

Maserati 300S

Marshall Buck, our master modeler extraordinaire, reviews the CMC Maserati 300S in 1:18 scale. It is one of the latest from this builder and according to Marshall, one of their best.

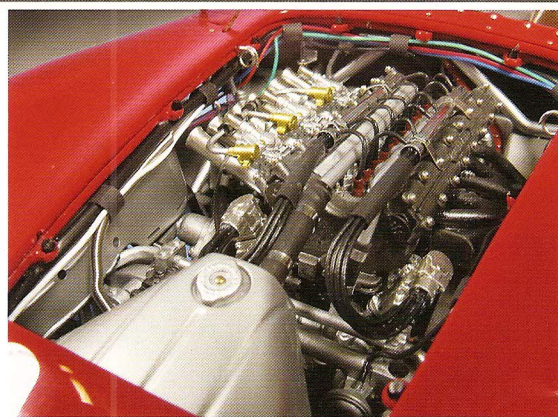
CMC Classic Model Cars is one of the best known makers of highly detailed, mass produced collector models, and they have just raised the bar one more notch—this time with their replica of a Maserati 300S, modeled in 1:18 scale. Stunning, marvelous, and spectacular are words which all aptly apply to this miniature. It is a piece most collectors will want, regardless of the fact that the particular car they have chosen to replicate is not necessarily the ideal 300S to model.

The specific 300S chosen is Ch. No. 3056, which originally started life as 3066. This Maserati was repaired and upgraded by the factory, and on one factory visit in mid-1958 it received the engine from 3056, hence the official change. The “first” 3056 was also officially renumbered to 3077. The

whereabouts of both chassis and engine of 3066 are currently unknown.

The model replicates the car as it was restored around 1989–1990 and has remained since. There is no other 300S that looks like this car, which is the result of combining the various added details and upgrades along with the interim style that only a few of these cars carried—and then the later restoration with added headrest fairing that it never had prior to its restoration. I would have preferred and chosen a more recognizable, earlier or later 300S, one with a more successful race record than that of the 3066/3056. With that said, I am still happy and thankful to see a superb model of any Maserati 300S.

No matter where or how you display this model, it has a commanding presence, especially with the front and



rear deck lids removed. The flowing body of 3056 is perfectly captured and covered in an excellent restoration type of high-gloss, hand-rubbed paint finish. This jewel is made up of a staggering number of parts—1,838 in total. There is so much going on that it is difficult to focus on one area at a time.

As with all models from CMC, this piece features a completely detailed chassis—and I do mean completely. Framework, suspension, all components, hoses, cables, clamps, and more. Undo any one of the knock-off wheel spinners; remove one of the beautifully made wheels that should