson, Francis Pears, joined him in the business to form A&F Pears. The company was awarded the prize medal for soap at the Great Exhibition in 1851. A factory was opened at Isleworth in 1862. In 1865 the son of Francis Pears, Andrew, joined his sister's husband Thomas Barratt who was a pioneer of modern advertising and business management, investing funds in the promotion of his product as an aid to health and beauty. His promotional campaigns included use of the painting Bubbles by Sir John Everett Millais, which became the most famous poster in the country, and the introduction in 1897 of 'Pears Shilling Cyclopedia'. Many millions of copies of this annual publication have been sold and it remains in print. Barratt has been called "the father of modern advertising" and his initiatives propelled Pears Transparent Soap to the status of a major manufacturer of product at home and overseas. Following his death shortly before the 1914-18 war, A&F Pears Ltd joined Lever Brothers and production was later moved to Port Sunlight.



1:76th Scale

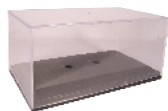
B088
Pears
Edition 2,000

New Release





MM031
Currys High Top
Edition 2,000



1:43rd Scale



New
Release

Not one, but two Minor variants this month. Marshall Motor Bodies carried out the conversion especially for Curry's, who had become the first agents for Ignis fridge/freezers. To accommodate these stand up units the high - top conversion was designed. Later it was made available to BMC agents. It's believed that Woolworth, Boots and the GPO (mobile workshop) also used them, but no pictures have been found. The top section is glass fibre as are the rear door extensions. It is believed about 1 100-1500 of these were built, with 500 or so going to Curry's.

A word from Michael

The first of the new tooling arrives and boy are we spoilt for choice. Not only J2's but also the start of the Morris Minor variants with the high top.

Next month we have the Gown vans and I can tell you that they were very unstable at speeds of over 40 mph - on the straight! I'd love to own the real thing as I think that although unusual, it is a very attractive vehicle. You'd never be allowed to build anything like this today as the rules and regulations would prevent it ever leaving the garage.

It seems all of our planned releases are causing quite a stir, we have just signed off a further set of six castings based on one vehicle to launch around July!

Until next time

Take care
 Michael

ROAD RAC SERVICE

New
Release

MV008
RAC
Edition 2,000

1:43rd Scale



Standard Oxford
Box Packaging



On Wednesday 8 December 1897, Mr Frederick R Simms and a group of other gentleman motoring enthusiasts founded the Automobile Club of Great Britain. The inaugural luncheon and meeting was held at 1.15 pm at Whitehall Court and was followed by a display of members cars and demonstration runs. In July 1898 Sir David Salomons arranged an amalgamation with the Self-Propelled Traffic Association and together they became known as the Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland, with an original membership of 163. By January 1st 1899 the total membership was 380. In 1900 the ACGBI held the 1000 mile run. This played a large part in bringing the self-propelled vehicle to the notice of the general public and thousands turned out to watch the cars pass by. When King Edward VII became patron he commanded that the club should be known as The Royal Automobile Club. As more activities and club membership grew they centralised into the old War Office in Pall Mall.

In 1912 the first 'Get you home service' was introduced and for an annual subscription of one guinea a brass token was issued which could be sent by messenger to the nearest appointed repairer who would despatch a relief vehicle to take your party home or to the nearest railway station up to a radius of 20 miles. Further information can be found by purchasing the book shown on the back cover. We show our first RAC release on a Mini Van from the 1960's.



1:43rd Scale

POLICE

The West Riding of Yorkshire force covered a wide and varied territory that ranged from heavily industrialised cities and towns to isolated rural areas. They used a fleet of vans and large quantities were purchased - replacing a fleet of 'Noddy Bikes' and the Mini Vans were very popular, 100's of them being purchased.



MV019
West Riding Panda
Edition 2,000

New
Release

The Royal Army Ordnance Corps (RAOC) was a former corps of the British Army. It dealt only with the supply and maintenance of weaponry, munitions and other military equipment until 1965, when it took over most other supply functions, as well as the provision of staff clerks, from the Royal Army Service Corps.

Although a Corps of Armourer-Sergeants had been raised in 1858, the real history of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps began in 1875, when the Control Department was disbanded and its members (all commissioned officers) were divided between two new departments: the Commissariat and Transport Department (which later became the Royal Army Service Corps) and the Ordnance Store Department. In 1877 the Ordnance Store Branch, consisting only of other ranks, was formed to support the Ordnance Store Department (previously other ranks in



New
Release



GR024
Royal Ordnance
Edition 2,000

ordnance trades had belonged to the Army Service Corps and its predecessors). In

1881, this latter branch was replaced by the Ordnance Store Corps, still officered by the Ordnance Store Department. In 1896 these two were superseded by the Army Ordnance Department (AOD) and the Army Ordnance Corps (AOC). In 1918 the two amalgamated as the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, receiving the "Royal" prefix for their service during World War I, and for the first time officers and soldiers served in the same organisation.

On the 5th April 1993, the RAOC was one of the corps that amalgamated to form the Royal Logistic Corps (RLC).

The RAOC was organised into companies.

Although they were not formally organised into a battalion, the RAOC units of a division were collected under a headquarters and a commander known as the Deputy Assistant Director of Ordnance Services (DADOS). Officers with the designations of Assistant Director of Ordnance Services (ADOS) and Deputy Director of Ordnance Services (DDOS) served at corps level and above. The Director of Ordnance Services (DOS), a Major-General, was the head of ordnance at the War Office in London. After World War II, RAOC companies were formally collected into battalions. Until 1920 the AOC and later RAOC, in common only with the Royal Engineers, maintained a rank of Second Corporal.

The RAOC's motto was Sua tela tonanti (literally "His Missiles Thundering", but commonly translated as "To the Warrior his Arms").



CS050 1:43rd Scale
KODAK
Edition 2,000



CIG076
Players Richmond
Edition 2,000



1:43rd Scale
ANG009
AA
Edition 2,000



GR023
South Wales Borders
Edition 2,000



1:43rd Scale
MM028
Post Office
Edition 2,000



1:43rd Scale
MP003
Mini Tonneau Cover
Edition 2,000



1:43rd Scale
MM022B
ATV Blue
Edition 2,000



1:43rd Scale
MM022
ATV Pink
Edition 2,000



1:43rd Scale
MP005
CREPES MAISON
Edition 1,600



1:43rd Scale
ANG018
Walls
Edition 2,500



1:43rd Scale
ANG019
Walls
Edition 2,500



1:43rd Scale
ANG020
Walls
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MP008
Walls
Edition 2,000

1:43RD SCALE



1:43RD SCALE

MP004
Mister Burger
Edition 2,000

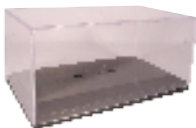
MP002 Mini Pick Up
Edition 2,000

1:43RD SCALE



ANG015 ANGLIA

I made a real mess up with this one last month - I put it in the section with £4.95 items and it should have been in the £9.95 section. Anyway, as it was Christmas we honoured all orders placed. It has however gone back to its rightful place at £9.95 this month. I also called the CS049 Colgate Soap on the price list, not Colgate Soap - what am I doing !!! TAFF



ANG015
SUPERVAN
Edition 2,000

1:43RD SCALE

MM027
AA
Edition 2,000



MV013
Post Office
Edition 2,000

1:43RD SCALE



MT001 Mini Blue
Edition 2,000

1:43RD SCALE



Thanks to Roy Nicholas 63188
from Plymouth



MV010
AA Road Service
Edition 2,000

1:43RD SCALE



CS048
POLO
Edition 2,000

1:43RD SCALE



1:43RD SCALE

MM016
AA Road Service
Edition 2,000



MAG020
Railway Locomotive
Edition 2,000



CS049
Colgate Soap
Edition 2,000



1:43RD SCALE **MV006**
AA Road Service
Edition 2,000

AUTO REVIEW BOOKS



Having issued the RAC van (MV008) which is shown in this Globe, we thought it would be nice to offer you a book which features vehicles of the RAC. It is a pictorial history and many are from the RAC's own archive. Patrolettes were common in the late 1950's and helped to boost membership. Travelling on their Vespa and Lambretta scooters. Later their duties included part time radio controllers at service centres and assisting members with route finding. They experimented with Bambini sidecars and BMW Isettas although these were unsuccessful and were eventually disposed of - a fascinating book which is 36 pages long.

Code AR33 £3.95



If you'd like to read more about the Mini or the Spitfire, these are definitely the books for you. Over 30 pages of information, stories and facts about each. They have

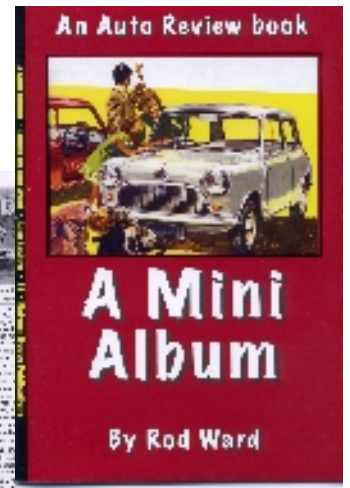
just been released and you'll find the odd picture of our vehicles inside, they are reasonably priced at just £5.95 each. Did you realise just how many variants of Minis there were - Hornets, Elf, Mokes and Taffs favourite



the 1275GT. The first car he ever owned, having read his book - perhaps he stole it? Yes it did have a 'furry' dashboard and he claims 'Wood and Pickett' nudge bars. Being six foot tall that must have been quite a sight. Now having read the Spitfire book he's claiming

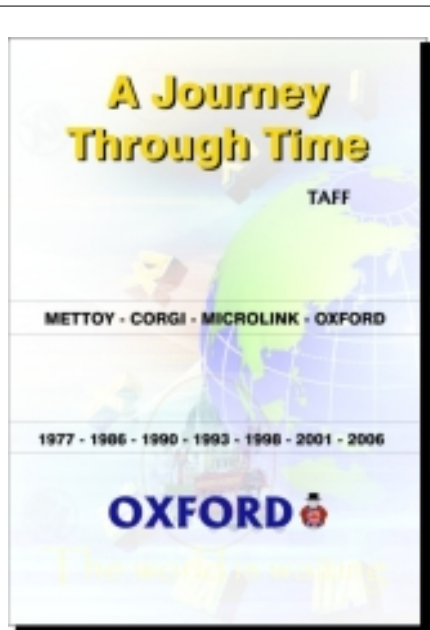
Code AR32 £5.95

he's flown one of these as well - I'm not sure about that !!!



Code AR31 £5.95

TAFFS BEST SELLER



All members who renewed during the course of 2006 should have received a copy of my book - 'A Journey Through Time'. For those new members who only joined in 2006, it can be purchased, you will find details on the order form. My intention is to follow on with the story as matters within Oxford develop. What I can assure you, is a very exciting time in 2007 as we release many more interesting items in response to requests from you all. I do appreciate all your letters, I just find it so difficult to respond to them quickly, but I'll do my best. **TAFF**

CODE:JOURNEY

