**LS 01-A** (1970) **MERCEDES TRUCK**

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| © year on base: none / 1978  scale: 1:87 (not cast on base)  length: 76mm  width: 31mm  height: 38mm  MATCHBOX lettering on base: straight  additional lettering on base: SUPERFAST (straight)  company on base: LESNEY  number on base: 1 / none  cast license plate: none | metal chassis is part of body  plastic canopy  plastic grille & cab base  PAT APP at front of cab base  (A) at rear of cab base  short removable / long riveted single plastic front axle cover  no interior  black plastic wheels  tow guide  metal tow hook is part of body |  |

| **#** | **body / chassis** | **canopy** | **base no.** | **grille / cab base** | **windows** | **wheels** | **hubs** | **deco** | **body casting** | **front axle cover** | **sub-var** | **note** | **cate** | **area** | **Mack #** | **Mack date** | **date** |
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| 01a | gold E | **orange** | 1 | silver | blue-green | **5 slot** 10x2mm | silver | none | A | blk. removable | ss | #1 |  |  | 01 |  | 1970 |
| 01b | gold E | **orange** | 1 | silver | blue-green | **5 slot** 10x2mm | silver | none | A | **red** removable |  | #1 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| 02a | gold E | **orange** | 1 | silver | blue-green | 4 sp 11.5x2mm | silver | none | A | blk. removable | x | #1 |  |  | 02 |  | 1970 |
| 02b | gold E | **orange** | 1 | silver | blue-green | 4 sp 11.5x2mm | silver | none | A | **red** removable | x | #1 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| 03a | gold E | yellow | 1 | silver | blue-green | **5 slot** 10x2mm | silver | none | A | blk. removable | ss, **hs**, **sh** | #1 |  |  | 03 |  | 1970 |
| 03b | gold E | yellow | 1 | silver | blue-green | **5 slot** 10x2mm | silver | none | A | **red** removable | ss, **hs** | #1 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| 04a | gold E | yellow | 1 | silver | blue-green | 4 sp 11.5x2mm | silver | none | A | blk. removable | x | #1 |  |  | 04 |  | 1970 |
| 04b | gold E | yellow | 1 | silver | blue-green | 4 sp 11.5x2mm | silver | none | A | **red** removable | x | #1 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| 05 | red E | lemon | none | black | dk. blue | 4 sp 11.5x4mm | silver | TRANSCONT. HAULAGE CO. labels | **A** | blk. riveted | x | TP-1 | TP |  | 05 |  | 1976 |
| 06 | red E | lemon | none | black | dk. blue | 4 sp 11.5x4mm | silver | TRANSCONT. HAULAGE CO. labels | B | blk. riveted | x | TP-1 | TP |  | 06 |  | 1978 |
| 07 | red E | **yellow** | none | black | dk. blue | 4 sp 11.5x4mm | silver | TRANSCONT. HAULAGE CO. labels | B | blk. riveted | x | TP-1 | TP |  | 07 |  | 1979 |
| 08 | red E | **yellow** | none | black | dk. blue | 4 sp 11.5x4mm | silver | TRANSCONT. HAULAGE CO. labels | **C** | blk. riveted | x | TP-1 | TP |  | 08 |  | 1979 |
| f01 | red E | **none** | none | black | dk. blue | 4 sp 11.5x4mm | silver | PORTER PAINTS LTD. labels | B | blk. riveted |  |  | PR | GB |  |  | 1979 |
| 14 | **olive drab** E | lt. tan | none | black | dk. blue | 4 sp 11.5x4mm | black | **USA 48350** labels (sided - flag left / right, from K 101-A) | A | blk. riveted | lr, **rl** | TP-15 | TP |  | 14 |  | 1976 |
| f04 | **olive drab** E | lt. tan | none | black | dk. blue | **5 square 10**x4mm | black | **USA 48350** labels (sided - flag left / right, from K 101-A) | A | blk. riveted |  | TP-15 | TP |  |  |  | 1976 |
| 15 | **olive drab** E | lt. tan | none | black | dk. blue | 4 sp 11.5x4mm | black | 4TS 702 K labels (sided - 4 left / right) | A | blk. riveted | lr, **ll**, **rl** | TP-15 | TP |  | 15 |  | 1976 |
| 09 | olive green E | lt. tan | none | black | dk. blue | 4 sp 11.5x4mm | black | **USA 48350** labels (sided - flag left / right, from K 101-A) | A | blk. riveted | lr | TP-15 | TP |  | 09 |  | 1976 |
| f06 | olive green E | lt. tan | none | black | dk. blue | **5 square 10**x4mm | black | **USA 48350** labels (sided - flag left / right, from K 101-A) | A | blk. riveted | lr | TP-15 | TP |  |  |  | 1976 |
| f08 | olive green E | lt. tan | none | black | dk. blue | **5 slot** 12x4mm | black | **USA 48350** labels (sided - flag left / right, from K 101-A) | A | blk. riveted | lr | TP-15 | TP |  |  |  | 1976 |
| 12 | olive green E | lt. tan | none | black | dk. blue | 4 sp 11.5x4mm | black | 4TS 702 K labels (sided - 4 left / right) | A | blk. riveted | lr, **rl** | TP-15 | TP |  | 12 |  | 1976 |
| 13 | olive green E | lt. tan | none | black | dk. blue | 4 sp 11.5x4mm | black | 4TS 702 K labels (sided - 4 left / right) | **B** | blk. riveted | lr, **ll** | TP-15 | TP |  | 13 |  | 1978 |
| f02 | olive green E | lt. tan | none | black | dk. blue | 4 sp 11.5x4mm | black | 4TS 702 K labels (sided - 4 left / right) | **C** | blk. riveted |  | TP-15 | TP |  |  |  | 1979 |
| f11 | olive green E | lt. tan | none | black | dk. blue | 4 sp 11.5x4mm frt., **5 slot** 12x4mm rear | black | 4TS 702 K labels (sided - 4 left / right) | A | blk. riveted | **ll** | TP-15 | TP |  |  |  | 1976 |
| 10 | olive green E | lt. tan | none | black | dk. blue | **5 square 10**x4mm | black | 4TS 702 K labels (sided - 4 left / right) | A | blk. riveted | lr, **ll** | TP-15 | TP |  | 10 |  | 1976 |
| 11 | olive green E | lt. tan | none | black | dk. blue | **5 alot** 12x4mm | black | 4TS 702 K labels (sided - 4 left / right) | A | blk. riveted | (lr), **ll** | TP-15 | TP |  | 11 |  | 1976 |
| f10 | olive green E | lt. tan | none | black | dk. blue | 4 sp 11.5x4mm | **silver** | 4TS 702 K labels (sided - 4 left / right) | A | blk. riveted |  | TP-15 | TP |  |  |  | 1976 |
| f03 | olive green E | lt. tan | none | black | dk. blue | 4 sp 11.5x4mm | **silver** | 4TS 702 K labels (sided - 4 left / right) | **B** | blk. riveted |  | TP-15 | TP |  |  |  | 1978 |
| f07 | olive green E | lt. tan | none | black | dk. blue | 4 sp 11.5x4mm | **silver** frt., black rear | 4TS 702 K labels (sided - 4 left / right) | A | blk. riveted | **ll** | TP-15 | TP |  |  |  | 1976 |
| f05 | olive green E | lt. tan | none | black | dk. blue | 4 sp 11.5x4mm | **silver** frt., black rear | 4TS 702 K labels (sided - 4 left / right) | **B** | blk. riveted |  | TP-15 | TP |  |  |  | 1978 |
| f09 | lt. blue E | yellow | none | black | dk. blue | 4 sp 11.5x4mm | silver | IMS labels | **B** | blk. riveted |  | TP-1 | TP |  |  |  | 1980 |
| 16 | lt. blue E | yellow | none | black | dk. blue | 4 sp 11.5x4mm | silver | IMS labels | C | blk. riveted | x | TP-1 | TP |  | 16 |  | 1980 |
| 17 | lt. blue E | yellow | none | black | **purple** | 4 sp 11.5x4mm | silver | IMS labels | C | blk. riveted | x | TP-1 | TP |  | 17 | 1989-01 | 1980 |

**USA codes:**

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| **MB 01-A** |  |  |  |

**UK codes:**

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| **01E** |  |  |  |

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| **ROW numbers:** | **1** (1970-1971) |
| **USA numbers:** | **1** (1970-1971) |
| **Other numbers:** | **none** |

**NOTES:**

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| **Body castings:** | **A** | **no gap between doors and front fenders, no year on base, recesses on front bumper, braces above rear fenders, no infill above gas tanks** |
|  | **B** | **gap between doors and front fenders, 1978 on base, raised ribs on front bumper, no braces above rear fenders, no infill above gas tanks** |
|  | **C** | **gap between doors and front fenders, 1978 on base, raised ribs on front bumper, no braces above rear fenders, infill above gas tanks** |

**Single issues have "MB 1 (A)" cast on the inside of their canopies, twinpack issues have "801 (A)".**

**Canopies come with varying die numbers from 1 to 8.**

**"Sided" labels: different labels on the left and right hand sides. Either of the labels may appear on either side. The label intended for the left side is always noted first.**

**Superfast lettering on riveted axle covers can face forward or backward.**

**Silver grilles and cab bases are prone to fading to gold.**

**Olive green body color is prone to fading to dark olive green.**

**This model was allocated the MAN number 801 in 1976.**

**SUB-VARIATIONS:**

| **Labels:** | |  |  | **Wheels:** | |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **code** | **left side label** | **right side label** |  | **code** | **front wheels** | **rear wheels** |
| ll | left | **left** |  | ss | solid | solid |
| lr | left | right |  | sh | solid | hollow |
| rl | **right** | **left** |  | hs | hollow | solid |
| rr | **right** | right |  | hh | hollow | hollow |
| x | not sided or no label | not sided or no label |  | x | irrelevant (always hollow) | |

**Previous ref.: ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ LR 01-E MERCEDES TRUCK**

**Later ref.: none**

**BOX TYPES:**

| **#** | **type** | **description** | **note** | **area** | **date** |
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| 01 | G | with NEW, black TM, "MATCHBOX" REG'D T.M. ..., SF parallel on sides, MARK 3 on end flaps, no SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1970/71 |
| 02 | G | with NEW, black TM, no text on bottom, SF parallel on sides, MARK 3 on end flaps, no SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1970/71 |