

SMTS

HAND CRAFTED WHITE METAL REPLICAS

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We are very excited to have reached an agreement with one of Britain's last remaining white metal model-makers, SMTS, to market their exquisite and extensive range of 1:43 replicas.*

SMTS have an extremely knowledgeable team of motoring historians to ensure their models are accurate representations of the originals. It is this knowledge, expertise and master craftsmanship along with the limited editions of rare subjects that make SMTS models such collectible pieces.

SMTS white metal replicas are created using rubber moulds which are a relatively cheap tool that enables companies such as SMTS to produce a model even if it thinks it can only sell a few hundred pieces. This is why somebody like SMTS can produce a racing car that companies like Minichamps wouldn't even consider.

Large manufacturers that produce diecast models use expensive tools or dies. The expense of this process means that manufacturers are generally only interested in subjects that are going to sell in their thousands.



In terms of the final product, there isn't much difference between a diecast model and a white metal one, although this very much depends on the manufacturer. White metal models do sometimes prove superior both in their accuracy and attention to detail.

A worldwide manufacturer producing hundreds of new subjects every year can only put so much effort into getting a model right. Whereas a company like SMTS can put all their motoring and motorsport knowledge into achieving accuracy in their models. They know what fuel filler cap the Ferrari 250 GT sported at Goodwood in 1961, or the type of wheels the Jaguar Lightweight ran with at Sebring.

It is this knowledge and expertise, as well as the high cost of labour, that account for a white metal model's price. These days you won't find a white metal replica for under £100.00. But don't forget, you're getting a craftsman made product, produced here in the UK by skilled and knowledgeable model-makers. And in many cases, you won't find the subjects produced in diecast. Bear in mind that all of SMTS's models are highly limited runs, of hard to find subjects. If you want a 1:43 BRM 56 Stackpipe, or a model of the UDT Laystall Team Lotus that effectively ended Stirling Moss's racing career after he crashed it at Goodwood, then a white metal replica from SMTS could well be your only option.

We also offer SMTS's range of kits as well. These come with instructions and waterslide decals provided, with the painting also to be carried out by the collector (paint not included).

However, just one final word of warning. Whilst we will build up our stocks of SMTS models in the coming months, these models are essentially hand-built to order. In the worst circumstances, it could take several months for you to receive your model. So only order a replica if you're prepared to wait!

*SMTS replicas come mounted on a wooden base but are not provided with a Perspex case.

