

COLLECTOR'S SHOWCASE

with Wayne E. Meyer

OK, I'm Prejudiced...

You'll notice that this column has more than its usual quota of Mustang and Ferrari models. My apologies to the Bow-Tie and Mopar fans; your turn will come. Meanwhile, we'll start off with what is, in my opinion, simply the best commercially made model I've ever seen. Yes, I've seen better models by Mark, Randy, and a few others, but they were one-off pieces taking months, or sometimes years, to craft. If you *gave* me all the parts, I simply couldn't match CMC's 250 SWB!



CMC's Fantastic Ferrari

The 1961 250GT SWB (Short Wheelbase Berlinetta) was probably the last real multi-purpose Ferrari; it was at home on any street or road in the world, as well as any race track. One of the seven SWB's entered for the 1961 Le Mans race finished third overall behind two Ferrari prototypes and Stirling Moss won the Tourist trophy race at Goodwood while listening to the SWB's radio! There's no way to describe CMC's 1/18 scale model in the space available here. It's not just the incredibly fine finish, operating features (even the leaf springs function), parts count (1141), or the detail (the windshield washer nozzle is a separate chrome piece), it's the *scale fidelity* that impresses me. Everything just **looks right**. The Colombo V-12 is wired and plumbed to the hilt; lines, wires and hoses are a *very* realistic variety of colors and diameters and even the air cleaner wingnuts are separate plated pieces. Inside, there's soft carpet and real leather upholstery with functional map pockets, while the instruments can be read with a magnifying glass. Frame and chassis details are just as complete. Be careful checking photos; the 1961 body differed from earlier versions and CMC has it right! CMC-USA can tell you where to get one.

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UNDER THE HOOD (Scale of 1 - 5 checkmarks)

Price: \$215

■ Realism/Scale ✓✓✓✓

■ Collectibility ✓✓✓✓

■ Highlights ✓✓✓✓

■ Detailing ✓✓✓✓

■ Working Features ✓✓✓✓

■ BUT... No buts; this is the best model of 2005!

■ Paint and Finish ✓✓✓✓