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Graced with a body that could well have been styled by the great design houses of the time, the Audi 225 Roadster arrived in 1935 and immediately made an impression on the rich and famous of Germany. Seventy-four years later the Roadster will again make an impression, thanks to CMC!

Assembled from more than 1600 pieces, this two-seat roadster is from a golden age in car design. It has been beautifully modeled by CMC to the usual high standard of fit and finish. The majestic nose is dominated by the chrome grille, chrome horns and large headlights, all of which sit above the stainless steel front bumper.

The roadster was based on the running gear from a Wanderer sedan, another Audi brand, which contributed its 2.2-liter straight-six engine and four-speed gearbox. Unusual for the time, the Audi was front-wheel drive.

The long, flowing hood is hinged on both sides and, on opening it, you find



the engine and ancillaries, all of which are molded in the finest detail. It goes without saying that the motor is plumbed and wired, and items like the battery and radiator are clearly and finely replicated. The rear bulkhead is a sight to see, as it replicates an engine-turned finish!

The bodywork is what we would now consider classically styled, but was modern for its time due to a lack of running boards. The look is fantastic and it is the detail and the execution that you can take pleasure from. The way the front fenders sweep backwards and come to a logical conclusion, the louvers held within the hood, the chrome strips on the rear trunk compartment etc, all add to the visual enjoyment.

Underneath the replica is a chassis and wooden frame, both of which are wonderfully complex in their presentation. The transverse leaf springs of the suspension are well modeled, as is the rest of the undercarriage. Items like the brake cables are easily visible and clearly defined.

Open the cut-down doors and inside is an opulently trimmed cockpit. Once you step over the chrome sill covers, you find the seats are trimmed in leather, as are the door trims and the inner trunk lid. Luxury! Pedals and the gearlever are

present, and the floor is fitted with soft-feel carpet in a shade complementary to the seats. The wood-finished dashboard is complete with an array of instrumentation, the gauges themselves are clear and the whole scene is set off by the imitation Bakelite knobs and steering wheel. All in all a nice place to bel

The rear deck of the car has a small opening trunk, but most of it is taken up by the spare wheel and tire. CMC has ensured correctness here, as the spare wheel cover can be removed, as can the stored spare! The rear end of the car is finished off by the fitted stainless steel bumper.

One of the major highlights of the model is the wheels. These are assembled by hand and feature aluminum rims, stainless steel spokes and nipples, and these in turn are mounted in rubber tires, which reflect the true tread pattern of the time. It is also worth mentioning the chrome work throughout the model, which is beautifully finished.

Limited to 4000 units of each worldwide, CMC offers blue/silver, red/white and black/yellow color schemes. No matter which you choose, this magnificent Audi 225 Roadster would make a beautiful addition to your collection.





