

New slot cars pay homage to classic racers

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The iconic Ford GT40 race car was the result of a spat between Enzo Ferrari and Edsel Ford in the early '60s. The details are told in the 2019 movie *Ford vs. Ferrari*, which has quickly become a classic racing film.

To honor the great Ford GT40, AFX Racing has developed a four-car lineup of 1/64 scale slot cars in its Collector Series lineup. We looked at the two latest examples of the Ford GT40 MkIV, which only raced at the Sebring track in Florida and the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the historic race course in France, and won both events. The Le Mans race in June 1967 is still considered to be the race of the century.

The yellow No. 2 GT40 MkIV (P/N 22014) raced at Le Mans in 1967 with drivers Bruce McLaren and Mark Donohue. The famous driving duo brought No. 2 to a fourth-place finish, behind another GT40 that crossed the finish line in first position. This car was

scheduled to be shipped January, notwithstanding any supply chain delays.

The dark blue No. 4 GT40 MkIV (P/N 22048) competed with drivers Lloyd Ruby and Denny Hulme. Falling behind due to a lengthy pit stop, Hulme set a lap record trying to catch up to eventual winners AJ Foyt and Dan Gurney. The reckless speed eventually

caught up to No. 4, as the car didn't make the turn at the end of the long straight and finished its race stuck up to the axles in sand. It is scheduled to ship in February.

Given their level of detail, AFX's Collector Car series could be sold as diecast models. The AFX team has done deep research on the original cars and interviewed Carroll Shelby, the genius behind the Ford GT40 program and the famed Shelby Cobra. The knockoff wheel hubs, red racing seatbelts, complex exhaust piping and delicate body details are all there and would

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make any model company proud.

The GT40s run just as good as they look. The cars hug the track like they're on rails to make racing competitive. It's a lot more fun because the cars don't leave the track as often as others without the same level of grip.

The Collector Series includes other high-demand cars such as Corvettes, Mustangs, Camaros and the Ford GT40s that gained fame in sports car racing in the 1960s.

Underneath the highly detailed bodies are the Mega G+ short wheelbase chassis that is 1-1/2 inches long. The Mega G+ chassis has been engineered with ultra-low, narrow dimensions to be the most realistic HO cars on the market.

The cars are part of the Mega G+ Race System which also includes the

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AFX120 Controllers and Exclusive Tri-Power Pack that deliver the perfect balance of grip and speed.

These cars will run on any AFX set – even the older ones – though for peak performance AFX recommends using them on current race sets that have the Tri Power Pack. Here's what's on the market now: the Super Cars Set, Giant Raceway, Infinity Raceway and the 4-lane Super International set. AFX products are available at Emery Distributors, HobbyTyme, Scale Auto, and Horizon Hobby.

Slot car racers will enjoy a smoother, more consistent and more intuitive racing experience, with high performance out of the box. AFX also sells tune-up kits and a range of accessories to help slot car racers get faster and go deeper in the hobby. HM