

## Matchbox Mercedes

It is sad that there are currently no plans to include Mercedes in the range. I thought that those collectors who yearn for a Mercedes to join the range, might at least be heartened by what Matchbox has produced in the past of the famous German car manufacturer. Here is a model from the 1970 range fitted with Superfast wheels with opening doors and opening boot (trunk) with a metal body and base, which was sold for the regular price of all other miniatures in the 1-75 range. Just as today's models, it was designed for children to play with and then there was no collector base to placate.



A selection of some other Mercedes cars are also shown here as pre-productions, indicating that it was once an important marque in the Matchbox line-up.



Finally, a glimpse of a manufacturer we can all recognize – the famous Aston Martin, still made in Britain, but not owned by us!



This will be a popular model I am sure but the question has been asked about the 2014 Hot Wheels Aston Martin 1963 DB5 which some collectors have described as a fabulous casting with detailed front and rear, a license plate, painted front and rear lights and the Aston Martin logo near the front grille – all that as a regular model in the standard line. It looks so good apparently that we would not be surprised if it had been designed by a former Matchbox designer.

Post script - Most of you are aware of a novel idea instigated by Jim Gallegos and Mattel. The idea is for a Matchbox Land Rover to travel as far as possible around the world. It may be followed on Facebook under Mattel Landy Travels. It may also be tracked on SEARCH on Matchbox Collectors' Forum.

If you want to participate:

- 1) Email your name and full mailing address to Bill at [landytravels@gmail.com](mailto:landytravels@gmail.com)
- 2) Agree to a 2 week turnaround in which you will mail the Landy and the Passport. at your expense to the next address which we will provide.
- 3) Agree to post pictures on the Facebook page Mattel Landy Travels as soon as your visit is over. Obtain a post mark if possible and sign the Passport.
- 4) Have fun. Anyone can participate.
- 5) By accepting these terms, you agree that the Landy is Mattel property and the Journey is a project directed totally by Jim Gallegos Albuquerque, New Mexico USA.
- 6) Agree to return the Landy and Passport to Jim Gallegos upon request with no objections.

Email Jim with any questions to [matchb0x1@aol.com](mailto:matchb0x1@aol.com)

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE - NOEXCEPTIONS [landy.travels@gmail.com](mailto:landy.travels@gmail.com)

I am sorry if some of you have had problems downloading my previous reports. I was not aware of how big some of my photos actually were, some around 2 MB each. This has now been corrected, thanks to David Tilley's advice, and I hope that all recipients will now be able to download without problems and far more quickly. If any of you missed the first four reports, please let me know and I will re-send with the new format.

Nigel Cooper

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