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UKRAINIAN RELIANT MODEL AND MORE

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In response to Maz 's interesting [article](#) on the **Ukrainian Reliant Robin** models by **Homemade Die-cast**, I can add a photo of my blue **Mark 2 saloon**, a variant which is not (yet) pictured on the manufacturer's website (**article no. DP-N1-RN**).



According to the **Dmytro Petin** from **Homemade Die-cast** my item is still a pre-production model,

but the finish is almost identical to the individually numbered production model. It is a nicely made artisan model, and it also comes well packed, in a cardboard box protected with soft foam rubber. However, the rear view mirrors are very delicate, and I had to re-glue them on my model after the parcel had arrived. **Dmytro** told me that on future items of the **Reliant** the mirrors will be no longer mounted, but added separately to be fitted by the buyers, to avoid damage during the transport.

Despite the war in **Ukraine**, ordering the models directly from the manufacturer works very well. Communication in **English** is excellent, payment is possible with **PayPal**, the models are shipped very quickly within a few days, and it usually takes about two weeks until a parcel from **Ukraine** arrives here in **Switzerland**. Before the **Reliant**, I have already bought several models by **Homemade Die-cast**, the first one from their **eBay** store in summer **2022** (and all of them arrived in perfect condition). Here are some of their older models of **Russian** and **Ukrainian** prototypes in my collection, the **LuAZ 13021-08 (DP-03EC)** and two versions of the **Kineshma microcar**, the restyled version from **2001** in grey (**DP-01KR**) and a model from the previous year in blue (**DP-01KL**)



Another extraordinary model from the range is the **Kineshma Cross** from **1999 (DP-01CS)**. This model is entirely made of resin.



After the **Russian** invasion of **Ukraine**, the company “changed focus and extended the geography of prototypes for our scale models,” as it is written on their website. Hence, the **Reliant Robin** is their first model of a **Western European** car. The latest release by **Homemade Die-cast** is another microcar in **1:43** scale, the **SAIL/Sipani Badal** as built in **India** in the **1970s** and early **1980s**. This model is available in various colours and versions from **1976** and **1981**. I have ordered two models of the **1976** version (**DP-N2-E**) – the cars all had two side doors on the left and only one door on the right side.



The photograph below shows the substantial box used to protect these models and the company logo featuring a cat on a cushion.



Since I am very fond of models of unusual cars, I like the choice of the prototypes, and I am also very happy with the finish of the models I have received. You can also find the photos of all my **Homemade Die-cast** models and some information about the manufacturer on the website I curate showing my collection, [here](#).

Editor's Note: *Our thanks to Daniel for this informative article which extends our knowledge of the interesting models available from Home-Made diecast in the Ukraine.*

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