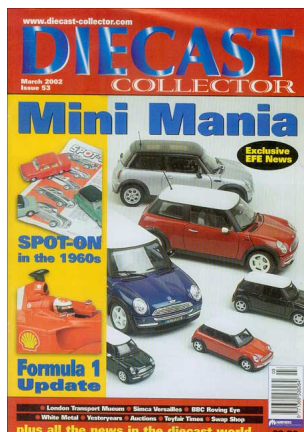


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MANY MINIS...



The New Mini Cooper is being produced by Corgi in 1/36 scale, with opening doors, in six different colours, flamenco orange or black, red, Dakar Yellow, British Racing Green or silver, with correctly contrasting roofs.

The 'New Mini' from BMW seems to have quickly established a following among enthusiasts and collectors, only equalled in recent years by the 'New Beetle'. We take a look at the plethora of models available...

It must be the unusual combination of something very new with the nostalgia from the 'semi-retro' styling which has captured the imagination of so many people. The New Mini is longer, wider and taller than the old model. It has replaced after 41 years, but it's still unmistakably a 'Mini'. The new car is branded as a Mini

and is being built in Britain, at the Cowley plant, rather than at BMW's German factories. There might have been a recall scare, because of faulty fuel filler caps, but sales of the new car are buoyant, with people reportedly paying 'over-the-top' to get hold of one without a wait, in contrast with the usual discount market for new cars.

The new Mini is remarkably similar to the 'concept' car which first appeared in 1997. The current 'top of the range' model is the Mini Cooper S, reviving another well-known name. This has a 1.6 litre 120bhp 16 valve four cylinder engine, with a five speed gearbox - both a big step forward from the old Mini we know and love. Automatics are available too and there are also 'standard' Mini and Mini Cooper models. Price tags range from £16,000 to £16,000.

the handling is claimed to be as good as that of the old Mini, with improved levels of passenger comfort, though there doesn't seem to be any more space inside. So much has been written in the motoring press, and I haven't so much as sat in a New Mini - it's not my sort of car - so I'm not qualified to make any pronouncements as to how good or otherwise the car is, but it's certainly proving popular as are models of the new car.

The models

I would hazard a guess that more different models have been produced of the New Mini more quickly than of any other car before except, perhaps, the New Beetle - and many of those were of an un-named, if unmistakable, 'concept' car.

Revell's Minis in 1/18 and 1/12 scale. The larger model has two-tone seats, but otherwise the 1/18 scale car has just as much detail. The 1/12 scale model has a definite 'presence', but is probably best suited to the dedicated Mini collector.



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Y12-2 1909 Thomas Flyabout



The Y12-2 1909 Thomas Flyabout was originally priced at 5/6d (27p) when it was introduced in 1967. The 1/48 scale model was not withdrawn until 1978.

Horace Dunkley introduces us to a Yesteryear model of a pioneering American car, which took the world by surprise in the early days of motoring.

In the early 1900s, car manufacturers in Europe knew little, and cared even less for their American counterparts (no change there, then!). In 1908, the French newspaper 'Le Matin' decided to sponsor a 'Round the

World (motor car) Race'. The American entrants were dismissed with scorn, especially the Thomas. The first part of the race was a drive across America, after which the cars were to be shipped to Vladivostok to start the second and final (European) part, finishing in Paris. Guess it was a small world in those days!

Goodness knows what 'Le Matin' thought of the European part of the race, when you realise that only two of the cars completed the trans-American part! One of the two was

the Thomas Flyabout, which went on to win the race. The car was later restored and housed in the Harrah Collection in Reno, Nevada and it was this car that was used as the example for the Yesteryear version. In fact, the baseplate has 'BY COURTESY OF HARRAH COLLECTION, RENO, U.S.A.' cast on it!

The Yesteryear version was made up of two main components, the body and bonnet, including the roof loading pins and rear petrol tank was one, while the other was the



The pins on the body which held the roof in place were changed to pins on the seat moulding, which was made from a darker red plastic, like the model on the right, soon after the model was launched.

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