

**MATCHBOX SERIES 1-75
PICTURE BOXES**

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1 Introduction

In the following pages an attempt is made to give an overview of the variables characterizing the designs of Matchbox Series 1-75 picture boxes from the very beginning in 1953 until the very end of individual picture boxes in 1982. Furthermore there are detailed descriptions and listings of all individual boxes made for Matchbox Series 1-75 models from 1953 to 1982 which are known to exist.

It is understood that this compilation of listings is just a beginning and by far not complete, as the information used to produce it comes from my own humble collection, from studies of various kinds of Matchbox literature and from some notes taken at a few swapmeets from 1996 to 1999. However, I hope this approach to take into account all relevant variables and produce completely systematic and uniform listings which can easily be extended by additional information made available does indeed make sense.

The abbreviations used for the values of variables in the listings have been designed for easy memorizing. It should be possible for anyone after a little studying to inspect any particular box and within a few seconds tell which variation it is. I believe this approach is superior to a classification by sequential numbers or letters, which are rather difficult to keep in memory.

Every fellow collector is encouraged to go through his own collection with this compilation of listings and note any variations he might have that are missing in it. I would be grateful for any comments, suggestions, criticisms and information on additional variations, if possible (and meaningful) accompanied by black and white photocopies.

Furthermore I want to make it perfectly clear that I have no objections whatsoever against anybody making copies of these listings and passing them on to other people who might be interested. The more collectors see these listings and get the chance to contribute, the bigger improvements of the listings in both quantity and quality will be possible. I think a listing which is as accurate and complete as possible is for the benefit of all Matchbox collectors who are seriously interested in the subject.

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2 Literature

Apart from the magazines issued by the UK Matchbox, MICA and Matchbox U.S.A. clubs, the following publications have had much influence on the present compilation:

Graham Ward, The Box Catalogue, 1953-1978 Variations, 2nd Edition, Stafford, England 1978

The "mother of all box catalogues", i.e. the first and original work published on the subject. It contains very detailed descriptions of the various box designs, even expanding to the small lettering on the end flap closers, but tends to be a bit difficult to survey. It makes no attempt to list box variations for individual models, and as it was published at a time when picture boxes were still current, the information on the later boxes made after 1975 is by necessity incomplete. The same author published another work in 1981, which unfortunately I have not seen so far.

Philip Bowdidge, "Matchbox" Boxes 1 to 75 1953-1964, Supplement No. 4, New Milton, England 1990

The definitive unsurpassable work on the earlier boxes, providing black and white photocopies of each and every individual box design, as well as details of the actual model variations that came in each box.

John Hanchet, The Matchbox Picture Boxes, 1-75 Regular Wheels 1962-1970, Essen, Germany 1995

A very thorough detailed listing of the regular wheel boxes of the sixties, accompanied by colour photographs. The existence of this work and the perceptible demand for its continuation into the Superfast era was the major instigation to produce the present compilation.

Geoffrey Leake, A Concise Catalogue of 1-75 Series "Matchbox" Toys by Lesney, 3rd Edition, Worcester, England 1992

Probably the best pocket-sized catalogue on the models themselves. It is mentioned here because most of the information on Japanese boxes was derived from it.

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3 Overview of Box Generations

The basic definition of Matchbox box generations has generally been established in the late seventies, and there is no need for any major changes. Only the last types issued from 1975 onward have not been classified properly until now. My decision to divide this last phase into three generations is open to debate, but is justified by obvious differences in the appearances of these boxes.

Details are to be found in the descriptions of the individual box generations. The purpose of the following list is just to give a brief overview:

Type	Description	Years of issue
A	line drawing, A Moko LESNEY (script) in scroll	1953-54
B	line drawing, A MOKO LESNEY (capitals) in scroll	1955-60
C	line drawing, A LESNEY in scroll	1961
D	colour picture, "MATCHBOX" Series in arch	1962-66
E	colour picture, "MATCHBOX" in arch	1964-68
F	colour picture, "MATCHBOX" straight	1969
G	colour picture, "MATCHBOX" italic	1970-75
H	colour picture, "MATCHBOX" bold italic with tyre	1971-76
I	colour picture, "MATCHBOX" bold italic	1972-79
J	colour picture, "MATCHBOX" in oval, number/name in centre	1975-82
K	colour picture, "MATCHBOX" in oval, number/name at bottom	1976-82
L	colour picture, "MATCHBOX" in oval, colour picture on side	1977-82

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4 Overview of Main Box Variable Domains

4.1 Main Bottom Lettering

#	Abbr.	Box generations	Years	Lettering
1	AMS	A-----	1953-54	A Moko LESNEY PRODUCT (Moko in script)
2	AML	--B-----	1955-60	A MOKO LESNEY PRODUCT (MOKO in block capitals)
3	ALS	---C-----	1961	A LESNEY PRODUCT (scroll)
4	ALP	---DEF-----	1962-69	A LESNEY PRODUCT (straight)
5	LPC	-----F-----	1969	LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. LONDON ENGLAND
6	MIR1	-----FG-----	1969-70	"MATCHBOX" IS THE REG'D T.M. OF LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. LONDON ENGLAND
7	MRT1	-----FG-----	1969-70	"MATCHBOX" REG'D T.M. LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. LONDON ENGLAND
8	MRT2	-----H-----	1971	© 197x "MATCHBOX" REG'D T.M. LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. LONDON ENGLAND
9	MRT3	-----I-----	1972-78	© 197x "MATCHBOX" REG'D T.M. MARCA REGISTRADA LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. LONDON ENGLAND
10	MRM	-----I-----	1972	MARCA REGISTRADA © 197x "MATCHBOX" REG'D T.M. LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. LONDON ENGLAND
11	MIR2	-----IJ--	1973-78	"MATCHBOX" IS THE REG'D TRADE MARK (MARCA REGISTRADA) OF LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. LONDON ENGLAND
12	MMR1	-----K-	1976-78	"MATCHBOX", "MARCA REGISTRADA" REGISTERED TRADE MARK OF LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. LONDON ENGLAND
13	MMR2	-----KL	1977-78	"MATCHBOX", "MARCA REGISTRADA" REGISTERED TRADE MARK OF LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. LONDON E.9 5PA ENGLAND
14	CNG	-----IJKL	1978	CONFORMITÉ AUX NORMES GARANTIE PAR LESNEY S.A. (combined with MRT3, MIR2, MMR1 or MMR2)
15	CNN	-----IJKL	1978	CONFORMITÉ AUX NORMES GARANTIE PAR LESNEY S.A. NE CONVIENT PAS À UN ENFANT DE MOINS DE 36 MOIS (combined with MRT3, MIR2, MMR1 or MMR2)
16	MMR3	-----IJKL	1978-81	"MATCHBOX" (MARCA REGISTRADA) REGISTERED TRADE MARK OF LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. LONDON ENGLAND
17	MIR3	-----JKL	1980-82	"MATCHBOX" IS THE REGISTERED TRADE MARK (MARCA REGISTRADA) OF LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. LONDON ENGLAND
18	MIR4	-----L	1982	"MATCHBOX" IS THE REGISTERED TRADE MARK (MARCA REGISTRADA) OF LESNEY PRODUCTS P.L.C. LONDON ENGLAND

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4.2 Lettering inside Rectangles on Sides

Combined with main bottom lettering types 16 - 18.

#	Type	Box generations	Years
1	Type 2	-----IJKL	1978-82
two lines inside top (English and French):			
NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 36 MONTHS NE CONVIENT PAS À UN ENFANT DE MOINS DE 36 MOIS			
one line inside bottom:			
CONFORMITÉ AUX NORMES GARANTIE PAR LESNEY S.A.			

#	Type	Box generations	Years
2	Type 4A	-----JKL	1979-80
four lines inside top (English and French):			
CAUTION: CONTAINS SMALL PARTS. NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 36 MONTHS. ATTENTION! CONTIENT PETITES PIECES. NE CONVIENT PAS À UN ENFANT DE MOINS DE 36 MOIS.			
one line inside bottom:			
CONFORMITÉ AUX NORMES GARANTIE PAR LESNEY S.A.			

#	Type	Box generations	Years
3	Type 5A	-----JKL	1980-81
five lines inside top (English, French and Italian):			
NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 36 MONTHS. NE CONVIENT PAS À UN ENFANT DE MOINS DE 36 MOIS. CONFORMITÉ AUX NORMES GARANTIE PAR LESNEY S.A. NON ADATTO AD UN BAMBINO DI ETA MINORE AL 36 MESI. CONFORME PRESCRIZIONE DM 31.7.79.			

#	Type	Box generations	Years
4	Type 8	-----KL	1980-81
eight lines inside top (English, French and Italian):			
CAUTION: CONTAINS SMALL PARTS. NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 36 MONTHS. ATTENTION! CONTIENT DES PETITES PIECES. NE CONVIENT PAS À UN ENFANT DE MOINS DE 36 MOIS. CONFORMITÉ AUX NORMES GARANTIE PAR LESNEY S.A. AVVERTIMENTO: CONTIENE PICCOLI PEZZI. NON ADATTO AD UN BAMBINO DI ETA MINORE AL 36 MESI. CONFORME PRESCRIZIONE DM 31.7.79.			

#	Type	Box generations	Years
5	Type 4B	-----L	1981
four lines inside top (English, French and Swedish):			
NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 36 MONTHS NE CONVIENT PAS À UN ENFANT DE MOINS DE 36 MOIS INNEHÅLLER SMÅDELAR EJ LÄMPLIGT FÖR BARN UNDER 3 ÅR.			
one line inside bottom:			
CONFORMITÉ AUX NORMES GARANTIE PAR LESNEY S.A.			

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#	Type	Box generations	Years
6	Type 5B	-----L	1981
five lines inside top (English, French, Italian, German and Swedish, used in Australia only):			
NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 36 MONTHS NE CONVIENT PAS A UN ENFANT DE MOINS DE 36 MOIS NON ADATTO AD UN BAMBINO DI ETÁ MINORE AI 36 MESI GEEIGNET FÜR KINDER AD DERI JAPHEN INNEHÅLLER SMÅDELAR EI LÄMPLIGT FOR BARN UNDER 3 ÅR			

#	Type	Box generations	Years
7	Type 6	-----L	1981-82
six lines inside top (English, French, Italian and Swedish):			
NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 36 MONTHS. NE CONVIENT PAS À UN ENFANT DE MOINS DE 36 MOIS. CONFORMITÉ AUX NORMES GARANTIE PAR LESNEY S.A. NON ADATTO AD UN BAMBINO DI ETA MINORE AL 36 MESI. CONFORME PRESCRIZIONE DM 31.7.79. INNEHÅLLER SMÅDELAR EJ LÄMPLIGT FÖR BARN UNDER 3 ÅR.			

#	Type	Box generations	Years
8	Type 1	-----L	1981
one line inside top (English, used in USA only):			
NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 36 MONTHS			

4.3 Country of Manufacture

#	Box generations	Years	Lettering	Location	Combined w/ bottom types
1	ABC-----	1953-61	MADE IN ENGLAND	bottom centre	1 - 3
2	---DEFGHI---	1962-72	MADE IN ENGLAND	bottom right	4 - 10
3	-----IJKL	1973-81	© 19xx LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. MADE IN ENGLAND	on sides	11 - 17
4	-----I---	1974	© 1973 LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. PRINTED AND MADE IN ENGLAND	on sides	11, 14, 15
5	-----I---	1975	© 1974 LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. MADE IN GREAT BRITAIN	on sides	11, 15
6	-----I---	1975	© 1974 LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. PRINTED AND MADE IN GREAT BRITAIN	on sides	11, 15
7	-----I---	1975	© 1974 LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. LONDON ENGLAND	on sides	11, 15
8	-----L	1981	© 198x LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. MADE IN HONG KONG	on sides	17
9	-----L	1982	© 1981 LESNEY PRODUCTS P.L.C. MADE IN ENGLAND	on sides	18

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4.4 Registration Notice

#	Box generations	Years	Lettering	Location
1	-BC-----	1955-61	REG.D	bottom right
2	---DEF-----	1962-69	MARCA REGISTRADA	top right
3	-----GH----	1970-71	MARCA REGISTRADA	bottom left

Later included in main bottom lettering (from type 9 onward).

4.5 US Registration Notice

#	Box generations	Years	Lettering	Location
1	-B-----	1957-60	REG. U.S. Pat. Off.	top centre
2	-B-----	1957-60	Reg. U.S. Pat. Off.	top centre
3	-B-----	1957-60	REGd. U.S. Pat. Off.	top centre
4	-B-----	1957-60	REG US PAT OFF	top centre
5	-BC-----	1960-61	REGD. U.S. PAT. OFF.	bottom left
6	---DE-----	1962-68	REGD. U.S. PAT. OFF.	top left
7	-----F-----	1969	REGD. U.S. PAT. OFF.	bottom left

Later removed from box design.

4.6 Trade Mark Notice

#	Box generations	Years	Lettering	Location
1	-BC-----	1960-61	MATCHBOX TRADE MARK	top centre
2	---DE-----	1962-68	"MATCHBOX" REGD. T.M. G.B. AND ABROAD	bottom left
3	-----F-----	1969	"MATCHBOX" REGD. T.M. G.B. AND ABROAD	top left

Later included in main bottom lettering (from type 6 onward).

4.7 Other Lettering

#	Abbr.	Box generations	Years	Lettering	Location
1	NRC	-----IJ--	1976-77	Not recommended for children under 3.	top right

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4.8 Box Dimensions

#	Length/Width	Inches	Millimetres	Box generations
1	short/very narrow	2.250 x 0.875 x 1.500	57 x 22 x 38	AB-----
2	short/narrow	2.250 x 1.000 x 1.500	57 x 26 x 38	AB-----
3	medium/narrow	2.625 x 1.000 x 1.500	67 x 26 x 38	-BCDE-----
4	medium/wide	2.625 x 1.500 x 1.500	67 x 38 x 38	-BCDE-----
5	long/narrow	3.063 x 1.000 x 1.500	78 x 26 x 38	--CDEFGHIJKL
6	long/medium	3.063 x 1.250 x 1.500	78 x 33 x 38	-----FG-I----
7	long/wide	3.063 x 1.500 x 1.500	78 x 38 x 38	---DEFGHIJKL

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5 Cross Reference: Models and Box Generations

#	Model name	Box generations	Notes
01.1	Road Roller	AB-----	
01.2	Road Roller	-B-----	
01.3	Road Roller	-BC-----	
01.4	Road Roller	---DE-----	
01.5	Mercedes Truck	----EFG-----	
01.6	Mod Rod	-----HI---	
01.7	Dodge Challenger	-----J--	
01.8	Dodge Challenger	-----L	
02.1	Site Dumper	AB-----	
02.2	Site Dumper	-BC-----	
02.3	Muir Hill Dumper	---DE-----	
02.4	Mercedes Trailer	----EFG-----	
02.5	Jeep Hot Rod	-----HI---	
02.6	Rescue Hovercraft	-----J--	
02.7	S2 Jet	-----L	
03.1	Cement Mixer	AB-----	
03.2	Bedford Tipper	--CDE-----	
03.3	Mercedes Ambulance	----EFG-----	
03.4	Monteverdi Hai	-----I--L	L type: only US issue no.14
03.5	Porsche Turbo	-----L	
04.1	Massey Harris Tractor	AB-----	
04.2	Massey Harris Tractor	-B-----	
04.3	Triumph with Sidecar	-BCD-----	
04.4	Stake Truck	----EFG-----	
04.5	Gruesome Twosome	-----HI---	
04.6	Pontiac Firebird	-----J--	
04.7	1957 Chevrolet	-----L	
05.1	London Bus	AB-----	
05.2	London Bus	-B-----	
05.3	Routemaster Bus	-BCD-----	
05.4	Routemaster Bus	----EF-----	
05.5	Lotus Europa	-----FGHI---	
05.6	Seafire	-----J--	
05.7	US Mail Jeep	-----L	
05.8	4x4 Jeep	-----L	
06.1	Quarry Truck	AB-----	
06.2	Quarry Truck	-BCD-----	
06.3	Euclid Quarry Truck	---DE-----	
06.4	Ford Pickup	----FG-----	
06.5	Mercedes 350 SL	-----I--L	
07.1	Horse-drawn Milk Float	AB-----	
07.2	Ford Anglia	--CD-----	
07.3	Ford Refuse Truck	----EFG-----	
07.4	Hairy Hustler	-----IJ--	
07.5	VW Golf	-----KL	
08.1	Caterpillar Tractor	-B-----	
08.2	Caterpillar Tractor	-B-----	
08.3	Caterpillar Tractor	-BCD-----	
08.4	Caterpillar Tractor	----E-----	

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08.5	Ford Mustang	----EFG-----	F type: Regular and Superfast
08.6	Wildcat Dragster	-----G----L	L type: only US issue no.23
08.7	DeTomaso Pantera	-----J-L	L type: only US issue no.8
08.8	Rover 3500	-----L	
09.1	Dennis Fire Engine	-B-----	
09.2	Dennis Fire Engine	-B-----	
09.3	Merryweather Fire Engine	-BCD-----	
09.4	Boat & Trailer	----EFG-----	
09.5	AMX Javelin	-----I---	
09.6	Ford Escort RS 2000	-----L	
10.1	Mechanical Horse	-B-----	
10.2	Mechanical Horse	-B-----	
10.3	Sugar Container Truck	-BCD-----	
10.4	Pipe Truck	----EFG-----	
10.5	Piston Popper	-----IJ--	
10.6	Plymouth Police Car	-----L	
11.1	Petrol Tanker	-B-----	
11.2	Petrol Tanker	-BCD-----	
11.3	Taylor Jumbo Crane	----E-----	
11.4	Scaffolding Truck	----FG-----	
11.5	Flying Bug	-----I---	
11.6	Car Transporter	-----K-	
12.1	Land Rover	-B-----	
12.2	Land Rover	-BCD-----	
12.3	Land Rover	----EFG-----	F type: Regular and Superfast
12.4	Setra Coach	-----G-----	
12.5	Big Bull	-----I---	
12.6	Citroen CX Break	-----L	
13.1	Bedford Wreck Truck	-B-----	
13.2	Bedford Wreck Truck	-B-----	
13.3	Thames Wreck Truck	-BCD-----	
13.4	Dodge Wreck Truck	----EFG-----	
13.5	Baja Buggy	-----H----	
13.6	Snorkel Fire Engine	-----L	
14.1	Daimler Ambulance	-B-----	
14.2	Daimler Ambulance	-BC-----	
14.3	Lomas Ambulance	--CDE-----	
14.4	Iso Grifo	----EFGH-----	F type: Regular and Superfast
14.5	Mini Ha Ha	-----J--	
14.6	Leyland Tanker	-----L	
15.1	Prime Mover	-B-----	
15.2	Atlantic Tractor	-BCD-----	
15.3	Dennis Refuse Truck	---DE-----	
15.4	VW 1500	-----FGH-----	F type: Regular and Superfast
15.5	Fork Lift Truck	-----I--L	
16.1	Prime Mover Trailer	-B-----	
16.2	Atlantic Trailer	-BCD-----	
16.3	Scammell Snowplough	---DE-----	
16.4	Case Bulldozer	----FG-----	
16.5	Badger	-----IJ--	
16.6	Pontiac Firebird	-----L	

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17.1	Bedford Removal Van	-B-----	
17.2	Bedford Removal Van	-B-----	
17.3	Austin Taxi	-BCD-----	
17.4	Hoveringham Tipper	---DE-----	
17.5	Horse Box	-----FG-----	
17.6	The Londoner	-----I-KL	K type: special Silver Jubilee issue
17.7	Leyland Titan	-----L	same box design as for 17.6
18.1	Caterpillar Bulldozer	-B-----	
18.2	Caterpillar Bulldozer	-B-----	
18.3	Caterpillar Bulldozer	-BCD-----	
18.4	Caterpillar Bulldozer	-----E-----	
18.5	Field Car	-----FG-I---	
18.6	Hondarora	-----I--L	
19.1	MG TD Sports Car	-B-----	
19.2	MG A Sports Car	-BC-----	
19.3	Aston Martin Racer	--CD-----	
19.4	Lotus Racing Car	----EFG-----	
19.5	Road Dragster	-----G-I---	
19.6	Cement Truck	-----K-	
19.7	Peterbilt Cement Truck	-----L	
20.1	ERF Transport Truck	-B-----	
20.2	ERF Transport Truck	-BCD-----	
20.3	Chevrolet Taxi	-----E-----	
20.4	Lamborghini Marzal	-----FGHI---	
20.5	Police Patrol	-----J--	
21.1	Long Distance Coach	-B-----	
21.2	Long Distance Coach	-B-----	
21.3	Commer Milk Float	--CDE-----	
21.4	Foden Concrete Truck	----EFG-----	
21.5	Rod Roller	-----I---	
21.6	Renault 5	-----L	
22.1	Vauxhall Cresta	-B-----	
22.2	Vauxhall Cresta	-BCD-----	
22.3	Pontiac Coupé	----EFG-----	
22.4	Freeman Commuter	-----G-----	
22.5	Blaze Buster	-----JK-	
23.1	Berkeley Cavalier	-B-----	
23.2	Berkeley Cavalier	-B-----	
23.3	Bluebird Dauphine	-BCD-----	
23.4	Trailer Caravan	----EF-----	
23.5	VW Camper	-----G-----	
23.6	Atlas	-----JK-	
24.1	Weatherill Hydraulic	-B-----	
24.2	Weatherill Hydraulic	-BCD-----	
24.3	Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow	----EFG-----	
24.4	Team Matchbox	-----I---	
24.5	Diesel Shunter	-----L	
25.1	Bedford Van	-B-----	
25.2	VW 1200	-BCD-----	
25.3	Bedford Tanker	-----E-----	
25.4	Ford Cortina	----EFG-----	F type: Regular and Superfast

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25.5	Mod Tractor	-----I----	
25.6	Flat Car & Container	-----L	
25.7	Audi Quattro	-----L	
26.1	ERF Cement Truck	-BC-----	
26.2	Foden Cement Truck	--CDE-----	
26.3	GMC Tipper	----EFG-----	
26.4	Big Banger	-----I--L	L type: only US issue no.26
26.5	Site Dumper	-----K-	
26.6	Volvo Cable Truck	-----L	
27.1	Bedford Low Loader	-B-----	
27.2	Bedford Low Loader	-B-----	
27.3	Cadillac 60 Special	-BCD-----	
27.4	Mercedes 230 SL	----EFGH----	F type: Regular and Superfast
27.5	Lamborghini Countach	-----IJ--	
27.6	Swing Wing Jet	-----L	
28.1	Bedford Compressor Lorry	-B-----	
28.2	Thames Compressor Lorry	-BCD-----	
28.3	Jaguar Mk 10	----E-----	
28.4	Mack Dump Truck	----EFG-I---	
28.5	Stoat	-----IJ--	
28.6	Lincoln Continental Mk V	-----L	
28.7	Formula 5000	-----L	
29.1	Bedford Milk Float	-B-----	
29.2	Austin Cambridge	--CD-----	
29.3	Fire Pumper	----EFG-----	F type: Regular and Superfast
29.4	Racing Mini	-----G-I---	
29.5	Tractor Shovel	-----J--	
30.1	Ford Prefect	-B-----	
30.2	Six Wheel Crane	--CD-----	
30.3	Eight Wheel Crane	----E-G-----	
30.4	Beach Buggy	-----H----	
30.5	Swamp Rat	-----KL	
30.6	Articulated Truck	-----L	
31.1	Ford Station Wagon	-B-----	
31.2	Ford Station Wagon	-BCD-----	
31.3	Lincoln Continental	----EFG-----	
31.4	Volks Dragon	-----I--L	L type: only US issue no.15
31.5	Caravan	-----L	
32.1	Jaguar XK 140	-BC-----	
32.2	Jaguar E Type	---DE-----	
32.3	Leyland Tanker	----EFG-----	
32.4	Maserati Bora	-----I--L	L type: only US issue no.37
32.5	Field Gun	-----L	
32.6	Atlas Excavator	-----L	
33.1	Ford Zodiac	-BCD-----	
33.2	Ford Zephyr	---DE-----	
33.3	Lamborghini Miura	----EFG-----	F type: Regular and Superfast
33.4	Datsun 126 X	-----IJ--	
33.5	Police Motorcycle	-----K-	
34.1	VW Microvan	-BC-----	
34.2	VW Caravette	--CDE-----	
34.3	VW Camper	----EF-----	

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34.4	Formula 1 Racing Car	-----G-----	
34.5	Vantastic	-----J-L	
34.6	Chevrolet Stock Car	-----L	
35.1	ERF Horse Box	-BCD-----	
35.2	Snow Trac	-----E-----	
35.3	Merryweather Fire Engine	-----FG-I---	
35.4	Fandango	-----IJ--	
35.5	Volvo Zoo Truck	-----L	
36.1	Austin Cambridge	-B-----	
36.2	Lambretta with Sidecar	--CD-----	
36.3	Opel Diplomat	----EFG-----	F type: Regular and Superfast
36.4	Hot Rod Draguar	-----G-----	
36.5	Formula 5000	-----J--	
36.6	Refuse Truck	-----L	
37.1	Coca-Cola Lorry	-B-----	
37.2	Coca-Cola Lorry	-BCD-----	
37.3	Cattle Truck	----EFG-----	
37.4	Soopa Coopa	-----I---	
37.5	Skip Truck	-----J--	
37.6	Talbot Matra Rancho	-----L	
38.1	Karrier Refuse Truck	-BC-----	
38.2	Vauxhall Victor Estate	---DE-----	
38.3	Honda with Trailer	----EFG-----	
38.4	Stingeroo	-----I---	
38.5	Jeep	-----KL	
38.6	Ford Camper	-----L	
38.7	Ford Model A Van	-----L	
39.1	Ford Zodiac Convertible	-BC-----	
39.2	Pontiac Convertible	--CDE-----	
39.3	Ford Tractor	----EFG-----	
39.4	Clipper	-----IJ--	
39.5	Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow II	-----L	
40.1	Bedford Tipper	-B-----	
40.2	Leyland Coach	--CDE-----	
40.3	Hay Trailer	----EFG-----	
40.4	Vauxhall Guildsman	-----H-J--	
40.5	Bedford Horse Box	-----L	
41.1	Jaguar D Type	-B-----	
41.2	Jaguar D Type	-B-D-----	
41.3	Ford GT	----EFG-----	F type: Regular and Superfast
41.4	Siva Spyder	-----IJ--	
41.5	Ambulance	-----L	
42.1	Evening News Van	-BCD-----	
42.2	Studebaker Wagonaire	-----E-----	
42.3	Iron Fairy Crane	-----FG-----	
42.4	Tyre Fryer	-----I---	
42.5	Mercedes Container Truck	-----KL	
42.6	1957 Ford Thunderbird	-----L	
43.1	Hillman Minx	-BC-----	
43.2	Tractor Shovel	---DE-----	
43.3	Pony Trailer	----EFG-----	

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43.4	Dragon Wheels	-----IJ-L	L type: only US issue no.46
43.5	Steam Loco	-----L	
44.1	Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud	-BCD-----	
44.2	Rolls-Royce Phantom V	---DE-----	
44.3	Refrigerator Truck	----EFG-----	
44.4	Boss Mustang	-----I---	
44.5	Passenger Coach	-----L	
45.1	Vauxhall Victor	-BCD-----	
45.2	Ford Corsair	----EF-----	
45.3	Ford Group 6	-----FG-I---	
45.4	BMW 3.0 CSL	-----J--	
45.5	Kenworth Cabover	-----L	
46.1	Morris Minor	-B-----	
46.2	Pickfords Removal Van	-BCDE-----	
46.3	Mercedes 300 SE	----EFG-----	F type: Regular and Superfast
46.4	Stretcha Fetcha	-----I---	
46.5	Ford Tractor	-----L	
47.1	Trojan Van	-B-D-----	
47.2	Commer Ice Cream Van	---DE-----	
47.3	DAF Tipper	----EFG-----	
47.4	Beach Hopper	-----IJ--	
47.5	Pannier Loco	-----L	
47.6	SS 100 Jaguar	-----L	
48.1	Boat & Trailer	-B-----	
48.2	Sports Boat & Trailer	--CD-----	
48.3	Dodge Dumper	----EFG-I---	
48.4	Pi-eyed Piper	-----I--L	L type: only US issue no.48
48.5	Sambron Jacklift	-----K-	
49.1	M3 Half Track	-BCD-----	
49.2	Unimog	----EFG-----	
49.3	Chop Suey	-----I---	
49.4	Crane Truck	-----K-	
50.1	Commer Pickup	-BCD-----	
50.2	John Deere Tractor	----E-----	
50.3	Kennel Truck	-----FG-----	F type: Regular and Superfast
50.4	Articulated Truck	-----I--L	
50.5	Harley-Davidson	-----L	
51.1	Albion Chieftain	-BCD-----	
51.2	Tipping Trailer	----E-----	
51.3	Eight Wheel Tipper	-----FG-----	
51.4	Citroen SM	-----IJ--	
51.5	Combine Harvester	-----L	
51.6	Pontiac Firebird SE	-----L	
52.1	Maserati 4CLT/1948	-BCD-----	
52.2	BRM Racing Car	----EF-----	
52.3	Dodge Charger Mk 3	-----G-I---	
52.4	Police Launch	-----K-	
52.5	BMW M 1	-----L	
53.1	Aston Martin DB 2	-BCD-----	
53.2	Mercedes 220 SE	---DE-----	
53.3	Ford Zodiac	----EFG-----	F type: Regular and Superfast

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53.4	Tanzara	-----IJ-L	L type: only US issue no.51
53.5	Jeep CJ 6	-----L	
53.6	Flareside Pickup	-----L	
54.1	Saracen Carrier	-BCD-----	
54.2	Cadillac Ambulance	----EFG-----	
54.3	Ford Capri	-----H----	
54.4	Personnel Carrier	-----KL	
54.5	Mobile Home	-----L	
54.6	NASA Tracking Vehicle	-----L	
55.1	D.U.K.W.	-BCD-----	
55.2	Ford Fairlane Police Car	---D-----	
55.3	Ford Galaxie Police Car	----E-----	
55.4	Mercury Police Car	----EFG-----	F type: Regular and Superfast
55.5	Mercury Police Commuter	-----H----	
55.6	Hellraiser	-----J--	
55.7	Ford Cortina	-----L	
56.1	Trolley Bus	-BCD-----	
56.2	Fiat 1500	----EF-----	
56.3	BMC Pininfarina	----FGH----	
56.4	Hi-Tailer	-----I---	
56.5	Mercedes 450 SEL	-----L	
56.6	Mercedes 450 SEL Taxi	-----L	
57.1	Wolseley 1500	-B-----	
57.2	Chevrolet Impala	--CD-----	
57.3	Land Rover Fire Truck	----EFG-----	
57.4	Eccles Caravan	-----G-----	
57.5	Wildlife Truck	-----IJ--	
57.6	Carmichael Commando	-----L	
58.1	BEA Coach	-BCD-----	
58.2	Drott Excavator	---DE-----	
58.3	DAF Girder Truck	----EFG-----	
58.4	Woosh-n-Push	-----I---	
58.5	Faun Dump Truck	-----K-	
59.1	Ford Thames Van	-B-----	
59.2	Ford Fairlane Fire Chief Car	---D-----	
59.3	Ford Galaxie Fire Chief Car	----EFG-----	F type: Regular and Superfast
59.4	Mercury Fire Car	-----H----	
59.5	Planet Scout	-----J--	
59.6	Prosche 928	-----L	
60.1	Morris J2 Pickup	-BCD-----	
60.2	Site Hut Truck	----EFG-----	
60.3	Lotus Super Seven	-----IJ--	
60.4	Holden Pickup	-----L	
61.1	Ferret Scout Car	-BCD-----	
61.2	Alvis Stalwart	----EFG-----	
61.3	Blue Shark	-----I---	
61.4	Ford Wreck Truck	-----L	
61.5	Peterbilt Wreck Truck	-----L	
62.1	General Service Truck	-BCD-----	
62.2	Commer TV Service Van	---DE-----	
62.3	Mercury Cougar	----EFG-----	F type: Regular and Superfast

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62.4	Rat Rod Dragster	-----G-----	
62.5	Renault 17 TL	-----I----	
62.6	Chevrolet Corvette	-----L	
63.1	Military Ambulance	-BCD-----	
63.2	Airport Crash Tender	-----E-----	
63.3	Dodge Crane Truck	-----FG-----	
63.4	Freeway Gas Tanker	-----I--L	
63.5	4x4 Open Back Truck	-----L	
64.1	Scammell Wreck Truck	-BCD-----	
64.2	MG 1100	----EFG-----	F type: Regular and Superfast
64.3	Sligshot Dragster	-----H----	
64.4	Fire Chief	-----J--	
64.5	Caterpillar Bulldozer	-----L	
65.1	Jaguar Mk I	-BC-----	
65.2	Jaguar Mk II	--CDE-----	
65.3	Combine Harvester	----EFG-----	
65.4	Saab Sonett III	-----I----	
65.5	Airport Coach	-----K-	
66.1	Citroen DS 19	-B-D-----	
66.2	Harley-Davidson with Sidecar	---D-----	
66.3	Greyhound Coach	----EFG-----	F type: Regular and Superfast
66.4	Mazda RX 500	-----IJ-L	L type: only US issue no.66
66.5	Ford Transit	-----L	
66.6	Kenworth Super Boss	-----L	
67.1	Saladin Armoured Car	-BCDE-----	
67.2	VW 1600 TL	----EFG-----	F type: Regular and Superfast
67.3	Hot Rocker	-----IJ-L	L type: only US issue no.72
67.4	Datsun 260 Z	-----L	
68.1	Austin Radio Truck	-BCD-----	
68.2	Mercedes Coach	----EF-----	
68.3	Porsche 910	-----G-I----	
68.4	Cosmobile	-----J--	
68.5	Chevrolet Van	-----L	
69.1	Commer Nestle's Van	-BCD-----	
69.2	Hatra Tractor Shovel	-----E-----	
69.3	Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow Coupé	-----FG-----	
69.4	Turbo Fury	-----IJ--	
69.5	Armoured Truck	-----L	
70.1	Thames Estate Car	-B-D-----	
70.2	Grit Spreader	----EFG-----	
70.3	Dodge Dragster	-----H-J-L	L type: only US issue no.74
70.4	S-P Gun	-----KL	
70.5	Ferrari 308 GTB	-----L	
71.1	Austin Water Truck	-B-D-----	
71.2	Jeep Gladiator	---DE-----	
71.3	Ford Wreck Truck	-----FG-----	
71.4	Jumbo Jet	-----I----	
71.5	Cattle Truck	-----K-	
72.1	Fordson Tractor	-BCD-----	
72.2	Standard Jeep	----EFG-----	
72.3	Hovercraft	-----I----	

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72.4	Bomag Road Roller	-----L	
72.5	Dodge Delivery Van	-----L	
73.1	Pressure Refueller	-B-----	
73.2	Ferrari Racing Car	---DE-----	
73.3	Mercury Commuter	-----FG-----	F type: Regular and Superfast
73.4	Weasel	-----IJ--	
73.5	Ford Model A	-----L	
74.1	Mobile Canteen	-BCD-----	
74.2	Daimler Bus	----EFG-----	F type: Regular and Superfast
74.3	Toe Joe	-----I---	
74.4	Mercury Cougar Villager	-----L	
74.5	Fiat 131 Abarth	-----L	
75.1	Ford Thunderbird	-BCD-----	
75.2	Ferrari Berlinetta	----EFG-----	
75.3	Alfa Carabo	-----H-J--	
75.4	Seasprite Helicopter	-----K-	
75.5	Helicopter	-----L	
76.1	Mazda RX 7	-----L	Australian no.76, US issue no.31
77.1	Toyota Celica GT	-----L	Australian no.77, US issue no.25
78.1	Datsun 280 ZX	-----L	Australian no.78, US issue no.24
79.1	Mitsubishi Galant	-----L	Australian no.79, US issue no.63

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6 Line Drawing Boxes (A, B and C Types)

This section deals with the earliest Matchbox boxes, the so-called line drawing boxes issued from 1953 to 1961. In keeping with tradition, these boxes are subdivided into three types distinguished by the style of lettering below the model picture on the box front:

Type	Lettering below model picture	Years of issue
A	A Moko LESNEY in scroll (Moko in script)	1953-54
B	A MOKO LESNEY in scroll (MOKO in capitals)	1955-60
C	A LESNEY in scroll	1961

Types A and C were issued for a short time only, so there is no need for further subdivision.

With type B, however, the following five sub-types can be distinguished by the designs of the end flaps:

Type	End flap design	Years of issue
B1	no number (plain blue)	1955-56
B2	black number	1957-58
B3	black number in white circle	1958-59
B4	black number in white circle, black model name in white panel	1959
B5	black number in white circle, white model name	1960

The end flap design of type A is identical to type B1, that of type C is identical to type B5.

The numbers on the end flaps of B2 type boxes come in at least three different sizes and styles; these differences are, however, not dealt with in the subsequent list of boxes.

The model names on the end flaps of B4 and B5 type boxes are usually written in lowercase letters, but a few of them are all uppercase:

L	model name in lowercase letters
U	model name in uppercase letters

Starting with type B5, some boxes feature the words "New model" on the end flaps:

N	"New model" on end flaps
X	no "New model" on end flaps

Box dimensions range from 1 to 5. The smallest size 1 exists only with types A, B1 and B2. Size 2 extends from type A to type B3. Size 3, which first appears with the B1 type box of 23.1 Berkeley Cavalier, is the standard size for most boxes from type B2 to type C. All B1, B2 and B3 type boxes of this size have blue strips to the left and right of the model pictures, whereas on all later boxes the yellow background colour extends to the full length of the box front.

Size 4 is used for a few larger models starting from box type B5. Finally, there is only one model from this era which has a box of size 5, 40.2 Leyland Coach (C type only).

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01.1	Road Roller	A	X	-	1	
		B1	X	-	1	
01.2	Road Roller	B1	X	-	1	large picture
		B1	X	-	1	small picture
		B2	X	-	1	large picture, thick pillars shown
		B2	X	-	1	small picture, thick pillars shown
		B2	X	-	1	thin pillars shown
01.3	Road Roller	B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	
02.1	Site Dumper	A	X	-	1	
		B1	X	-	1	
02.2	Site Dumper	B1	X	-	1	same box as 02.1
		B1	X	-	2	
		B2	X	-	2	large picture
		B2	X	-	2	small picture
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	
03.1	Cement Mixer	A	X	-	2	
		B1	X	-	2	
		B2	X	-	2	small barrel shown
		B2	X	-	2	large barrel shown
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	background shown
		B5	X	L	3	no background shown
03.2	Bedford Tipper	C	N	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	
04.1	Massey Harris Tractor	A	X	-	2	
		B1	X	-	2	
04.2	Massey Harris Tractor	B1	X	-	2	same box as 04.1
		B2	X	-	2	small hole in engine shown
		B2	X	-	2	medium hole in engine shown
		B2	X	-	2	large hole in engine shown
		B2	X	-	2	closed engine shown
		B3	X	-	3	
04.3	Triumph with Sidecar	B5	N	L	3	Triumph-Sidecar 110
		B5	N	L	3	Triumph 110 and Sidecar
		C	X	L	3	Triumph 110 and Sidecar
05.1	London Bus	A	X	-	1	
		B1	X	-	1	

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A-C	Model name	Type	N/X	Letter style	Size	Notes
05.2	London Bus	B1	X	-	1	same box as 05.1
		B2	X	-	1	no decal shown
		B2	X	-	1	"BUY MATCHBOX SERIES" shown
		B2	X	-	2	no decal shown
		B3	X	-	2	"BUY MATCHBOX SERIES" shown
		B3	X	-	3	"BUY MATCHBOX SERIES" shown
		B4	X	L	3	"BUY MATCHBOX SERIES" shown
		B4	X	L	3	"Players Please" shown
05.3	Routemaster Bus	B5	X	L	3	05.2 shown
		C	X	L	3	05.2 shown
		C	X	L	3	right front wheel shown
		C	X	L	3	no right front wheel shown
06.1	Quarry Truck	A	X	-	1	
		B1	X	-	1	
		B2	X	-	1	background shown, short dump shown
		B2	X	-	1	no background shown, short dump shown
		B2	X	-	1	background shown, long dump shown
		B2	X	-	1	no background shown, long dump shown
		B2	X	-	2	
06.2	Quarry Truck	B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	background shown
		B5	X	L	3	no background shown, short dump shown
		B5	X	L	3	no background shown, long dump shown
		C	X	L	3	lines beneath wheels shown
		C	X	L	3	no lines beneath wheels shown
07.1	Horse-drawn Milk Float	A	X	-	2	
		B1	X	-	2	
		B2	X	-	2	thick black tyres without spokes shown
		B2	X	-	2	yellow tyres with spokes shown
		B2	X	-	2	thin black tyres with spokes shown
		B2	X	-	2	thin black tyres without spokes shown
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	dots in wheel hubs shown
		B5	X	L	3	no dots in wheel hubs shown
07.2	Ford Anglia	C	N	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	
08.1	Caterpillar Tractor	B1	X	-	2	without "REG.D"
		B1	X	-	2	with "REG.D"
		B2	X	-	2	small picture, side view shown
		B2	X	-	2	large picture, side view shown
		B2	X	-	2	front view shown
08.2	Caterpillar Tractor	B2	X	-	2	small picture, side view shown (same as 08.1)
		B2	X	-	2	large picture, side view shown (same as 08.1)
		B2	X	-	2	front view shown (same as 08.1)
		B2	X	-	2	with licence text on end flaps
		B3	X	-	2	

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08.3	Caterpillar Tractor	B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	4	light background shown
		B5	X	L	4	dark background shown
		C	X	L	4	side view shown
		C	X	L	4	view from above shown
09.1	Dennis Fire Engine	B1	X	-	1	without "REG.D"
		B1	X	-	1	with "REG.D"
		B2	X	-	1	
09.2	Dennis Fire Engine	B2	X	-	1	small picture
		B2	X	-	1	large picture
		B3	X	-	3	
09.3	Merryweather Fire Engine	B4	X	L	3	09.2 shown
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	09.2 shown
		B5	X	L	3	Fire Engine
		B5	X	L	3	Fire Escape
		C	X	L	3	Fire Escape
10.1	Mechanical Horse	B1	X	-	1	
10.2	Mechanical Horse	B1	X	-	2	blurred picture
		B1	X	-	2	sharp picture
		B2	X	-	2	small picture
		B2	X	-	2	medium picture
		B2	X	-	2	large picture
		B4	X	L	3	
10.3	Sugar Container Truck	B5	N	L	3	
		C	N	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	
11.1	Petrol Tanker	B1	X	-	1	blurred picture
		B1	X	-	1	sharp picture
		B2	X	-	1	
11.2	Petrol Tanker	B2	X	-	3	
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	front view shown
		B4	X	L	3	side view shown
		B5	X	L	3	front view shown
		B5	X	L	3	side view shown
		C	X	L	3	front view shown
		C	X	L	3	side view shown
12.1	Land Rover	B1	X	-	1	blurred picture
		B1	X	-	1	sharp picture
		B2	X	-	1	large picture
		B2	X	-	1	small picture
		B3	X	-	2	
12.2	Land Rover	B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	background shown
		B5	X	L	3	no background shown
		C	X	L	3	

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13.1	Bedford Wreck Truck	B1	X	-	1	blurred picture
		B1	X	-	1	sharp picture
		B2	X	-	1	light background shown
		B2	X	-	1	dark background shown
13.2	Bedford Wreck Truck	B2	X	-	1	same box as 13.1
		B2	X	-	2	hook facing rear
		B2	X	-	2	hook facing front
		B3	X	-	2	hook facing rear
		B3	X	-	2	hook facing front
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	hook facing rear
		B4	X	L	3	hook facing front
13.3	Thames Wreck Truck	B5	X	L	3	13.2 shown
		B5	X	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	background shown
		C	X	L	3	no background shown
		C	X	L	4	
14.1	Daimler Ambulance	B1	X	-	1	
14.2	Daimler Ambulance	B2	X	-	1	trees shown
		B2	X	-	1	no trees shown
		B2	X	-	3	
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	
14.3	Lomas Ambulance	C	N	L	3	dark grille shown
		C	N	L	3	light grille shown
15.1	Prime Mover	B1	X	-	1	
		B2	X	-	1	front view shown
		B2	X	-	1	view from above shown
		B2	X	-	2	
		B3	X	-	3	
		C	X	L	3	same box as 15.2
15.2	Atlantic Tractor	B3	X	-	3	same box as 15.1
		B4	X	L	3	
		B4	X	U	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	front view shown
		C	X	L	3	side view shown
16.1	Prime Mover Trailer	B1	X	-	1	
		B1	X	-	2	blurred picture
		B1	X	-	2	sharp picture
		B2	X	-	3	dark tow bar shown
		B2	X	-	3	light tow bar shown
		B3	X	-	3	
16.2	Atlantic Trailer	B3	X	-	3	same box as 16.1
		B4	X	L	3	"Atlantic" Transporter
		B4	X	L	3	Atlantic Transporter
		B5	X	L	3	Atlantic Transporter
		C	X	L	3	"Atlantic" Transporter

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		C	X	L	3	Atlantic Transporter

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17.1	Bedford Removal Van	B1	X	-	2	blurred picture, "REMOVALS" shown
		B1	X	-	2	sharp picture, "REMOVALS" shown
		B1	X	-	2	"MATCHBOX REMOVALS SERVICE" shown
		B2	X	-	2	small picture
		B2	X	-	2	large picture
17.2	Bedford Removal Van	B2	X	-	2	
		B3	X	-	2	
		B4	X	L	3	
17.3	Austin Taxi	B5	N	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	
18.1	Caterpillar Bulldozer	B1	X	-	2	
		B2	X	-	2	
18.2	Caterpillar Bulldozer	B2	X	-	2	same box as 18.1
		B2	X	-	2	small picture, with licence text on end flaps
		B2	X	-	2	large picture, with licence text on end flaps
		B3	X	-	2	
		B4	X	L	3	
18.3	Caterpillar Bulldozer	B5	X	L	4	dark blade shown
		B5	X	L	4	light blade shown
		C	X	L	4	side view shown
		C	X	L	4	view from above shown
19.1	MG TD Sports Car	B1	X	-	1	blurred picture
		B1	X	-	1	sharp picture
		B2	X	-	1	driver shown
		B2	X	-	1	no driver shown
19.2	MG A Sports Car	B2	X	-	1	same box as 19.1
		B3	X	-	2	19.1 shown
		B4	X	L	3	M.G.
		B5	X	L	3	MG "A" Sports Car
		C	X	L	3	M.G.
19.3	Aston Martin Racer	C	N	L	3	small picture
		C	N	L	3	large picture
20.1	ERF Transport Truck	B1	X	-	1	side view shown
		B1	X	-	1	blurred picture, view from above shown
		B1	X	-	1	sharp picture, view from above shown
		B2	X	-	1	
		B3	X	-	2	
20.2	ERF Transport Truck	B3	X	-	3	20.1 shown
		B4	X	L	3	20.1 shown
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	background shown
		C	X	L	3	no background shown
21.1	Long Distance Coach	B1	X	-	1	blurred picture
		B1	X	-	1	sharp picture
		B2	X	-	1	
21.2	Long Distance Coach	B2	X	-	3	small picture
		B2	X	-	3	large picture
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	U	3	
		B5	X	L	3	

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21.3	Commer Milk Float	C	N	L	3	
22.1	Vauxhall Cresta	B1	X	-	2	blurred picture
		B1	X	-	2	sharp picture
		B2	X	-	2	three side pillars shown
		B2	X	-	2	five side pillars shown
		B2	X	-	3	
22.2	Vauxhall Cresta	B3	X	-	3	22.1 shown
		B4	X	L	3	22.1 shown
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	side view shown
		B5	X	L	3	view from above shown
		C	X	L	3	side view shown
		C	X	L	3	view from above shown
23.1	Berkeley Cavalier	B1	X	-	3	blurred picture
		B1	X	-	3	sharp picture
23.2	Berkeley Cavalier	B2	X	-	3	large picture
		B2	X	-	3	small picture
		B3	X	-	3	large picture
		B3	X	-	3	small picture
		B4	X	L	3	
		B4	X	U	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
23.3	Bluebird Dauphine	B5	X	L	3	same box as 23.2
		B5	X	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	23.2 shown
		C	X	L	3	
24.1	Weatherill Hydraulic	B1	X	-	2	blurred picture
		B1	X	-	2	sharp picture
		B2	X	-	2	small picture
		B2	X	-	2	large picture
		B3	X	-	2	
24.2	Weatherill Hydraulic	B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	large picture
		B5	X	L	3	small picture
		B5	X	L	3	medium picture
		C	X	L	3	large picture
		C	X	L	3	medium picture
25.1	Bedford Van	B1	X	-	2	
		B2	X	-	2	
		B3	X	-	3	
25.2	VW 1200	B5	N	L	3	no.80 shown (prepro)
		B5	N	L	3	
		C	N	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	

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26.1	ERF Cement Truck	B1	X	-	2	blurred picture
		B1	X	-	2	sharp picture
		B2	X	-	2	small number shown
		B2	X	-	2	medium number shown
		B2	X	-	2	large number shown
		B3	X	-	2	
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	
26.2	Foden Cement Truck	C	N	L	3	
27.1	Bedford Low Loader	B1	X	-	1	small picture
		B1	X	-	1	large picture
		B1	X	-	2	small picture
		B1	X	-	2	large picture
		B2	X	-	2	small number shown
		B2	X	-	2	medium number shown
		B2	X	-	2	large number shown
27.2	Bedford Low Loader	B2	X	-	3	small number shown
		B2	X	-	3	large number shown
		B4	X	L	3	small picture
		B4	X	L	3	large picture
27.3	Cadillac 60 Special	B5	N	L	3	
		C	N	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	
28.1	Bedford Compressor Lorry	B2	X	-	2	small number shown
		B2	X	-	2	large number shown
28.2	Thames Compressor Lorry	B3	X	-	3	28.1 shown
		B4	X	L	3	28.1 shown
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	28.1 shown
		B5	X	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	28.1 shown
		C	X	L	3	
29.1	Bedford Milk Float	B2	X	-	2	large picture
		B2	X	-	2	small picture
		B4	X	L	3	
		B4	X	U	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
29.2	Austin Cambridge	C	N	L	3	all red model shown
		C	N	L	3	yellow & red model shown
		C	X	L	3	yellow & red model shown
30.1	Ford Prefect	B2	X	-	1	
		B2	X	-	2	
		B3	X	-	2	
		B4	X	L	3	Ford "Prefect"
		B4	X	L	3	Ford Prefect
30.2	Six Wheel Crane	C	N	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	

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31.1	Ford Station Wagon	B2	X	-	3	
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	
		B4	X	U	3	
31.2	Ford Station Wagon	B5	X	L	3	Ford Station Wagon
		B5	X	L	3	American Ford Station Wagon
		C	X	L	3	lines beneath wheels shown
		C	X	L	3	no lines beneath wheels shown
32.1	Jaguar XK 140	B2	X	-	1	
		B2	X	-	2	
		B3	X	-	2	
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	
33.1	Ford Zodiac	B2	X	-	3	small number shown
		B2	X	-	3	large number shown
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	Ford "Zodiac"
		B4	X	L	3	Ford Zodiac
		B5	X	L	3	Ford "Zodiac"
		B5	X	L	3	Ford Zodiac
		C	X	L	3	Ford Zodiac
34.1	VW Microvan	B2	X	-	2	
		B3	X	-	2	
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	
34.2	VW Caravette	C	N	L	4	
35.1	ERF Horse Box	B2	X	-	2	
		B3	X	-	2	
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	large number shown
		B4	X	L	3	medium number shown
		B5	X	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	
36.1	Austin Cambridge	B2	X	-	2	large number shown
		B2	X	-	2	medium number shown
		B3	X	-	2	
		B4	X	L	3	Austin A 50
		B4	X	L	3	Austin A.50
		B5	X	L	3	Austin A 50
36.2	Lambretta with Sidecar	C	N	L	3	lines beneath wheels shown
		C	N	L	3	no lines beneath wheels shown
37.1	Coca-Cola Lorry	B2	X	-	3	small number shown
		B2	X	-	3	large number shown
		B3	X	-	3	small number shown
		B3	X	-	3	large number shown

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37.2	Coca-Cola Lorry	B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	
38.1	Karrier Refuse Truck	B2	X	-	3	
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	
		B4	X	U	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	
39.1	Ford Zodiac Convertible	B2	X	-	3	
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	no driver shown
		B5	X	L	3	driver shown
		C	X	L	3	
39.2	Pontiac Convertible	C	N	L	3	red hood shown
		C	N	L	3	yellow hood shown
40.1	Bedford Tipper	B2	X	-	2	
		B3	X	-	2	
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
40.2	Leyland Coach	C	N	L	5	
		C	X	L	5	
41.1	Jaguar D Type	B2	X	-	2	medium number shown
		B2	X	-	2	large number shown
		B3	X	-	2	
		B3	X	-	3	
41.2	Jaguar D Type	B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	no lines beneath wheels shown
		B5	X	L	3	lines beneath wheels shown
42.1	Evening News Van	B2	X	-	2	no text on roof blade shown
		B2	X	-	2	text on roof blade shown
		B3	X	-	2	
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	"Evening News" Van
		B4	X	L	3	Evening News Van
		B5	X	L	3	Evening News Van
		C	X	L	3	"Evening News" Van
		C	X	L	3	Evening News Van
43.1	Hillman Minx	B2	X	-	3	
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	Hillman "Minx"
		B4	X	L	3	Hillman Minx
		B5	X	L	3	Hillman Minx, medium number shown
		B5	X	L	3	Hillman Minx, large number shown
		C	X	L	3	Hillman Minx

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44.1	Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud	B2	X	-	3	
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	Rolls "Silver Cloud"
		B5	X	L	3	Rolls "Silver Cloud"
		B5	X	L	3	Rolls Silver Cloud
		C	X	L	3	Rolls "Silver Cloud"
45.1	Vauxhall Victor	B2	X	-	3	
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	Vauxhall "Victor"
		B4	X	L	3	Vauxhall Victor
		B5	X	L	3	Vauxhall Victor
		C	X	L	3	Vauxhall Victor
46.1	Morris Minor	B2	X	-	2	
		B3	X	-	2	
		B4	X	L	3	
46.2	Pickfords Removal Van	B5	N	L	3	
		C	N	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	
47.1	Trojan Van	B2	X	-	3	
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
		B5	X	U	3	
48.1	Boat & Trailer	B2	X	-	3	
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	nose pointing upward
		B4	X	L	3	nose pointing downward
		B5	X	L	3	"Meteor" Sports Boat
		B5	X	L	3	Meteor Sports Boat
48.2	Sports Boat & Trailer	C	N	L	3	Sports Boat and Trailer
		C	N	L	3	Sports Boat & Trailer
49.1	M3 Half Track	B2	X	-	3	
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	Army Half Track MK.III
		B5	X	L	3	Army Half Track MK.III
		B5	X	L	3	Army Half Track MK III
		C	X	L	3	Army Half Track MK III
50.1	Commer Pickup	B2	X	-	3	
		B3	X	-	3	
		C	X	L	3	
51.1	Albion Chieftain	B2	X	-	3	
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	

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52.1	Maserati 4CLT/1948	B2	X	-	2	
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	Maserati 4CLT/1948
		B5	X	L	3	Maserati 4CLT/1948
		C	X	L	3	Maserati 4CLT/1948
		C	X	L	3	Maserati
53.1	Aston Martin DB 2	B2	X	-	3	
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	short lines beneath wheels shown
		B4	X	L	3	long lines beneath wheels shown
		B5	X	L	3	short lines beneath wheels shown
		B5	X	L	3	long lines beneath wheels shown
		C	X	L	3	
54.1	Saracen Carrier	B2	X	-	3	
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	
55.1	D.U.K.W.	B2	X	-	3	
		B3	X	-	3	small number shown
		B3	X	-	3	large number shown
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	
56.1	Trolley Bus	B3	X	-	3	facing left
		B3	X	-	3	facing right
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	side view shown
		B5	X	L	3	view from above shown
		C	X	L	3	side view shown
		C	X	L	3	view from above shown
57.1	Wolseley 1500	B3	X	-	2	
		B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	L	3	medium number shown
		B4	X	L	3	large number shown
57.2	Chevrolet Impala	C	N	L	3	no lines beneath wheels shown
		C	N	L	3	lines beneath wheels shown
58.1	BEA Coach	B3	X	-	3	front view shown
		B3	X	-	3	side view shown
		B5	X	L	3	no decal, no lines beneath wheels shown
		B5	X	L	3	no decal, lines beneath wheels shown
		B5	X	L	3	white decal shown
		C	X	L	3	
59.1	Ford Thames Van	B3	X	-	2	
		B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	small picture, rear side decals shown
		B5	X	L	3	large picture, rear side decals shown
		B5	X	L	3	door decals shown

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60.1	Morris J2 Pickup	B3	X	-	2	
		B4	X	L	3	Morris Omnitruck
		B4	X	L	3	Morris J2 Pick-up
		B5	X	L	3	Morris J2 Pick-up, side view shown
		B5	X	L	3	Morris J2 Pick-up, view from above shown
		B5	X	L	3	Morris J2 Pick up, view from above shown
		C	X	L	3	
61.1	Ferret Scout Car	B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	U	3	
		B5	X	L	3	facing right, medium number shown
		B5	X	L	3	facing right, large number shown
		B5	X	L	3	facing left
		C	X	L	3	facing right
		C	X	L	3	facing left
62.1	General Service Truck	B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	U	3	
		B5	X	L	3	background shown
		B5	X	L	3	no background shown
		C	X	L	3	background shown
		C	X	L	3	no background shown
63.1	Military Ambulance	B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	U	3	
		B5	X	L	3	front view, yellow wheels shown
		B5	X	L	3	front view, red wheels shown
		B5	X	L	3	side view shown
		C	X	L	3	
64.1	Scammell Wreck Truck	B3	X	-	3	
		B4	X	U	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	4	
		C	X	L	4	lines beneath wheels shown
		C	X	L	4	no lines beneath wheels shown
65.1	Jaguar Mk I	B4	X	L	3	no background shown
		B4	X	L	3	background shown
		B5	X	L	3	no background shown
		B5	X	L	3	background shown
		C	X	L	3	
65.2	Jaguar Mk II	C	N	L	3	
66.1	Citroen DS 19	B4	X	L	3	DS 19 Citroen, no background shown
		B4	X	L	3	DS.19 Citroen, background shown
		B5	X	L	3	DS 19 Citroen, no background shown
		B5	X	L	3	DS.19 Citroen, background shown
67.1	Saladin Armoured Car	B4	X	L	3	Saladin Armoured Car
		B4	X	L	3	'Saladin' Armoured Car
		B5	X	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	background shown
		C	X	L	3	no background shown

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A-C	Model name	Type	N/X	Letter style	Size	Notes
68.1	Austin Radio Truck	B4	X	L	3	no background shown
		B4	X	L	3	background shown
		B5	X	L	3	no background shown
		B5	X	L	3	background shown
		C	X	L	3	no background shown
		C	X	L	3	background shown
69.1	Commer Nestle's Van	B4	X	L	3	background shown
		B4	X	L	3	no background shown
		B5	X	L	3	background shown
		B5	X	L	3	no background shown
		C	X	L	3	
70.1	Thames Estate Car	B4	X	U	3	
		B5	N	U	3	
		B5	X	U	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
71.1	Austin Water Truck	B4	X	U	3	
		B5	N	U	3	
		B5	X	U	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
72.1	Fordson Tractor	B4	X	U	3	
		B5	X	L	3	knobby treads, red hubs shown
		B5	X	L	3	knobby treads, yellow hubs shown
		B5	X	L	3	fine treads, red hubs shown
		C	X	L	3	no lines beneath wheels shown
		C	X	L	3	lines beneath wheels shown
73.1	Pressure Refueller	B4	X	U	3	
		B5	X	U	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
74.1	Mobile Canteen	B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	large number shown
		C	X	L	3	medium number shown
75.1	Ford Thunderbird	B4	X	L	3	
		B5	X	L	3	
		C	X	L	3	

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7 D Type Boxes

D type boxes - the first boxes showing colour pictures - were issued for all Matchbox models that existed in the range in 1962 and 1963. From 1964 onward, new models were issued in E type boxes, but all older models which remained in the range retained their D type boxes until 1966.

Major box sub-types:

D1	end flap lettering with serifs
D2	end flap lettering without serifs

Sides:

1BS	one blue side (other side is black)
2BS	two blue sides
LBS	two light blue sides

Existing combinations of variable values with probable years of issue:

Type	Sides	Year
D1	1BS	1962
D2	1BS	1963
D2	2BS	1965
D2	LBS	1966

"NEW MODEL" on end flaps:

N	"NEW MODEL" on end flaps
X	no "NEW MODEL" on end flaps

Box dimensions: 3, 4, 5 or 7

In the following list, an asterisk (*) denotes the existence of noticeable shade differences, which is in most cases valid for all boxes of the respective model.

D	Model name	Size	Type	Sides	N	X	Notes
01.4	Road Roller	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
02.3	Muir Hill Dumper	4	D1	1BS	N	X	
		4	D2	1BS		X	
		4	D2	2BS		X	
03.2	Bedford Tipper	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
04.3	Triumph with Sidecar	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
05.3	Routemaster Bus	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	

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D	Model name	Size	Type	Sides	N	X	Notes
06.2	Quarry Truck	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
06.3	Euclid Quarry Truck	4	D2	1BS	N	X	
		4	D2	2BS		X	
		4	D2	LBS		X	
07.2	Ford Anglia	3	D1	1BS		X	grey wheels shown
		3	D2	1BS		X	grey wheels shown
		3	D2	1BS		X	black wheels shown
		3	D2	2BS		X	black wheels shown
08.3	Caterpillar Tractor	4	D1	1BS		X	
		4	D2	1BS		X	
09.3	Merryweather Fire Engine	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
10.3	Sugar Container Truck	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
11.2	Petrol Tanker	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
12.2	Land Rover	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
13.3	Thames Wreck Truck	4	D1	1BS		X	
		4	D2	1BS		X	
		4	D2	2BS		X	
14.3	Lomas Ambulance	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
15.2	Atlantic Tractor	3	D1	1BS		X	
15.3	Dennis Refuse Truck	3	D2	1BS	N	X	no decal shown
		3	D2	1BS		X	red decal shown
		3	D2	2BS		X	red decal shown
		3	D2	LBS		X	red decal shown
16.2	Atlantic Trailer	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
16.3	Scammell Snowplough	7	D2	1BS	N		black stripes shown
		7	D2	1BS		X	red stripes shown
		7	D2	2BS		X	red stripes shown
17.3	Austin Taxi	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
17.4	Hoveringham Tipper	7	D2	1BS	N		small model shown, yellow target
		7	D2	1BS		X	large model shown, white target
		7	D2	2BS		X	large model shown, white target
		7	D2	LBS		X	large model shown, white target
18.3	Caterpillar Bulldozer	4	D1	1BS		X	
		4	D2	1BS		X	
19.3	Aston Martin Racer	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	

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D	Model name	Size	Type	Sides	N	X	Notes
20.2	ERF Transport Truck	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
21.3	Commer Milk Float	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
22.2	Vauxhall Cresta	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
23.3	Bluebird Dauphine	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
24.2	Weatherill Hydraulic	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
25.2	VW 1200	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
26.2	Foden Cement Truck	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
27.3	Cadillac 60 Special	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
28.2	Thames Compressor Lorry	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
29.2	Austin Cambridge	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
30.2	Six Wheel Crane	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
31.2	Ford Station Wagon	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
32.2	Jaguar E Type	3	D1	1BS	N	X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
33.1	Ford Zodiac	3	D1	1BS		X	
33.2	Ford Zephyr	3	D2	1BS	N	X	no target
		3	D2	1BS		X	yellow target
		3	D2	2BS		X	white target
34.2	VW Caravette	4	D1	1BS		X	
		4	D2	1BS		X	
		4	D2	2BS		X	
		4	D2	LBS		X	*
35.1	ERF Horse Box	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
36.2	Lambretta with Sidecar	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	

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37.2	Coca-Cola Lorry	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
38.2	Vauxhall Victor Estate	3	D1	1BS	N		
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
39.2	Pontiac Convertible	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
40.2	Leyland Coach	5	D1	1BS		X	
		5	D2	1BS		X	
		5	D2	2BS		X	
		5	D2	LBS		X	
41.2	Jaguar D Type	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
42.1	Evening News Van	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
43.2	Tractor Shovel	4	D1	1BS	N	X	
		4	D2	1BS		X	
		4	D2	2BS		X	
		4	D2	LBS		X	
44.1	Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
44.2	Rolls-Royce Phantom V	5	D2	1BS	N		*
45.1	Vauxhall Victor	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
46.2	Pickfords Removal Van	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
47.1	Trojan Van	3	D1	1BS		X	
47.2	Commer Ice Cream Van	3	D1	1BS	N		
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
48.2	Sports Boat & Trailer	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
49.1	M3 Half Track	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
50.1	Commer Pickup	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
51.1	Albion Chieftain	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
52.1	Maserati 4CLT/1948	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	

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D	Model name	Size	Type	Sides	N	X	Notes
53.1	Aston Martin DB 2	3	D1	1BS		X	
53.2	Mercedes 220 SE	5	D1	1BS	N	X	
		5	D2	1BS		X	
		5	D2	2BS		X	
		5	D2	LBS		X	
54.1	Saracen Personnel Carrier	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
55.1	D.U.K.W.	3	D1	1BS		X	
55.2	Ford Fairlane Police Car	3	D1	1BS	N		
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
56.1	Trolley Bus	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
57.2	Chevrolet Impala	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
58.1	BEA Coach	3	D1	1BS		X	
58.2	Drott Excavator	4	D1	1BS	N	X	
		4	D2	1BS		X	
		4	D2	2BS		X	
		4	D2	LBS		X	
59.2	Ford Fairlane Fire Chief Car	3	D2	1BS	N	X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
60.1	Morris J2 Pickup	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
61.1	Ferret Scout Car	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
62.1	General Service Truck	3	D1	1BS		X	
62.2	Commer TV Service Van	3	D2	1BS	N	X	
		4	D2	1BS		X	
		4	D2	2BS		X	
		4	D2	LBS		X	
63.1	Military Ambulance	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
64.1	Scammell Wreck Truck	4	D1	1BS		X	
		4	D2	1BS		X	
		4	D2	2BS		X	
65.2	Jaguar Mk II	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
66.1	Citroen DS 19	3	D1	1BS		X	
66.2	Harley-Davidson with Sidecar	3	D1	1BS	N	X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	

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D	Model name	Size	Type	Sides	N	X	Notes
67.1	Saladin Armoured Car	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
68.1	Austin Radio Truck	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
69.1	Commer Nestle's Van	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
70.1	Thames Estate Car	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
71.1	Austin Water Truck	3	D1	1BS		X	
71.2	Jeep Gladiator	3	D2	1BS	N	X	yellow target
		3	D2	2BS		X	white target
		3	D2	LBS		X	white target
72.1	Fordson Tractor	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
73.2	Ferrari Racing Car	3	D1	1BS	N	X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
		3	D2	LBS		X	
74.1	Mobile Canteen	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	
		3	D2	2BS		X	
75.1	Ford Thunderbird	3	D1	1BS		X	
		3	D2	1BS		X	

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8 E Type Boxes

E type boxes were issued for new models starting from 1964, but only in 1967 all models which were in the range at the time were converted to this box style. The style was used until 1968.

Major box sub-types:

E1	model number and name on end flap
E2	model number, name and detail drawing on end flap
E3	colour picture on end flap
E3R	same as E3, "@" attached to "MATCHBOX"
E4	"MATCHBOX" and colour picture on end flap
E4R	same as E4, "@" attached to "MATCHBOX"

Sides:

1BS	one blue side (other side is black)
2BS	two blue sides
LBS	two light blue sides

Existing combinations of variable values with probable years of issue:

Type	Sides	Year
E1/E2	1BS	1964
E1/E2	2BS	1965
E1/E2	LBS	1966
E3	2BS	1966
E3	LBS	1966
E3R	LBS	1968
E4	LBS	1967
E4R	LBS	1968

"NEW MODEL" on end flaps:

N	"NEW MODEL" on end flaps
X	no "NEW MODEL" on end flaps

Box dimensions: 3, 4, 5 or 7

In the following list, an asterisk (*) denotes the existence of noticeable shade differences, which is in most cases valid for all boxes of the respective model.

E	Model name	Size	Type	Sides	N	X	Notes
01.4	Road Roller	3	E3	LBS		X	
01.5	Mercedes Truck	7	E4	LBS	N	X	
		7	E4R	LBS		X	*
02.3	Muir Hill Dumper	4	E3	LBS		X	
02.4	Mercedes Trailer	7	E4	LBS	N	X	
		7	E4R	LBS		X	*
03.2	Bedford Tipper	3	E3	LBS		X	
03.3	Mercedes Ambulance	7	E4	LBS	N		
		7	E4R	LBS	N		

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E	Model name	Size	Type	Sides	N	X	Notes
04.4	Stake Truck	7	E4	LBS	N	X	
		7	E4R	LBS		X	
05.4	Routemaster Bus	5	E1	2BS	N	X	
		5	E1	LBS		X	
		5	E3	LBS		X	
		5	E4	LBS		X	
		5	E4R	LBS		X	
06.3	Euclid Quarry Truck	4	E3	LBS		X	
07.3	Ford Refuse Truck	7	E4	LBS	N		"REFUSE TRUCK"
		7	E4	LBS		X	"FORD REFUSE TRUCK"
		7	E4R	LBS		X	"FORD REFUSE TRUCK" *
08.4	Caterpillar Tractor	4	E1	1BS		X	
		4	E1	2BS		X	
		4	E1	LBS		X	
		4	E3	LBS		X	
08.5	Ford Mustang	5	E4	LBS	N	X	
		5	E4R	LBS		X	
09.4	Boat & Trailer	7	E4	LBS	N	X	
		7	E4R	LBS		X	
10.4	Pipe Truck	7	E4	LBS	N	X	
		7	E4R	LBS		X	
11.3	Taylor Jumbo Crane	7	E2	1BS	N	X	all yellow model shown
		7	E2	2BS		X	all yellow model shown
		7	E2	LBS		X	all yellow model shown
		7	E3	LBS		X	all yellow model shown
		7	E4	LBS		X	red & yellow model shown
12.3	Land Rover	7	E3	2BS	N		small green model shown
		7	E3	2BS	N		large green model shown
		7	E3	LBS		X	large green model shown
		7	E4	LBS		X	small blue model shown
		7	E4R	LBS		X	small blue model shown *
13.4	Dodge Wreck Truck	7	E2	2BS	N	X	green cab shown
		7	E2	2BS	N	X	yellow cab shown
		7	E2	LBS		X	yellow cab shown
		7	E3	LBS		X	yellow cab shown
		7	E3R	LBS		X	yellow cab shown
		7	E4R	LBS		X	yellow cab shown
14.3	Lomas Ambulance	3	E3	LBS		X	
		3	E4	LBS		X	
14.4	Iso Grifo	5	E4R	LBS	N		
15.3	Dennis Refuse Truck	3	E3	LBS		X	"REFUSE TRUCK"
		3	E4	LBS		X	"DENNIS REFUSE TRUCK"
16.3	Scammell Snowplough	7	E3	LBS		X	
		7	E4	LBS		X	
		7	E4R	LBS		X	
17.4	Hoveringham Tipper	7	E3	LBS		X	additional rear view shown
		7	E3	LBS		X	side view only
		7	E4	LBS		X	side view only
		7	E4R	LBS		X	side view only

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E	Model name	Size	Type	Sides	N	X	Notes
18.4	Caterpillar Bulldozer	4	E1	1BS		X	
		4	E1	2BS		X	
		4	E1	LBS		X	
		4	E3	LBS		X	
		4	E4	LBS		X	
19.4	Lotus Racing Car	5	E1	2BS	N	X	
		5	E1	LBS		X	
		5	E3	LBS		X	
		5	E4	LBS		X	
		5	E4R	LBS		X	
20.3	Chevrolet Taxi	5	E2	2BS	N	X	
		5	E2	LBS		X	
		5	E3	LBS		X	
		5	E4	LBS		X	
		5	E4R	LBS		X	*
21.3	Commer Milk Float	3	E3	LBS		X	
		3	E4	LBS		X	
21.4	Foden Concrete Truck	7	E4R	LBS	N		
22.3	Pontiac Coupé	5	E2	2BS	N	X	blue model shown
		5	E2	2BS		X	red model shown
		5	E2	LBS		X	red model shown
		5	E3	LBS		X	red model shown
		5	E4	LBS		X	red model shown
		5	E4R	LBS		X	red model shown
23.4	Trailer Caravan	7	E2	2BS	N	X	blue model shown
		7	E2	LBS		X	yellow model shown
		7	E3	LBS		X	yellow model shown
		7	E4	LBS		X	pink model shown
		7	E4R	LBS		X	pink model shown
24.3	Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow	5	E4	LBS	N		blue model shown
		5	E4	LBS	N	X	red model shown
		5	E4R	LBS		X	red model shown
25.3	Bedford Tanker	5	E1	1BS	N		"BP", white target
		7	E1	2BS		X	"BP", white target
		7	E1	LBS		X	"BP", white target
		7	E2	2BS		X	"ARAL", no target
		7	E2	LBS		X	"ARAL", no target *
		7	E3	LBS		X	"BP", no target
		7	E3	LBS		X	"ARAL", no target
		7	E4	LBS		X	"BP", no target
25.4	Ford Cortina	5	E4R	LBS	N		
26.2	Foden Cement Truck	3	E3	LBS		X	
26.3	GMC Tipper	4	E4R	LBS	N		
		7	E4R	LBS	N		
27.4	Mercedes 230 SL	5	E3	LBS	N	X	
		5	E4	LBS		X	
		5	E4R	LBS		X	
28.3	Jaguar Mk 10	5	E1	1BS	N		blue model shown, yellow target
		5	E1	2BS		X	blue model shown, white target
		5	E1	LBS		X	blue model shown, white target
		5	E3	LBS		X	brown model shown, no target
28.4	Mack Dump Truck	7	E4R	LBS	N		

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29.3	Fire Pumper	7	E1	2BS	N	X	
		7	E1	LBS		X	
		7	E3	LBS		X	
		7	E4	LBS		X	
		7	E4R	LBS		X	*
30.3	Eight Wheel Crane	7	E2	2BS	N	X	
		7	E2	LBS		X	
		7	E3	LBS		X	
		7	E4	LBS		X	
		7	E4R	LBS		X	*
31.3	Lincoln Continental	5	E2	1BS	N	X	red model shown
		5	E2	2BS		X	red model shown
		5	E2	2BS		X	blue model shown
		5	E2	LBS		X	blue model shown
		5	E3	LBS		X	blue model shown
		5	E4	LBS		X	green model shown
		5	E4	LBS		X	turquoise model shown
		5	E4R	LBS		X	turquoise model shown
32.2	Jaguar E Type	3	E3	LBS		X	
		3	E4	LBS		X	*
32.3	Leyland Tanker	7	E4R	LBS	N		"BP" model shown *
		7	E4R	LBS	N		"ARAL" model shown
33.2	Ford Zephyr	3	E3	LBS		X	
		3	E4	LBS		X	*
33.3	Lamborghini Miura	5	E4R	LBS	N		
34.2	VW Caravette	4	E3	LBS		X	
34.3	VW Camper	4	E4	LBS	N	X	high roof shown
		4	E4R	LBS		X	high roof shown
		4	E4R	LBS		X	low roof shown
35.2	Snow Trac	4	E1	1BS	N	X	illustration with lettering
		4	E1	2BS		X	illustration with lettering
		4	E1	LBS		X	illustration with lettering
		4	E3	LBS		X	illustration without lettering
		4	E3R	LBS		X	illustration without lettering
36.3	Opel Diplomat	3	E3	LBS	N		green model, open bonnet shown
		5	E3	LBS	N	X	green model, closed bonnet shown
		5	E4	LBS		X	gold model, open bonnet shown
		5	E4R	LBS		X	gold model, open bonnet shown *
37.3	Cattle Truck	4	E3	LBS	N	X	brown cows shown
		4	E4	LBS		X	white cows shown
		4	E4R	LBS		X	white cows shown
38.2	Vauxhall Victor Estate	3	E3	LBS		X	
		3	E4	LBS		X	
38.3	Honda with Trailer	7	E4	LBS	N		blue trailer shown
		7	E4R	LBS	N		yellow trailer shown
39.2	Pontiac Convertible	3	E3	LBS		X	
39.3	Ford Tractor	4	E4	LBS	N	X	
		4	E4R	LBS		X	
40.2	Leyland Coach	5	E3	LBS		X	
40.3	Hay Trailer	4	E4	LBS	N	X	
		4	E4R	LBS		X	

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41.3	Ford GT	3	E2	2BS	N	X	"FORD G.T. RACING CAR"
		3	E2	LBS		X	"FORD G.T. RACING CAR"
		3	E3	LBS		X	"FORD G.T. RACER"
		3	E4	LBS		X	"FORD G.T. RACER"
		3	E4R	LBS		X	"FORD G.T. RACER" *
42.2	Studebaker Wagonaire	5	E2	1BS	N	X	red model shown
		5	E2	2BS		X	red model shown
		5	E2	LBS		X	blue model shown
		5	E3	LBS		X	blue model shown
		5	E4	LBS		X	blue model shown
		5	E4R	LBS		X	blue model shown
43.2	Tractor Shovel	4	E3	LBS		X	
43.3	Pony Trailer	7	E4	LBS	N		
		7	E4R	LBS		X	* (black or brown ramp)
44.2	Rolls-Royce Phantom V	5	E1	1BS		X	blue model shown, white target
		5	E1	2BS		X	blue model shown, white target
		5	E1	LBS		X	blue model shown, white target
		5	E3	LBS		X	lilac model shown, no target
44.3	Refrigerator Truck	7	E4	LBS	N	X	
		7	E4R	LBS		X	
45.2	Ford Corsair	3	E2	2BS	N	X	brown boat shown
		3	E2	LBS		X	brown boat shown
		3	E2	LBS		X	green boat shown
		3	E3	LBS		X	green boat shown
		3	E4	LBS		X	green boat shown
		3	E4R	LBS		X	green boat shown
46.2	Pickfords Removal Van	3	E3	LBS		X	
46.3	Mercedes 300 SE	5	E4	LBS	N		green model shown
		5	E4R	LBS	N		green model shown
		5	E4R	LBS	N		blue model shown
47.2	Commer Ice Cream Van	3	E3	LBS		X	
47.3	DAF Tipper	7	E4R	LBS	N	X	*
48.3	Dodge Dumper	7	E4	LBS	N	X	
		7	E4R	LBS		X	
49.2	Unimog	4	E4	LBS	N	X	brown & green model shown
		4	E4	LBS		X	blue & red model shown
		4	E4R	LBS		X	blue & red model shown
50.2	John Deere Tractor	4	E1	1BS	N		"TRACTOR"
		3	E1	1BS		X	"TRACTOR"
		3	E1	2BS		X	"TRACTOR"
		3	E1	LBS		X	"TRACTOR"
		3	E3	LBS		X	"TRACTOR"
		3	E4	LBS		X	"JOHN DEERE-LANZ TRACTOR" *
51.2	Tipping Trailer	4	E1	1BS	N	X	"TRAILER"
		4	E1	2BS		X	"TRAILER"
		4	E1	LBS		X	"TRAILER"
		4	E4	LBS		X	"TIPPING TRAILER" *
52.2	BRM Racing Car	5	E1	2BS	N	X	
		5	E1	LBS		X	
		5	E3	LBS		X	
		5	E4	LBS		X	
		5	E4R	LBS		X	*

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E	Model name	Size	Type	Sides	N	X	Notes
53.2	Mercedes 220 SE	5	E3	LBS		X	
53.3	Ford Zodiac	5	E4	LBS	N		
		5	E4R	LBS	N		*
54.2	Cadillac Ambulance	5	E2	2BS	N	X	
		5	E2	LBS		X	
		5	E3	LBS		X	
		5	E4R	LBS		X	
55.3	Ford Galaxie Police Car	5	E3	LBS	N	X	
		5	E4	LBS		X	
		5	E4R	LBS		X	
55.4	Mercury Police Car	5	E4R	LBS	N	X	
56.2	Fiat 1500	3	E2	2BS	N	X	
		3	E2	LBS		X	
		3	E3	LBS		X	
		3	E3R	LBS		X	
		3	E4R	LBS		X	*
57.3	Land Rover Fire Truck	3	E3	LBS	N	X	
		3	E4R	LBS		X	
58.2	Drott Excavator	4	E3	LBS		X	
		4	E4	LBS		X	
58.3	DAF Girder Truck	7	E4R	LBS	N	X	
59.3	Ford Galaxie Fire Chief Car	5	E3	2BS	N	X	
		5	E3	LBS		X	
		5	E4	LBS		X	
		5	E4R	LBS		X	
60.2	Site Hut Truck	4	E3	LBS	N	X	
		4	E4	LBS		X	
		4	E4R	LBS		X	
61.2	Alvis Stalwart	4	E4	LBS	N	X	
		4	E4R	LBS		X	
62.2	Commer TV Service Van	4	E3	LBS		X	"Rentaset" shown
		4	E4	LBS		X	"Rentaset" shown
		4	E4	LBS		X	"RADIO RENTALS" shown
62.3	Mercury Cougar	5	E4R	LBS	N		
63.2	Airport Crash Tender	4	E1	1BS	N		yellow target
		4	E1	1BS		X	white target
		4	E1	2BS		X	white target
		4	E1	LBS		X	white target
		4	E3	LBS		X	no target
		4	E4	LBS		X	no target
64.2	MG 1100	3	E3	LBS	N	X	
		3	E4	LBS		X	
		3	E4R	LBS		X	*
65.2	Jaguar Mk II	3	E3	LBS		X	
		3	E4	LBS		X	
65.3	Combine Harvester	7	E4	LBS	N		
		7	E4R	LBS	N	X	
66.3	Greyhound Coach	5	E4	LBS	N		"GREYHOUND BUS"
		5	E4	LBS		X	"GREYHOUND COACH"
		5	E4R	LBS		X	"GREYHOUND COACH"
67.1	Saladin Armoured Car	3	E3	LBS		X	

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E	Model name	Size	Type	Sides	N	X	Notes
67.2	VW 1600 TL	4	E4	LBS	N		
		4	E4R	LBS	N		
68.2	Mercedes Coach	5	E1	2BS	N	X	green model shown
		5	E1	LBS		X	green model shown
		5	E3	LBS		X	orange model shown
		5	E4	LBS		X	orange model shown
		5	E4R	LBS		X	orange model shown
69.2	Hatra Tractor Shovel	7	E2	1BS	N	X	red model shown
		7	E2	2BS		X	red model shown
		7	E2	LBS		X	red model shown *
		7	E3	LBS		X	red model with yellow wheels shown
		7	E4	LBS		X	yellow model shown
		7	E4R	LBS		X	yellow model shown
70.2	Grit Spreader	7	E2	2BS	N		
		7	E2	LBS	N	X	
		7	E3	LBS		X	
		7	E4	LBS		X	
71.2	Jeep Gladiator	3	E3	LBS		X	
		3	E4	LBS		X	
72.2	Standard Jeep	4	E4	LBS	N	X	
		4	E4R	LBS		X	
73.2	Ferrari Racing Car	3	E3	LBS		X	
74.2	Daimler Bus	5	E3	2BS	N		cream model shown
		5	E3	LBS	N	X	cream model shown
		5	E4	LBS	N	X	cream model shown
		5	E4R	LBS		X	cream model shown
		5	E4R	LBS		X	green model shown *
75.2	Ferrari Berlinetta	5	E2	2BS	N	X	blue model shown
		5	E2	LBS		X	blue model shown
		5	E2	LBS		X	green model shown
		5	E3	LBS		X	green model shown
		5	E4	LBS		X	green model shown
		5	E4R	LBS		X	green model shown *

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9 F Type Boxes

This is a suggestion for a new scheme to be used as a basis for cataloguing the F generation of boxes used for Matchbox Series 1-75 models in 1969 and 1970.

This scheme can and should be used to describe boxes for both regular wheel and Superfast models in the same manner.

As there are so many different variables associated with the design of the F type boxes, it is not practical to combine individual values of some variables to form sub-types of F boxes, as is common practice with the earlier generations of Matchbox boxes (particularly B, D and E). Previous attempts to do this have proved not entirely satisfactory.

Instead, each variable should be considered separately. The following definitions set up a domain for each of the variables:

1. Wheels of model shown:

REG	Regular
SUP	Superfast

2. Additional text:

NON	none
AST	"AUTOSTEER"
RSF	red "Superfast"
BSF	black "Superfast"

3. Colour and position of "SERIES":

WIB	white in blue number box
RUB	red under oblong blue number box
RLB	red left of blue number box

4. Lettering at bottom:

ALP	A LESNEY PRODUCT
LPC	LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. LONDON ENGLAND
MIR1	"MATCHBOX" IS THE REG'D. T.M. OF LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. LONDON ENGLAND
MRT1	"MATCHBOX" REG'D. T.M. LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. LONDON ENGLAND

5. Side design:

DR	drawings of the model
SF	"Superfast" lettering

6. "NEW" on end flaps:

N	"NEW" on end flaps
X	no "NEW" on end flaps

7. Box dimensions: 5, 6 or 7

Using these domains and the mnemonic abbreviations given, one can construct a tabulated list of all the boxes. In this list one separate line is devoted to each different box.

No attention has been paid to further variables like colour shades and the various forms of small lettering at the box end closers. Such variations may occasionally be included in the list in the form of additional notes.

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F type boxes for regular wheel models:

F Reg	Model name	Wheels	Addit. text	SERIES location	Bottom	Side	N/X	Size	Notes
01.5	Mercedes Truck	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
		REG	NON	RLB	MIR1	DR	X	6	
02.4	Mercedes Trailer	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
03.3	Mercedes Ambulance	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
04.4	Stake Truck	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
		REG	NON	RLB	MIR1	DR	X	6	
05.4	Routemaster Bus	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
06.4	Ford Pickup	REG	AST	WIB	ALP	DR	N	7	1
		REG	AST	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
07.3	Ford Refuse Truck	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
		REG	NON	RLB	MIR1	DR	X	6	
08.5	Ford Mustang	REG	AST	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
09.4	Boat & Trailer	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	7	
		REG	NON	RLB	MRT1	DR	X	7	
10.4	Pipe Truck	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	7	
		REG	NON	RLB	MIR1	DR	X	7	
11.4	Scaffolding Truck	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	N	7	
		REG	NON	RLB	MRT1	DR	N	7	
12.3	Land Rover	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
		REG	NON	RLB	LPC	DR	X	6	
13.4	Dodge Wreck Truck	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	7	
		REG	NON	RLB	MIR1	DR	X	7	
14.4	Iso Grifo	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
15.4	VW 1500	REG	AST	WIB	ALP	DR	N	5	
		REG	NON	WIB	ALP	DR	N	5	
16.4	Case Bulldozer	REG	NON	WIB	ALP	DR	N	7	
17.5	Horse Box	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	N	6	
18.5	Field Car	REG	AST	RLB	ALP	DR	N	6	
19.4	Lotus Racing Car	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
		REG	NON	RLB	LPC	DR	X	5	
21.4	Foden Concrete Truck	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
		REG	NON	RLB	LPC	DR	X	6	
22.3	Pontiac Coupé	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
23.4	Trailer Caravan	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
24.3	Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
25.4	Ford Cortina	REG	AST	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
26.3	GMC Tipper	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
		REG	NON	RLB	MIR1	DR	X	6	
27.4	Mercedes 230 SL	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
28.4	Mack Dump Truck	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
29.3	Fire Pumper	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
		REG	NON	RLB	LPC	DR	X	6	
31.3	Lincoln Continental	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
32.3	Leyland Tanker	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
		REG	NON	RLB	LPC	DR	X	6	
33.3	Lamborghini Miura	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
		REG	AST	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
34.3	VW Camper	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
		REG	NON	RLB	LPC	DR	X	6	

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36.3	Opel Diplomat	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	

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37.3	Cattle Truck	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
		REG	NON	RLB	MIR1	DR	X	6	
38.3	Honda with Trailer	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
39.3	Ford Tractor	REG	NON	RUB	ALP	DR	X	6	
		REG	NON	RUB	LPC	DR	X	6	
40.3	Hay Trailer	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
		REG	NON	RLB	MRT1	DR	X	6	
41.3	Ford GT	REG	NON	WIB	ALP	DR	X	5	
42.3	Iron Fairy Crane	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	N	7	
		REG	NON	RLB	LPC	DR	N	7	
43.3	Pony Trailer	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	7	
44.3	Refrigerator Truck	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	7	
		REG	NON	RLB	MIR1	DR	X	7	
45.2	Ford Corsair	REG	NON	WIB	ALP	DR	X	5	
46.3	Mercedes 300 SE	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
47.3	DAF Tipper	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
		REG	NON	RLB	LPC	DR	X	6	
48.3	Dodge Dumper	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
49.2	Unimog	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
		REG	NON	RLB	MIR1	DR	X	6	
50.3	Kennel Truck	REG	AST	WIB	ALP	DR	N	7	
		REG	NON	WIB	LPC	DR	N	7	
51.3	Eight Wheel Tipper	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	N	6	"DOUGLAS" shown
		REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	N	6	"POINTER" shown
52.2	BRM Racing Car	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	facing right
		REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	facing left
		REG	NON	RLB	LPC	DR	X	5	facing left
53.3	Ford Zodiac	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
54.2	Cadillac Ambulance	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
55.4	Mercury Police Car	REG	AST	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
56.2	Fiat 1500	REG	NON	RUB	ALP	DR	X	5	
57.3	Land Rover Fire Truck	REG	NON	WIB	ALP	DR	X	5	
58.3	DAF Girder Truck	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
		REG	NON	RLB	LPC	DR	X	6	
59.3	Ford Galaxie Fire Chief Car	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
60.2	Site Hut Truck	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	7	
		REG	NON	RLB	LPC	DR	X	7	
61.2	Alvis Stalwart	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
62.3	Mercury Cougar	REG	AST	WIB	ALP	DR	X	5	
63.3	Dodge Crane Truck	REG	NON	WIB	ALP	DR	N	7	1
		REG	NON	WIB	MRT1	DR	N	7	
64.2	MG 1100	REG	NON	WIB	ALP	DR	X	5	
65.3	Combine Harvester	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	7	
		REG	NON	RLB	MRT1	DR	X	7	
66.3	Greyhound Coach	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
67.2	VW 1600 TL	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
68.2	Mercedes Coach	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
		REG	NON	RLB	MRT1	DR	X	5	
70.2	Grit Spreader	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
71.3	Ford Wreck Truck	REG	NON	WIB	ALP	DR	N	7	blue "Esso"
		REG	NON	WIB	ALP	DR	N	7	red "Esso"

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F Reg	Model name	Wheels	Addit. text	SERIES location	Bottom	Side	N/X	Size	Notes
72.2	Standard Jeep	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	6	
73.3	Mercury Commuter	REG	AST	WIB	ALP	DR	N	5	
74.2	Daimler Bus	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	green model shown
		REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	red model shown
75.2	Ferrari Berlinetta	REG	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	

Note:

1 These boxes exist with one front reversed.

F type boxes for Superfast models:

F Sup	Model name	Wheels	Addit. text	SERIES location	Bottom	Side	N/X	Size	Notes
05.5	Lotus Europa	SUP	BSF	RLB	ALP	DR	N	5	
08.5	Ford Mustang	SUP	NON	RLB	MRT1	DR	X	5	regular wheel model
		SUP	NON	RLB	LPC	DR	X	5	regular wheel model
		SUP	BSF	RLB	LPC	DR	X	5	
12.3	Land Rover	REG	BSF	RLB	LPC	SF	X	6	BSF in two sizes
14.4	Iso Grifo	REG	RSF	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
		SUP	BSF	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
		SUP	BSF	RLB	LPC	SF	X	5	
15.4	VW 1500	REG	RSF	WIB	ALP	DR	N	5	
		SUP	BSF	RLB	ALP	DR	N	5	
20.4	Lamborghini Marzal	SUP	BSF	RLB	ALP	DR	N	5	
25.4	Ford Cortina	SUP	BSF	RLB	LPC	SF	X	5	
27.4	Mercedes 230 SL	SUP	BSF	RLB	LPC	SF	X	5	
29.3	Fire Pumper	REG	BSF	RLB	LPC	SF	X	6	
33.3	Lamborghini Miura	REG	RSF	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
		SUP	BSF	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
35.3	Merryweather Fire Engine	REG	BSF	RLB	LPC	SF	N	6	
36.3	Opel Diplomat	SUP	BSF	RLB	LPC	DR	X	5	
41.3	Ford GT	REG	RSF	WIB	ALP	DR	X	5	
		SUP	BSF	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
45.3	Ford Group 6	SUP	BSF	RLB	LPC	DR	N	5	
46.3	Mercedes 300 SE	SUP	BSF	RLB	LPC	DR	X	5	
50.3	Kennel Truck	REG	BSF	WIB	LPC	SF	N	7	
53.3	Ford Zodiac	SUP	BSF	RLB	LPC	DR	X	5	
		SUP	BSF	RLB	LPC	SF	X	5	
55.4	Mercury Police Car	SUP	BSF	RLB	LPC	SF	X	5	
56.3	BMC 1800 Pininfarina	SUP	BSF	RLB	ALP	DR	N	5	
59.3	Ford Galaxie Fire Chief Car	SUP	BSF	RLB	LPC	DR	X	5	
62.3	Mercury Cougar	REG	RSF	WIB	ALP	DR	N	5	
		SUP	NON	RLB	ALP	DR	N	5	regular wheel model
		SUP	BSF	RLB	ALP	DR	N	5	
64.2	MG 1100	SUP	BSF	RLB	LPC	DR	X	5	
66.3	Greyhound Coach	REG	BSF	RLB	MIR1	SF	X	5	
67.2	VW 1600 TL	REG	RSF	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
		SUP	BSF	RLB	ALP	DR	X	5	
69.3	RR Silver Shadow Coupé	SUP	BSF	RLB	ALP			5	
		SUP	BSF	RLB	LPC	SF	N	5	
73.3	Mercury Commuter	SUP	BSF	RLB	LPC	SF	N	5	
74.2	Daimler Bus	REG	BSF	RLB	MIR1	SF	X	5	

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10 G Type Boxes

This is a suggestion for a new scheme to be used as a basis for cataloguing the G generation of boxes used for Matchbox Series 1-75 models in 1970 and 1971 (for a few models even until 1975).

This scheme can and should be used to describe boxes for both regular wheel and Superfast models in the same manner. (There are only five different regular wheel models for which G boxes exist.)

Similarly to the F type boxes, there are many different variables associated with the design of the G type boxes. It is therefore once again practical to consider each variable separately. The following definitions set up a domain for each of the variables:

1. Lettering at bottom:

MIRI	"MATCHBOX" IS THE REG'D. T.M. OF LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. LONDON ENGLAND
MRT1	"MATCHBOX" REG'D. T.M. LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. LONDON ENGLAND
NONE	lettering omitted

2. Side design:

DRA	drawings of the model
SFP	"Superfast" lettering parallel to edge
SFA	"Superfast outraces them all" at an angle to edge

3. "TM" letters attached to "Superfast":

BLK	black "TM" on front, black "TM" on side
RED	red "TM" on front, black "TM" on side
NON	no "TM" on front, no "TM" on side

4. "NEW" on end flaps:

N	"NEW" on end flaps
X	no "NEW" on end flaps

5. Box dimensions: 5, 6 or 7

Using these domains and the mnemonic abbreviations given, one can construct a tabulated list of all the boxes. In this list one separate line is devoted to each different box.

No attention has been paid to further variables like colour shades and the various forms of small lettering at the box end closers. Such variations may occasionally be included in the list in the form of additional notes. An asterisk (*) denotes the existence of recognizable shade variations.

The variables "wheels of model shown" and "additional lettering", which are used in the descriptions of F boxes, seem not to be necessary for G boxes as each of them would have one value for the five regular wheel boxes and just one other value for all the other boxes (the additional lettering being "Superfast").

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G	Model name	Bottom	Side	TM	N/X	Size	Notes
01.5	Mercedes Truck	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	6	
		NONE	SFP	BLK	N	6	
02.4	Mercedes Trailer	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	6	
		NONE	SFP	BLK	N	6	
03.3	Mercedes Ambulance	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	6	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	6	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	X	6	
04.4	Stake Truck	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	6	
05.5	Lotus Europa	MRT1	SFP	RED	N	5	
06.4	Ford Pickup	MIR1	SFP	BLK	N	6	"TM" on one front only
		MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	6	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	6	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	X	6	
07.3	Ford Refuse Truck	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	6	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	6	*
08.5	Ford Mustang	MIR1	SFP	RED	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	RED	N	5	
08.6	Wildcat Dragster	MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	5	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	5	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	X	5	
09.4	Boat & Trailer	MRT1	SFP	RED	N	6	
		MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	7	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	7	
10.4	Pipe Truck	MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	7	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	7	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	X	7	
11.4	Scaffolding Truck	MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	7	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	7	
12.3	Land Rover	MIR1	SFP	BLK	N	6	
		MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	6	
12.4	Setra Coach	MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	6	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	6	until 1975
13.4	Dodge Wreck Truck	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	7	
14.4	Iso Grifo	MIR1	SFP	BLK	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	5	
15.4	VW 1500	MRT1	SFP	RED	N	5	
16.4	Case Bulldozer	MRT1	DRA	NON	X	7	regular wheel model; until 1974
17.5	Horse Box	MRT1	SFP	RED	N	7	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	7	*
18.5	Field Car	MIR1	SFP	BLK	N	6	
		MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	6	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	6	
19.4	Lotus Racing Car	MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	5	
19.5	Road Dragster	MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	5	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	5	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	X	5	
20.4	Lamborghini Marzal	MIR1	SFP	BLK	N	5	
21.4	Foden Concrete Truck	MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	6	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	6	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	X	6	
22.3	Pontiac Coupé	MIR1	SFP	BLK	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	5	

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22.4	Freeman Commuter	MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	6	
		MRT1	SFA	BLK	X	6	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	X	6	until 1975
23.5	VW Camper	MRT1	SFP	RED	N	7	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	7	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	X	7	*; until 1975
24.3	Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow	MIR1	SFP	RED	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	RED	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	5	
25.4	Ford Cortina	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	X	5	
26.3	GMC Tipper	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	6	
		MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	7	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	7	
27.4	Mercedes 230 SL	MRT1	SFP	RED	N	5	
28.4	Mack Dump Truck	MRT1	SFP	RED	N	6	
		MRT1	SFP	RED	N	6	"TM" on one front only
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	6	
29.3	Fire Pumper	MRT1	SFP	RED	N	6	
29.4	Racing Mini	MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	5	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	5	
30.3	Eight Wheel Crane	MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	7	
31.3	Lincoln Continental	MIR1	SFP	BLK	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	5	
32.3	Leyland Tanker	MRT1	SFP	RED	N	6	green "BP" model shown
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	6	green "BP" model shown
		MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	7	blue "ARAL" model shown
33.3	Lamborghini Miura	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	5	
34.4	Formula 1 Racing Car	MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	5	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	5	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	X	5	until 1975
35.3	Merryweather Fire Engine	MIR1	SFP	BLK	N	6	
		MIR1	SFP	NON	N	6	
		MIR1	SFP	NON	X	6	
36.3	Opel Diplomat	MRT1	SFP	RED	N	5	
36.4	Hot Rod Draguar	MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	5	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	5	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	X	5	until 1975
37.3	Cattle Truck	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	6	
		MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	7	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	7	*
38.3	Honda with Trailer	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	6	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	6	
39.3	Ford Tractor	MRT1	DRA	NON	X	6	regular wheel model
40.3	Hay Trailer	MRT1	DRA	NON	X	6	regular wheel model
41.3	Ford GT	MIR1	SFP	RED	N	5	
		MIR1	SFP	NON	N	5	

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G	Model name	Bottom	Side	TM	N/X	Size	Notes
42.3	Iron Fairy Crane	MRT1	SFA	RED	N	7	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	7	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	X	7	
43.3	Pony Trailer	MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	7	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	7	
44.3	Refrigerator Truck	MRT1	SFP	RED	N	6	
		MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	7	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	7	*
45.3	Ford Group 6	MRT1	SFP	RED	N	5	"TM" or "T.M." on front
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	X	5	
46.3	Mercedes 300 SE	MIR1	SFP	RED	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	RED	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	5	*
47.3	DAF Tipper	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	6	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	6	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	X	6	
48.3	Dodge Dumper	MRT1	SFA	RED	N	6	
		MRT1	SFA	RED	X	6	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	6	
49.2	Unimog	MRT1	SFA	RED	N	6	without "outraces them all"
		MRT1	SFA	RED	N	6	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	6	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	X	6	*
50.3	Kennel Truck	MRT1	SFP	RED	N	7	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	7	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	X	7	
51.3	Eight Wheel Tipper	MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	6	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	6	
52.3	Dodge Charger Mk 3	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	5	
53.3	Ford Zodiac	MRT1	SFP	RED	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	5	*
54.2	Cadillac Ambulance	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	5	
55.4	Mercury Police Car	MRT1	SFP	RED	N	5	
56.3	BMC 1800 Pininfarina	MIR1	SFP	BLK	N	5	
57.3	Land Rover Fire Truck	MIR1	SFP	BLK	N	5	
57.4	Eccles Caravan	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	6	red number on EFC
58.3	DAF Girder Truck	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	6	white model shown
		MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	6	green model shown
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	6	green model shown
59.3	Ford Galaxie Fire Chief Car	MRT1	SFP	RED	N	5	
60.2	Site Hut Truck	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	7	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	7	
61.2	Alvis Stalwart	MRT1	DRA	NON	X	6	regular wheel model
62.3	Mercury Cougar	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	5	"TM" on one front only
62.4	Rat Rod Dragster	MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	5	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	5	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	X	5	until 1974
63.3	Dodge Crane Truck	MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	7	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	7	

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G	Model name	Bottom	Side	TM	N/X	Size	Notes
64.2	MG 1100	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	5	
65.3	Combine Harvester	MRT1	DRA	NON	X	7	regular wheel model
66.3	Greyhound Coach	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	5	
67.2	VW 1600 TL	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	X	5	
68.3	Porsche 910	MRT1	SFA	BLK	N	5	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	N	5	
		MRT1	SFA	NON	X	5	*
69.3	RR Silver Shadow Coupé	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	X	5	*
70.2	Grit Spreader	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	6	
71.3	Ford Wreck Truck	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	7	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	7	
72.2	Standard Jeep	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	6	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	6	
73.3	Mercury Commuter	MIR1	SFP	RED	N	5	
		MIR1	SFP	NON	N	5	
		MIR1	SFP	NON	X	5	until 1974
74.2	Daimler Bus	MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	NON	N	5	
75.2	Ferrari Berlinetta	MIR1	SFP	BLK	N	5	
		MRT1	SFP	BLK	N	5	

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11 H Type Boxes

H type boxes were issued for just a few models in late 1970 and 1971. As there are so few of them, they do not have as many variables as their predecessors and can therefore easily be subdivided into three sub-types:

Type H1N	black number (with red "NEW" lettering) inside a red frame, no "Superfast" lettering nor model name on front
Type H2N	black number (with red "NEW" lettering) without frame, "Superfast" lettering and model name on front
Type H2	black number (without "NEW" lettering) without frame, "Superfast" lettering and model name on front

Other features which are variables with F and G type boxes are constant in the case of H type boxes:

The lettering at the bottom of the front is always of the type **MRT2**:

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The year can be 1970 or 1971, but this remains constant for any individual model.

The side design always features a detail drawing of the model, accompanied by a "TESTED" mark and surrounded by the following constant text:

RACING SUSPENSION / HIGH SPEED MAG-WHEELS

Box dimensions are the same as with previous types, however most boxes are of the narrowest size type 5. There are no variations within one individual model.

In the following tabulated list of H type boxes there is only one line for each model as this suffices to record every variation.

H	Model name	Year	Size	H1N	H2N	H2	Notes
01.6	Mod Rod	1970	5		H2N	H2	
02.5	Jeep Hot Rod	1970	7		H2N	H2	
04.5	Gruesome Twosome	1970	5		H2N	H2	
05.5	Lotus Europa	1970	5		H2N	H2	
13.5	Baja Buggy	1970	5		H2N	H2	
14.4	Iso Grifo	1970	5		H2N	H2	
15.4	VW 1500	1971	5		H2N		
		1971	5		H2N		no.30 (Japanese issue)
20.4	Lamborghini Marzal	1970	5		H2N	H2	
27.4	Mercedes 230 SL	1970	5		H2N		
30.4	Beach Buggy	1970	5	H1N			Superbooster symbol on sides
		1970	5		H2N	H2	no Superbooster symbol
40.4	Vauxhall Guildsman	1970	5		H2N	H2	
54.3	Ford Capri	1970	5	H1N	H2N	H2	
55.5	Mercury Police Car	1970	5	H1N	H2N	H2	
56.3	BMC 1800 Pininfarina	1971	5		H2N	H2	
59.4	Mercury Fire Car	1970	5	H1N	H2N		
64.3	Slingshot Dragster	1970	5		H2N	H2	
70.3	Dodge Dragster	1970	5		H2N		no additional picture
		1970	5		H2N	H2	additional picture top right
75.3	Alfa Carabo	1970	5	H1N	H2N	H2	

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12 I Type Boxes

I type boxes were issued from late 1971 to 1974, for most models that were available during that period, except for a few that retained their G or H type boxes until the end of their career.

Some I type boxes survived until 1979, so some changes that occurred during the late seventies meeting legal requirements in various European countries did apply to them.

This usually means some texts in small print being added to the box design. Consequently these texts constitute one of the main variables used for describing these boxes. The following nine types of bottom and side text combinations can be distinguished:

a. Type **MRT3**:

bottom text on both fronts:

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no text on sides

b. Type **MRT3/CNG**:

bottom text on one front same as MRT3,
bottom text on other front replaced by:

CONFORMITÉ AUX NORMES GARANTIE PAR LESNEY S.A.

no text on sides

c. Type **MRT3/CNN**:

bottom text on one front same as MRT3,
bottom text on other front replaced by:

CONFORMITÉ AUX NORMES GARANTIE PAR LESNEY S.A.
NE CONVIENT PAS À UN ENFANT DE MOINS DE 36 MOIS

no text on sides

d. Type **MRM**:

bottom text on both fronts:

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no text on sides

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e. Type **MIR2**:

bottom text on both fronts:

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side text types:

3. © 197x LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. MADE IN ENGLAND
4. © 1973 LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. PRINTED AND MADE IN ENGLAND
5. © 1974 LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. MADE IN GREAT BRITAIN
(only 18.6)
6. © 1974 LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. PRINTED AND MADE IN GREAT BRITAIN
(only 12.5)
7. © 1974 LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. LONDON ENGLAND
(only 35.4)

(side text may be black (**B**) or white (**W**))

f. Type **MIR2/NRC**:

bottom text on both fronts same as MIR2,
additional text top right:

Not recommended for children under 3.

text on sides same as MIR2

g. Type **MIR2/CNG**:

bottom text on one front same as MIR2,
bottom text on other front replaced by:

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text on sides same as MIR2

h. Type **MIR2/CNN**:

bottom text on one front same as MIR2,
bottom text on other front replaced by:

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text on sides same as MIR2

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i. Type **MMR3/2**:

bottom text on both fronts:

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rectangle on one side, **two** line text inside top of rectangle:

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one line text inside bottom of rectangle:

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A further variable feature is the presence or absence of the "NEW" lettering immediately above the model number on the box fronts, in this case combined with the presence or absence of a red frame surrounding the number (and "NEW" lettering).

The following four combinations exist:

RNF	red "NEW" lettering, red frame
BNF	black "NEW" lettering, red frame
F	no "NEW" lettering, red frame
X	no "NEW" lettering, no frame

Other variable features are constant for any particular model:

Additional lettering on the fronts to the right of the "MATCHBOX" name and/or on the sides denotes the class of the model contained in the box:

SUP	"SUPERFAST" in block capitals on sides
Sup	"Superfast" in script on sides
ROL	"Rola-matics" on fronts and sides
CHO	"Choppers" on fronts, "Superfast" on sides
NON	no additional lettering

There are further smaller white texts on the sides describing some features of the model contained. Each of these texts is attached to a blue, black and white detail picture of the respective model. There are eleven different texts in total, four of which are used for many models, the remaining seven for just a few or only one each:

Abbreviation	Text	Models
FCS	'FAT-WHEEL' CUSHION SUSPENSION	46.4
HCS	HI-SPEED 'CROSS COUNTRY' SUSPENSION	-
HFS	HI-SPEED FREIGHTLINE SUSPENSION	-
HHR	HI-SPEED HEAVY-DUTY ROLLERS	21.5
MRS	MAG-WHEELS-RACING SUSPENSION	-
MPT	METALLIZED PARTS AND TOWING HOOK	12.5
SAF	SUPERFAST 'AUTOMATIC' FEATURES	-
STC	SUPER TRACTION CATERPILLAR TRACK	12.5
WRT	WIDE RACING-SLICKS TORSION SPRINGING	38.4, 49.3, 71.4
PTF	WITH PROP-STAND AND TURNING FRONT FORKS	18.6
4HS	4-WHEEL 'HOVERSPRING' SUSPENSION	72.3

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The year given on the boxes can be 1971, 1972, 1973 or 1974, however MMR3 boxes have the year 1978 printed below the rectangle on one side (no year on the other side).

Box dimensions are the same as with previous types (5, 6 and 7).

I	Model name	Class	Year	Size	Bottom	Side	RNF	BNF	F	X	Notes
01.6	Mod Rod	Sup	1973	5	MIR2/B4	MRS	RNF				
02.5	Jeep Hot Rod	Sup	1973	7	MIR2/B4	MRS	RNF				
03.4	Monteverdi Hai	Sup	1972	5	MIR2/B3	MRS		BNF	F		
		Sup	1972	5	MIR2/B3/CNN	MRS			F		
04.5	Gruesome Twosome	Sup	1973	5	MIR2/B4	MRS	RNF				
05.5	Lotus Europa	Sup	1973	5	MIR2/B4	MRS	RNF				
		Sup	1973	5	MIR2/B4	MRS	RNF				no.18 (Jap)
06.5	Mercedes 350 SL	Sup	1973	5	MRT3	MRS	RNF				
		Sup	1973	5	MRT3/CNN	MRS	RNF				
		Sup	1978	5	MMR3/2	MRS	RNF			X	
07.4	Hairy Hustler	SUP	1971	5	MRT3	MRS	RNF		F		
09.5	AMX Javelin	SUP	1971	5	MRT3	MRS	RNF		F		
		SUP	1971	5	MRT3/CNN	MRS			F		
10.5	Piston Popper	ROL	1972	5	MIR2/B3	MRS/SAF		BNF			
11.5	Flying Bug	SUP	1972	7	MRT3	MRS	RNF		F	X	
12.5	Big Bull	NON	1974	7	MIR2/W6	STC/MPT		BNF			
		NON	1974	7	MIR2/W6/NRC	STC/MPT		BNF			
		NON	1974	7	MIR2/W6/CNN	STC/MPT		BNF			
		NON	1978	7	MMR3/2	STC/MPT				X	
15.5	Fork Lift Truck	Sup	1972	7	MRT3	HFS		BNF			
		Sup	1972	7	MRT3/CNN	HFS		BNF			
		Sup	1978	7	MMR3/2	HFS				X	
16.5	Badger	ROL	1973	7	MIR2/B3	HCS/SAF		BNF			
17.6	The Londoner	SUP	1971	5	MRT3	HFS	RNF				
		SUP	1971	5	MRT3/NRC	HFS	RNF				
		SUP	1971	5	MRT3/CNG	HFS	RNF				
		SUP	1971	5	MRT3/CNN	HFS	RNF				
		SUP	1972	5	MRT3	HFS		BNF			1
		SUP	1978	5	MMR3/2	HFS				X	
18.5	Field Car	Sup	1972	6	MRT3	HCS			F		
18.6	Hondarora	NON	1974	5	MIR2/B5	PTF		BNF			
		NON	1974	5	MIR2/B5/CNN	PTF		BNF			
19.5	Road Dragster	Sup	1972	5	MRT3	MRS			F		
		Sup	1972	5	MRT3/NRC	MRS			F		
20.4	Lamborghini Marzal	Sup	1972	5	MRT3	MRS			F		
21.5	Rod Roller	Sup	1972	7	MIR2/B3	HHR		BNF			
		Sup	1972	7	MIR2/W3	HHR		BNF			
24.4	Team Matchbox	Sup	1972	7	MIR2/B3	MRS		BNF	F		
25.5	Mod Tractor	Sup	1972	7	MRT3	HCS		BNF	F		
		Sup	1972	7	MRT3/NRC	HCS		BNF			
26.4	Big Banger	SUP	1972	7	MRT3	MRS	RNF			X	
27.5	Lamborghini Countach	Sup	1972	5	MIR2/W3	MRS		BNF			
28.4	Mack Dump Truck	SUP	1972	7	MRT3	HFS			F		
28.5	Stoat	ROL	1973	7	MIR2/W3	HCS/SAF		BNF			
29.4	Racing Mini	Sup	1972	5	MRT3	MRS			F		
31.4	Volks Dragon	SUP	1971	7	MRT3	MRS	RNF				
32.4	Maserati Bora	Sup	1972	5	MIR2/B3	MRS		BNF			
33.4	Datsun 126 X	Sup	1972	5	MRT3	MRS		BNF			

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I	Model name	Class	Year	Size	Bottom	Side	RNF	BNF	F	X	Notes
35.3	Merryweather Fire Engine	Sup	1973	7	MIR2/W3	HFS			F		
35.4	Fandango	ROL	1974	5	MIR2/W7	MRS/SAF		BNF			
37.4	Soopa Coopa	SUP	1971	6	MRT3	MRS	RNF		F		
38.4	Stingeroo	CHO	1972	7	MRT3	WRT		BNF			

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39.4	Clipper	ROL	1972	5	MIR2/B3	MRS/SAF		BNF			
		ROL	1972	5	MIR2/W3	MRS/SAF		BNF			
41.4	Siva Spyder	SUP	1972	5	MRM	MRS		BNF			
42.4	Tyre Fryer	SUP	1972	7	MRT3	MRS	RNF				
43.4	Dragon Wheels	SUP	1971	6	MRT3	MRS	RNF				
44.4	Boss Mustang	SUP	1971	5	MRT3	MRS	RNF				
		SUP	1971	5	MRT3/CNN	MRS	RNF				
45.3	Ford Group 6	Sup	1972	5	MRT3	MRS			F		
46.4	Stretcha Fetcha	SUP	1971	7	MRT3	FCS	RNF		F		
		SUP	1971	7	MRT3/CNN	FCS			F		
47.4	Beach Hopper	ROL	1972	6	MIR2/B3	MRS/SAF		BNF			
48.3	Dodge Dumper	SUP	1972	7	MRT3	HFS			F		
48.4	Pi-eyed Piper	Sup	1972	7	MRT3	MRS		BNF			
49.3	Chop Suey	CHO	1972	7	MRT3	WRT		BNF			
50.4	Articulated Truck	Sup	1972	7	MIR2/B3	HFS		BNF			
		Sup	1972	7	MIR2/B3/CNN	HFS		BNF			
51.4	Citroen SM	SUP	1971	5	MRT3	MRS	RNF		F	X	
52.3	Dodge Charger Mk 3	Sup	1972	5	MRT3	MRS			F		
53.4	Tanzara	SUP	1971	5	MRT3	MRS	RNF		F	X	
56.4	Hi-Tailer	Sup	1973	5	MIR2/W4	MRS		BNF			
		Sup	1973	5	MIR2/W4/CNG	MRS		BNF			
		Sup	1973	5	MIR2/W4/CNN	MRS		BNF			
57.5	Wildlife Truck	ROL	1972	6	MIR2/B3	HCS/SAF		BNF			
58.4	Woosh-n-Push	SUP	1971	5	MRT3	MRS	RNF		F	X	
60.3	Lotus Super Seven	SUP	1971	5	MRT3	MRS	RNF		F		
61.3	Blue Shark	SUP	1971	5	MRT3	MRS	RNF		F		
		SUP	1971	5	MRT3/CNN	MRS			F		
62.5	Renault 17 TL	Sup	1973	5	MIR2/B4	MRS		BNF			
		Sup	1973	5	MIR2/B4/CNN	MRS		BNF			
63.4	Freeway Gas Tanker	Sup	1972	7	MIR2/B3	HFS		BNF	F		
		Sup	1972	7	MIR2/B3/CNN	HFS			F		
		Sup	1978	7	MMR3/2	HFS			F		
65.4	Saab Sonett III	Sup	1972	5	MIR2/B3	MRS		BNF			
66.4	Mazda RX 500	SUP	1971	5	MRT3	MRS	RNF		F		
67.3	Hot Rocker	ROL	1972	6	MIR2/B3	MRS/SAF		BNF			
68.3	Porsche 910	Sup	1972	5	MRT3	MRS			F		
69.4	Turbo Fury	ROL	1972	5	MIR2/W3	MRS/SAF		BNF			
71.4	Jumbo Jet	CHO	1972	7	MRT3	WRT		BNF			
72.3	Hovercraft	SUP	1971	5	MRT3	4HS	RNF		F		
		SUP	1971	5	MRT3/CNN	4HS			F		
73.4	Weasel	ROL	1973	7	MIR2/W3	HCS/SAF		BNF			
74.3	Toe Joe	SUP	1972	7	MRT3	HFS	RNF			X	
		SUP	1972	7	MRT3/CNN	HFS	RNF				

Note:

1 17.6 The Londoner: 1972 version shows "Berger Paints" label, others show "Carnaby Street" label.

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13 J Type Boxes

J type boxes were issued from late 1974 to early 1976, for all new models that came out during that period, as well as for all recoloured Streaker models and for all Rola-matic and a few other models issued previously in I type boxes.

These were the first single-colour boxes, breaking away from the yellow and blue schemes that had been used before. They are distinguished from later types of single-colour boxes by the following features:

- no model pictures on the sides
- picture background on box fronts made up of lines giving the impression of speed, model usually shown racing towards the viewer
- very wide, fat white model number on the box fronts to the left of the model picture, in the middle between top and bottom
- "NEW" lettering (if present) with thin, low black letters above the model number (letters much smaller than number)
- model name in thin, small white letters below the model number
- additional lettering (model class) below the model name

Some J type boxes survived until the very end of picture boxes in late 1982, so many changes that occurred during the late seventies meeting legal requirements in various European countries did apply to them.

This usually means some texts in small print being added to the box design. Consequently these texts constitute the main variables that make up the following nine box types:

a. Type **MIR2**:

bottom text on both fronts:

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text on sides:

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no rectangle on sides

b. Type **MIR2/NRC**:

bottom text on both fronts same as MIR2,
additional text top right:

Not recommended for children under 3.

text on sides same as MIR2, no rectangle on sides

c. Type **MIR2/CNG**:

bottom text on one front same as MIR2,
bottom text on other front replaced by:

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text on sides same as MIR2, no rectangle on sides

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d. Type **MIR2/CNN**:

bottom text on one front same as MIR2,
bottom text on other front replaced by:

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text on sides same as MIR2, no rectangle on sides

e. Type **MMR3/2**:

bottom text on both fronts:

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rectangle on one side, **two** line text inside top of rectangle:

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one line text inside bottom of rectangle:

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f. Type **MMR3/4A**:

bottom text on both fronts same as MMR3/2

rectangle on one side, **four** line text inside top of rectangle:

CAUTION: CONTAINS SMALL PARTS.
NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 36 MONTHS.
ATTENTION! CONTIENT PETITES PIÈCES.
NE CONVIENT PAS À UN ENFANT DE MOINS DE 36 MOIS.

one line text inside bottom of rectangle:

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g. Type **MIR3/2**:

bottom text on both fronts:

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rectangle on one side, **two** line text inside top of rectangle:

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one line text inside bottom of rectangle:

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h. Type **MIR3/4A**:

bottom text on both fronts same as MIR3/2

rectangle on one side, **four** line text inside top of rectangle:

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one line text inside bottom of rectangle:

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i. Type **MIR3/5A**:

bottom text on both fronts same as MIR3/2

rectangle on one side, **five** line text inside top of rectangle:

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NE CONVIENT PAS À UN ENFANT DE MOINS DE 36 MOIS.
CONFORMITÉ AUX NORMES GARANTIE PAR LESNEY S.A.
NON ADATTO AD UN BAMBINO DI ETA MINORE AL 36
MESI. CONFORME PRESCRIZIONE DM 31.7.79.

All types can be subdivided further by the presence or absence of the "NEW" lettering immediately above the model number on the box fronts:

N	"NEW" above number
X	no "NEW" above number

Other variable features are constant for any particular model:

Additional lettering on the fronts below the number and model name denotes the class of the model contained in the box:

SUP	"Superfast"
ROL	"Rola-matics"
STR	"Streakers"

Model names on the end flaps are usually white, just most Streaker boxes have black model names on the end flaps.

The year given on the sides can be 1974 or 1975, however MMR3 and MIR3 boxes have the year 1978 printed below the rectangle on one side (which means that these boxes have two different years printed on them).

Box dimensions are the same as with previous types, however the intermediate size type 6 seems not to exist with J type boxes.

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01.7	Dodge Challenger	SUP	1975	5	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2		X	
					MMR3/4A		X	
					MIR3/5A		X	1, 3
02.6	Rescue Hovercraft	SUP	1975	5	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/CNG	N		
					MIR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2		X	
04.6	Pontiac Firebird	SUP	1975	5	MIR2	N		
					MMR3/2	N		3
05.6	Seafire	SUP	1974	5	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/NRC	N		
					MIR2/CNG	N		
					MIR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
07.4	Hairy Hustler	STR	1974	5	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/NRC	N		
08.7	DeTomaso Pantera	SUP	1974	5	MIR2	N		
					MMR3/2	N	X	
10.5	Piston Popper	ROL	1975	5	MIR2		X	
					MIR2/CNN		X	
14.5	Mini Ha Ha	SUP	1975	7	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/NRC	N		
					MIR2/CNG	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
					MIR3/5A		X	1
16.5	Badger	ROL	1974	7	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
20.5	Police Patrol	ROL	1974	7	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/CNG	N		
					MMR3/2	N	X	
					MIR3/5A		X	2
22.5	Blaze Buster	SUP	1974	7	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/NRC	N		
23.6	Atlas	SUP	1974	7	MIR2	N		
27.5	Lamborghini Countach	STR	1974	5	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/CNG	N		
					MIR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N	X	
28.5	Stoat	ROL	1974	7	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/CNN	N		
29.5	Tractor Shovel	SUP	1975	7	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
					MIR3/5A		X	2
33.4	Datsun 126 X	STR	1974	5	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/NRC	N		
34.5	Vantastic	SUP	1974	5	MIR2	N		

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35.4	Fandango	ROL	1975	5	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/CNG	N		
					MIR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		1
36.5	Formula 5000	SUP	1974	7	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/CNG	N		
					MIR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2		X	3
37.5	Skip Truck	SUP	1975	7	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/CNG	N		
					MMR3/2	N		1
39.4	Clipper	ROL	1974	5	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/CNG	N		
					MIR2/CNN	N		
40.4	Vauxhall Guildsman	STR	1974	5	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/NRC	N		
41.4	Siva Spyder	STR	1974	5	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/NRC	N		
					MIR2/CNN	N		
43.4	Dragon Wheels	SUP	1975	7	MIR2		X	
45.4	BMW 3.0 CSL	SUP	1975	5	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N	X	
					MIR3/2		X	1
47.4	Beach Hopper	ROL	1975	7	MIR2		X	
					MIR2/NRC		X	
					MIR2/CNN		X	
51.4	Citroen SM	STR	1974	5	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/NRC	N		
					MIR2/CNN	N		
53.4	Tanzara	STR	1974	5	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/NRC	N		
55.6	Hellraiser	SUP	1975	5	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/CNG	N		
					MIR2/CNN	N		
57.5	Wildlife Truck	ROL	1975	7	MIR2		X	
					MIR2/CNN		X	
					MMR3/2		X	
					MMR3/4A		X	
					MIR3/4A		X	1, 4
59.5	Planet Scout	SUP	1974	7	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/CNN	N		
60.3	Lotus Super Seven	STR	1974	5	MIR2	N		
64.4	Fire Chief	SUP	1975	5	MIR2	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
66.4	Mazda RX 500	STR	1974	5	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/NRC	N		
67.3	Hot Rocker	ROL	1975	7	MIR2		X	
					MIR2/CNN		X	
68.4	Cosmobile	SUP	1975	7	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/CNN	N		

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J	Model name	Class	Year	Size	Bottom	N	X	Notes
69.4	Turbo Fury	ROL	1975	5	MIR2		X	
					MIR2/NRC		X	
					MIR2/CNG		X	
70.3	Dodge Dragster	SUP	1974	5	MIR2		X	
73.4	Weasel	ROL	1974	7	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
75.3	Alfa Carabo	STR	1974	5	MIR2	N		
					MIR2/NRC	N		

Notes:

- 1 These boxes were used until 1982 (then replaced by L type boxes for new models).
- 2 These boxes were used until the very end of picture boxes in late 1982.
- 3 01.7 Dodge Challenger, 04.6 Pontiac Firebird, 36.5 Formula 5000: similar boxes (without numbers) also used in Brazil.
- 4 57.5 Wildlife Truck: MIR3/4A with additional Italian text below rectangle on side.

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14 K Type Boxes

K type boxes were issued in 1976 and 1977 for a few new models that came out during that period. Many survived until 1982.

The K box design is an intermediate between the preceding J and the subsequent L types. It can be distinguished from those by the following features:

- no model pictures on the sides
- no picture background other than lines on box fronts
- fat white model number on the box fronts bottom left, immediately above the model name
- "NEW" lettering (if present) with fat white letters above the model number (same size as number, leaving a gap)
- model name in thin, small white letters below the model number
- additional lettering (model class) only on end flaps

The main variables are once again texts in small print at the bottom of the box fronts and inside a rectangle on one side, which was introduced in late 1978. These variables constitute the following ten box types:

a. Type **MMR1**:

bottom text on both fronts:

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text on sides:

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no rectangle on sides

b. Type **MMR1/CNG**:

bottom text on one front same as MMR1,
bottom text on other front replaced by:

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text on sides same as MMR1, no rectangle on sides

c. Type **MMR1/CNN**:

bottom text on one front same as MMR1,
bottom text on other front replaced by:

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text on sides same as MMR1, no rectangle on sides

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d. Type **MMR2**:

bottom text on both fronts:

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text on sides:

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no rectangle on sides

e. Type **MMR2/CNG**:

bottom text on one front same as MMR2,
bottom text on other front replaced by:

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text on sides same as MMR2, no rectangle on sides

f. Type **MMR2/CNN**:

bottom text on one front same as MMR2,
bottom text on other front replaced by:

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text on sides same as MMR2, no rectangle on sides

g. Type **MMR3/2**:

bottom text on both fronts:

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rectangle on one side, **two** line text inside top of rectangle:

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one line text inside bottom of rectangle:

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h. Type **MMR3/4A**:

bottom text on both fronts same as MMR3/2

rectangle on one side, **four** line text inside top of rectangle:

CAUTION: CONTAINS SMALL PARTS.
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ATTENTION! CONTIENT PETITES PIECES.
NE CONVIENT PAS À UN ENFANT DE MOINS DE 36 MOIS.

one line text inside bottom of rectangle:

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i. Type **MIR3/5A**:

bottom text on both fronts:

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rectangle on one side, **five** line text inside top of rectangle:

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j. Type **MIR3/8**:

bottom text on both fronts same as MIR3/5A

rectangle on one side, **eight** line text inside top of rectangle:

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AD UN BAMBINO DI ETA MINORE AL 36 MESI.
CONFORME PRESCRIZIONE DM 31.7.79.

All types can be subdivided further by the presence or absence of the "NEW" lettering above the model number on the box fronts:

N	"NEW" above number
X	no "NEW" above number

Other variable features are constant for any particular model:

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Additional lettering on the end flaps denotes the class of the model contained in the box:

Abbreviation	Text	Models
SUP	"Superfast"	-
ROL	"Rola-matics"	70.4
NON	no additional lettering	75.4

Model names on the end flaps are generally white.

The year given on the sides is always 1976, the only exception being the special Silver Jubilee box for 17.6, which has 1977. As with J type boxes, MMR3 and MIR3 boxes have the year 1978 printed below the rectangle on one side.

Box dimensions are mostly of type 7, only in some cases the narrow type 5.

K	Model name	Class	Year	Size	Bottom	N	X	Notes
07.5	VW Golf	SUP	1976	7	MMR1	N		
					MMR1/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2		X	
					MMR3/4A		X	
11.6	Car Transporter	SUP	1976	7	MIR3/8		X	
					MMR2	N		
					MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2		X	
17.6	The Londoner	SUP	1977	5	MMR3/4A		X	
					MIR3/8		X	1
					MMR2		X	2
					MMR1	N		
19.6	Cement Truck	SUP	1976	7	MMR1/CNG	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
					MIR3/8		X	
					MMR2		X	
22.5	Blaze Buster	SUP	1976	7	MMR2/CNG		X	
					MMR2/CNN		X	
					MMR3/2		X	
					MIR3/5A		X	1
23.6	Atlas	SUP	1976	7	MMR2		X	
					MMR3/2		X	
					MIR3/5A		X	1
26.5	Site Dumper	SUP	1976	7	MMR2	N		
					MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
30.5	Swamp Rat	SUP	1976	7	MMR1	N		
33.5	Police Motorcycle	SUP	1976	7	MMR2	N		
					MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N	X	
					MMR3/4A		X	
38.5	Jeep	SUP	1976	7	MIR3/8		X	1
					MMR1	N		
					MMR2	N		
					MMR2/CNN	N		
42.5	Mercedes Container Truck	SUP	1976	7	MMR2	N		
48.5	Sambroon Jacklift	SUP	1976	7	MMR2	N		
					MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2		X	
49.4	Crane Truck	SUP	1976	7	MIR3/8		X	1
					MMR1	N		

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K	Model name	Class	Year	Size	Bottom	N	X	Notes
					MMR1/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N	X	
					MIR3/8		X	1
52.4	Police Launch	SUP	1976	7	MMR1	N		
					MMR1/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
54.4	Personnel Carrier	SUP	1976	7	MMR2	N		

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K	Model name	Class	Year	Size	Bottom	N	X	Notes
58.5	Faun Dump Truck	SUP	1976	7	MMR1	N		
					MMR1/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
					MIR3/5A		X	1,3
65.5	Airport Coach	SUP	1976	7	MMR2	N		
					MMR2/CNG	N		
					MMR3/2		X	
					MIR3/5A		X	1
70.4	S-P Gun	ROL	1976	7	MMR2	N		4
71.5	Cattle Truck	SUP	1976	7	MMR1	N		
					MMR1/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2		X	
					MMR3/4A		X	
					MIR3/8		X	1
75.4	Seasprite Helicopter	NON	1976	5	MMR2	N		
					MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2		X	

Notes:

- 1 These boxes were used until the very end of picture boxes in late 1982.
- 2 17.6 The Londoner: special Silver Jubilee issue, side text is "PRINTED AND MADE IN ENGLAND" instead of "MADE IN ENGLAND" (no number printed on box fronts and end flaps).
- 3 58.5 Faun Dump Truck: similar box (without number) also used in Brazil. Another similar Brazilian box depicts 41.4 Siva Spyder.
- 4 70.4 S-P Gun: additional lettering "ROLA-MATICS" on front (top right).

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15 L Type Boxes

L type boxes were issued from 1977 until 1982 for all new models that came out during that period as well as for some older models which had been issued in I, J or K type boxes and were still available in the range.

The L box design was the very last generally available type of picture box made individually for each model. It can be distinguished from its predecessors by the following features:

- coloured model picture on at least one side
- individual picture background on box fronts
- fat model number on the box fronts bottom left, immediately above the model name
- "NEW" lettering (if present) with fat letters immediately above the model number (same size as number, no gap)
- model name in thin, small letters below the model number
- additional lettering (model class) only on end flaps

The main variables are once again texts in small print at the bottom of the box fronts and inside a rectangle on one side, which was introduced in late 1978. These variables constitute the following thirteen box types:

a. Type **MMR2**:

bottom text on both fronts:

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text on sides (below model picture):

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no rectangle on sides

b. Type **MMR2/CNG**:

bottom text on one front same as MMR2,
bottom text on other front replaced by:

CONFORMITÉ AUX NORMES GARANTIE PAR LESNEY S.A.

text on sides same as MMR2, no rectangle on sides

c. Type **MMR2/CNN**:

bottom text on one front same as MMR2,
bottom text on other front replaced by:

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text on sides same as MMR2, no rectangle on sides

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d. Type **MMR3/2**:

bottom text on both fronts:

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rectangle on one side, **two** line text inside top of rectangle:

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one line text inside bottom of rectangle:

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e. Type **MMR3/4A**:

bottom text on both fronts same as MMR3/2

rectangle on one side, **four** line text inside top of rectangle:

CAUTION: CONTAINS SMALL PARTS.
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ATTENTION! CONTIENT PETITES PIÈCES.
NE CONVIENT PAS À UN ENFANT DE MOINS DE 36 MOIS.

one line text inside bottom of rectangle:

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f. Type **MMR3/4B**:

bottom text on both fronts same as MMR3/2

rectangle on one side, **four** line text inside top of rectangle:

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 36 MONTHS
NE CONVIENT PAS À UN ENFANT DE MOINS DE 36 MOIS
INNEHÅLLER SMÅDELAR EJ LÄMPLIGT FÖR
BARN UNDER 3 ÅR.

one line text inside bottom of rectangle:

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g. Type **MMR3/5B**:

bottom text on both fronts same as MMR3/2

rectangle on one side, **five** line text inside top of rectangle:

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 36 MONTHS
NE CONVIENT PAS A UN ENFANT DE MOINS DE 36 MOIS
NON ADATTO AD UN BAMBINO DI ETÁ MINORE AI 36 MESI
GEEIGNET FÜR KINDER AD DERI JAPHEN
INNEHÅLLER SMÅDELAR EI LÄMPLIGT FOR BARN UNDER 3 ÅR

(this type issued in Australia only)

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h. Type **MIR3/5A**:

bottom text on both fronts:

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rectangle on one side, **five** line text inside top of rectangle:

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CONFORMITÉ AUX NORMES GARANTIE PAR LESNEY S.A.
NON ADATTO AD UN BAMBINO DI ETA MINORE AL 36
MESI. CONFORME PRESCRIZIONE DM 31.7.79.

i. Type **MIR3/8**:

bottom text on both fronts same as MIR3/5A

rectangle on one side, **eight** line text inside top of rectangle:

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NE CONVIENT PAS À UN ENFANT DE MOINS DE 36 MOIS.
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j. Type **MIR3/1**:

bottom text on both fronts same as MIR3/5A

rectangle on one side, **one** line text inside top of rectangle:

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 36 MONTHS

(this type issued in USA only)

k. Type **MIR3/6**:

bottom text on both fronts same as MIR3/5A

rectangle on one side, **six** line text inside top of rectangle:

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l. Type **MIR3/2**:

bottom text on both fronts same as MIR3/5A

rectangle on one side, **two** line text inside top of rectangle:

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 36 MONTHS
NE CONVIENT PAS À UN ENFANT DE MOINS DE 36 MOIS

one line text inside bottom of rectangle:

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m. Type **MIR4/2**:

bottom text on both fronts:

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rectangle on one side, **two** line text inside top of rectangle:

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NE CONVIENT PAS À UN ENFANT DE MOINS DE 36 MOIS

one line text inside bottom of rectangle:

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All types can be subdivided further by the presence or absence of the "NEW" lettering above the model number on the box fronts:

N	"NEW" above number
X	no "NEW" above number

Boxes issued in 1982 generally have no "NEW" lettering any more, even though the respective models were in fact mostly new ones.

Other variable features are constant for any particular model:

Additional lettering on the end flaps denotes the class of the model contained in the box:

Abbreviation	Text	Models
SUP	"Superfast"	-
ROL	"Rola-matics"	70.4
NON	no additional lettering	-

On boxes issued from 1980 onward, the "Superfast" lettering was generally not included on the end flaps any more.

Model names on the end flaps are white or black, without any particular reason or scheme.

Years given on the sides range from 1976 to 1981, which means that even the last boxes issued in late 1982 still have 1981 printed on them.

Box dimensions are mostly of type 7, only in some cases the narrow type 5. All boxes issued in 1982 are of the wide type 7, even though some of the models contained would fit into narrower boxes as well.

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L	Model name	Class	Year	Size	Bottom	N	X	Notes
01.8	Dodge Challenger	NON	1981	7	MIR3/2		X	
02.7	S2 Jet	NON	1980	7	MIR3/8	N		
03.4	Monteverdi Hai	NON	1981	5	MIR3/1	N		US issue no.14
03.5	Porsche Turbo	SUP	1978	5	MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
					MIR3/5A		X	
04.7	1957 Chevrolet	NON	1979	7	MMR3/2	N		
					MIR3/5A		X	
05.7	US Mail Jeep	NON	1979	7	MMR3/2	N		
					MIR3/8		X	
05.8	4x4 Jeep	NON	1981	7	MIR3/2		X	
06.5	Mercedes 350 SL	NON	1979	7	MIR3/5A		X	closed top
		NON	1981	7	MIR3/2		X	open top
07.5	VW Golf	NON	1981	7	MIR3/2		X	
08.6	Wildcat Dragster	NON	1981	5	MIR3/1	N		US issue no.23
08.7	DeTomaso Pantera	NON	1981	5	MIR3/1	N		US issue no.8
08.8	Rover 3500	NON	1980	7	MIR3/8	N		
09.6	Ford Escort RS 2000	SUP	1977	5	MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
					MIR3/5A		X	
10.6	Plymouth Police Car	SUP	1978	5	MMR3/2	N		
					MIR3/5A		X	
12.6	Citroen CX Break	NON	1979	5	MMR3/2	N		
13.6	Snorkel Fire Engine	SUP	1977	7	MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N	X	
					MIR3/8		X	
14.6	Leyland Tanker	NON	1981	7	MIR3/2		X	
15.5	Fork Lift Truck	SUP	1978	7	MMR3/2		X	
16.6	Pontiac Firebird	NON	1980	7	MIR3/8	N		
17.6	The Londoner	NON	1979	5	MMR3/2		X	
					MIR3/5A		X	1
18.6	Hondarora	NON	1978	5	MMR3/2		X	
					MIR3/8		X	
19.7	Peterbilt Cement Truck	NON	1981	7	MIR4/2		X	
21.6	Renault 5	SUP	1978	5	MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
					MIR3/5A	N		
24.5	Diesel Shunter	NON	1977	7	MMR2	N		
					MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
25.6	Flat Car & Container	NON	1977	7	MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
					MMR3/4A	N		
25.7	Audi Quattro	NON	1981	7	MIR3/6		X	
26.4	Big Banger	NON	1981	7	MIR3/1	N		US issue no.26
26.6	Volvo Cable Truck	NON	1981	7	MIR3/6		X	
27.6	Swing Wing Jet	NON	1980	7	MIR3/8	N		
28.6	Lincoln Continental Mk V	SUP	1978	5	MMR3/2	N		
28.7	Formula 5000	NON	1981	7	MIR3/2		X	
30.5	Swamp Rat	SUP	1977	7	MMR2	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
30.6	Articulated Truck	NON	1980	7	MIR3/8	N		

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L	Model name	Class	Year	Size	Bottom	N	X	Notes
31.4	Volks Dragon	NON	1981	7	MIR3/1	N		US issue no.15
31.5	Caravan	SUP	1977	7	MMR2/CNG	N		2
					MMR3/2	N	X	
					MIR3/5A		X	
32.4	Maserati Bora	NON	1981	5	MIR3/1	N		US issue no.37
32.5	Field Gun	NON	1977	7	MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/4A	N		
32.6	Atlas Excavator	NON	1980	7	MIR3/8	N		
34.5	Vantastic	SUP	1977	5	MMR2/CNN		X	
					MMR3/2		X	
34.6	Chevrolet Stock Car	NON	1980	7	MIR3/?	N		no.88 (prepro)
					MIR3/8	N		no.34
35.5	Volvo Zoo Truck	NON	1981	7	MIR3/2		X	
36.6	Refuse Truck	NON	1979	7	MMR3/2	N		
37.6	Talbot Matra Rancho	NON	1981	7	MIR3/6		X	
38.5	Jeep	SUP	1977	7	MMR2	N		
					MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
38.6	Ford Camper	NON	1979	7	MMR3/2	N		
					MIR3/5A	N		
38.7	Ford Model A Van	NON	1981	7	MIR3/2		X	
39.5	Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow II	SUP	1978	5	MMR3/2	N		3
40.5	Bedford Horse Box	SUP	1977	7	MMR2	N		
					MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
					MMR3/4A	N		
					MIR3/8		X	
41.5	Ambulance	SUP	1977	7	MMR2	N		
					MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
					MIR3/5A		X	
42.5	Mercedes Container Truck	SUP	1976	7	MMR2	N		
					MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
					MMR3/4A	N		
					MIR3/8		X	
42.6	1957 Ford Thunderbird	NON	1981	7	MIR3/6		X	
43.4	Dragon Wheels	NON	1981	5	MIR3/1	N		US issue no.46
43.5	Steam Loco	NON	1978	7	MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N	X	
					MIR3/5A		X	
44.5	Passenger Coach	NON	1978	7	MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
45.5	Kenworth Cabover	NON	1981	7	MIR3/6		X	
46.5	Ford Tractor	NON	1977	7	MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
					MMR3/4A	N		
47.5	Pannier Loco	NON	1978	7	MMR3/2	N		
47.6	SS 100 Jaguar	NON	1981	7	MIR3/6		X	
48.4	Pi-eyed Piper	NON	1981	7	MIR3/1	N		US issue no.48
50.4	Articulated Truck	SUP	1978	7	MMR3/2		X	
50.5	Harley-Davidson	NON	1980	7	MIR3/8	N		

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L	Model name	Class	Year	Size	Bottom	N	X	Notes
51.5	Combine Harvester	NON	1977	7	MMR2/CNG	N		
					MMR3/2	N	X	
					MIR3/5A		X	
51.6	Pontiac Firebird SE	NON	1981	7	MIR3/6		X	
52.5	BMW M 1	NON	1980	7	MIR3/8	N		
53.4	Tanzara	NON	1981	5	MIR3/1	N		US issue no.51
53.5	Jeep CJ 6	SUP	1977	7	MMR2/CNG	N		
					MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2		X	
53.6	Flareside Pickup	NON	1981	7	MIR3/2		X	
54.4	Personnel Carrier	SUP	1977	7	MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
54.5	Mobile Home	NON	1979	7	MMR3/4B	N		
					MIR3/8	N		
54.6	NASA Tracking Vehicle	NON	1981	7	MIR3/2		X	
55.7	Ford Cortina	SUP	1978	5	MMR3/2	N		
56.5	Mercedes 450 SEL	SUP	1978	5	MMR3/2	N	X	
56.6	Mercedes 450 SEL Taxi	NON	1980	7	MIR3/8	N		
57.6	Carmichael Commando	NON	1981	7	MIR3/2		X	
59.6	Porsche 928	NON	1979	7	MMR3/2	N		
					MIR3/5A	N		
60.4	Holden Pickup	SUP	1976	7	MMR2	N		4
					MMR3/2		X	
					MMR3/4A		X	
					MIR3/8		X	
61.4	Ford Wreck Truck	SUP	1978	7	MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
					MIR3/5A		X	
61.5	Peterbilt Wreck Truck	NON	1981	7	MIR4/2		X	
62.6	Chevrolet Corvette	SUP	1978	5	MMR3/2	N		5
					MIR3/5A		X	
63.4	Freeway Gas Tanker	SUP	1978	7	MMR3/2		X	
					MIR3/5A		X	
63.5	4x4 Open Back Truck	NON	1981	7	MIR3/2		X	
64.5	Caterpillar Bulldozer	NON	1979	7	MMR3/2	N		"D-9 TRACTOR"
					MMR3/2	N		"BULLDOZER"
66.4	Mazda RX 500	NON	1981	5	MIR3/1	N		US issue no.66
66.5	Ford Transit	SUP	1976	7	MMR2	N		
					MMR2/CNN	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
					MMR3/4A	N		
					MIR3/8		X	
66.6	Kenworth Super Boss	NON	1981	7	MIR4/2		X	
67.3	Hot Rocker	NON	1981	7	MIR3/1	N		US issue no.72
67.4	Datsun 260 Z	SUP	1977	5	MMR2	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
68.5	Chevrolet Van	SUP	1978	7	MMR3/2	N		
					MIR3/5A		X	
69.5	Armoured Truck	SUP	1978	7	MMR3/2	N		6
70.3	Dodge Dragster	NON	1981	5	MIR3/1	N		US issue no.74

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70.4	S-P Gun	ROL	1976	7	MMR2	N		
					MMR3/2	N		
					MMR3/4A	N		
70.5	Ferrari 308 GTB	NON	1980	7	MIR3/8	N		
72.4	Bomag Road Roller	NON	1978	7	MMR3/2	N		
72.5	Dodge Delivery Van	NON	1981	7	MIR3/2		X	
					MIR3/6		X	
73.5	Ford Model A	NON	1979	7	MMR3/2	N		
					MIR3/5A		X	
74.4	Mercury Cougar Villager	SUP	1978	5	MMR3/2	N		
					MIR3/8		X	
74.5	Fiat 131 Abarth	NON	1981	7	MIR3/2		X	
75.5	Helicopter	NON	1981	7	MIR3/6		X	
76.1	Mazda RX 7	NON	1980	5	MMR3/5B	N		Australian issue
		NON	1981	5	MIR3/1	N		US issue no.31
77.1	Toyota Celica GT	NON	1980	5	MMR3/5B	N		Australian issue
		NON	1981	5	MIR3/1	N		US issue no.25
78.1	Datsun 280 ZX	NON	1980	5	MMR3/5B	N		Australian issue
		NON	1981	5	MIR3/1	N		US issue no.24
79.1	Mitsubishi Galant	NON	1980	5	MMR3/5B	N		Australian issue
		NON	1981	5	MIR3/1	N		US issue no.63

Notes:

- 1 17.6 The Londoner: MIR3/5A box also used for 17.7 Leyland Titan issued in 1982.
- 2 31.5 Caravan: three-line bottom text.
- 3 39.5 Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow II: licence text included in rectangle on side.
- 4 60.4 Holden Pickup: three-line bottom text; MMR3/4A with zip code "E.9 5PA" included.
- 5 62.6 Chevrolet Corvette: two different shades: grey-green or dark green background.
- 6 69.5 Armoured Truck: exists without "CONFORMITÉ AUX NORMES ..." text in rectangle on side.

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16 Japanese Boxes

The following types of Matchbox picture boxes - all featuring Japanese lettering - were made especially for the Japanese market from 1977 to 1979, in connection with re-releases of some older Matchbox models which had already been replaced in the worldwide range, and with some models actually made for Matchbox in Japan:

Type A	black box with red and grey stripes
Type B1	white front, red side, number with "J-" prefix
Type B2	white front, red side, number without "J-" prefix
Type C	single-coloured box (similar to worldwide L type)

In the following list, all known boxes issued especially for the Japanese market are listed with the Japanese model numbers printed on them. Other models which were re-released in Japan had the same numbers and box designs as had been used worldwide before.

Jap	Model name	A	B1	B2	C	Size	Notes
05.5	Lotus Europa	J-2				5	also I box (no.18)
07.5	VW Golf		J-10			7	ADAC version
14.4	Iso Grifo	J-3				5	
15.4	VW 1500	J-6				5	also H box (no.30)
24.3	Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow	J-4				5	
27.4	Mercedes 230 SL	J-9	J-31	31		5	
27.5	Lamborghini Countach		J-14			5	Streaker version
32.4	Maserati Bora		J-12			5	
33.3	Lamborghini Miura	J-1	J-38		38	5	brown C box
41.3	Ford GT	J-5	J-25	25		5	
45.4	BMW 3.0 CSL		J-11			5	Polizei version
52.3	Dodge Charger Mk 3	J-8	J-8			5	
66.4	Mazda RX 500		J-19			5	Streaker version
75.3	Alfa Carabo	J-7	J-75	75		5	Streaker version
76.1	Mazda RX 7				2	5	orange C box
77.1	Toyota Celica GT		J-21	47		5	
78.1	Datsun 280 ZX				5	5	pink C box
79.1	Mitsubishi Galant		J-22	70		5	

The last four models were made in Japan and are catalogued under the numbers 76 to 79, which were later allocated to them when they were made in Hong Kong for the Australian market (and issued there in L type boxes).

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17 German Picture Window Boxes

In 1979, the whole Series 1-75 range was issued in Germany only in special yellow window boxes with red borders, each of which was attached to a card showing colour photographs of the individual model contained.

These boxes were actually printed in Germany. They were used approximately until 1982, but the boxes for new models issued from 1980 onward did not have cards with individual pictures any more, instead a generic design depicting a road scene was used. Usually the number of the model contained was then stamped onto the card. By and by this generic design replaced all the individual styles.

For the following models individual picture window boxes are known to exist:

Ger	Model name	#	Model name
01.7	Dodge Challenger	39.5	Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow II
02.6	Rescue Hovercraft	40.5	Bedford Horse Box
03.5	Porsche Turbo	41.5	Ambulance
04.7	1957 Chevrolet	42.5	Mercedes Container Truck
05.6	Seafire	43.5	Steam Loco
06.5	Mercedes 350 SL	44.5	Passenger Coach
07.5	VW Golf	45.4	BMW 3.0 CSL
08.7	DeTomaso Pantera	46.5	Ford Tractor
09.6	Ford Escort RS 2000	47.5	Pannier Loco
10.6	Plymouth Police Car	48.5	Sambron Jacklift
11.6	Car Transporter	49.4	Crane Truck
12.6	Citroen CX Break	50.4	Articulated Truck
13.6	Snorkel Fire Engine	51.5	Combine Harvester
14.5	Mini Ha Ha	52.4	Police Launch
15.5	Fork Lift Truck	53.5	Jeep CJ 6
16.5	Badger	54.4	Personnel Carrier
17.6	The Londoner	55.7	Ford Cortina
18.6	Hondarora	56.5	Mercedes 450 SEL
19.6	Cement Truck	57.5	Wildlife Truck
20.5	Police Patrol	58.5	Faun Dump Truck
21.6	Renault 5	59.6	Porsche 928
22.5	Blaze Buster	60.4	Holden Pickup
23.6	Atlas	61.4	Ford Wreck Truck
24.5	Diesel Shunter	62.6	Chevrolet Corvette
25.6	Flat Car & Container	63.4	Freeway Gas Tanker
26.5	Site Dumper	64.5	Caterpillar Bulldozer
27.5	Lamborghini Countach	65.5	Airport Coach
28.6	Lincoln Continental Mk V	66.5	Ford Transit
29.5	Tractor Shovel	67.4	Datsun 260 Z
30.5	Swamp Rat	68.5	Chevrolet Van
31.5	Caravan	69.5	Armoured Truck
32.5	Field Gun	70.4	S-P Gun
33.5	Police Motorcycle	71.5	Cattle Truck
34.5	Vantastic	72.4	Bomag Road Roller
35.4	Fandango	73.5	Ford Model A
36.6	Refuse Truck	74.4	Mercury Cougar Villager
37.5	Skip Truck	75.4	Seasprite Helicopter
38.5	Jeep		