



Rudi's Ride: CMC Street-Legal Mercedes 300SLR Coupe

In my review of CMC's incredible Mercedes 300SLR Uhlenhaut Coupe (MC 153) I questioned the red interior color. More research would have shown me that one of the two cars built currently is exactly as CMC modeled it, but this time I found a 1950's color photo showing that at least one had the standard blue plaid seats. When CMC announced a limited edition of Chief Engineer Rudi Uhlenhaut's street-legal 300SLR Coupe I expected the blue interior and big rectangular muffler but there are a lot more changes. Most obvious is the additional hood scoop and big clear deflector (at Uhlenhaut's cruising speed of 160 bugs and birds were a problem!), but the cowl intake bars have been replaced by exceptionally fine mesh and there's a new rectangular slot for a data system below the driver's door. At the back, CMC has added the correct license plate, and a second set of red-lensed lights while the interior now has a chrome rail around the baggage shelf. All of this is done, of course, with the same incredible scale fidelity and craftsmanship that makes CMC's 300 SLR's the best 1/18 scale models I've seen.

Contact CMC USA (www.cmc-modelcars.de/us) for more information.

Under The Hood: CMC 1956 "Street" Mercedes 300 SLR Coupe

- 5+ Realism/Scale: Literally Perfect!
 - 5+ Detailing: Everything is here!
 - 5+ Working Features
 - 5+ Paint and Finish
- BUT... None! Not a one! Nothing!**

Scale: 1/18
Price: \$348.00
 CMC USA
 585.292.7280

Mean Mustang: Maisto's 1968 428 Cobra Jet

By making the seriously under-rated 355-horse 428 Cobra Jet engine a mid-year option for the Mustang GT, Ford created what *Hot Rod* (March 1968) called "quite frankly, the fastest running Pure Stock in the history of man."

I have tons of Mustang references, and Maisto's new 1/18 scale diecast CJ has the 2+2 lines, GT package details, and functional hood scoop that set the 428 CJ apart from the rest of the herd all exactly right. Its glossy Brittany Blue Metallic paint has a little orange peel but matches my chips perfectly. Major trim parts are chrome-plated while everything else on this fully detailed pony is crisply hot-printed. The 428 has the correct air cleaner intakes and lots of hoses, but no plug wires. Doors pivot open to show accurate upholstery with silver-printed door panel trim and handles, along with detailed tach and speedometer faces, but smaller gauges are painted silver.

DiecastAuto.com (800.829.1520) has Maisto's bargain-priced Mustang Cobra Jet.



Under The Hood: Maisto 1968 Cobra Jet Mustang

- 3+ Realism/Scale
- 3+ Detailing
- 4 Working Features
- 3 Paint and Finish

Scale: 1/18
Price: \$24.95
www.diecastauto.com

BUT... Missing body-color stripe between each taillight lens.