**LS 05-A** (1969) **LOTUS EUROPA**

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| © year on base: 1969scale: 1:55 (not cast on base)length: 73mmwidth: 31mmheight: 20mmMATCHBOX lettering on base: straightadditional lettering on base: **none** / SUPERFAST (straight)company on base: LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO LTDnumber on base: 5cast license plate: SAR 857G | metal base(A) on front axle coverpat. no. on rear axle cover: 983558PAT APP on rear axle coverplastic interiorblack plastic wheels with silver hubsmetal doors openplastic tow hook is part of interiorwhite or blue plastic wheel strip(4979-110 narrow wheels, 40979-137 wide wheels) |  |

| **#** | **body** | **base** | **interior** | **windows** | **wheels** | **deco** | **front bumperends** | **wheelwells** | **sideridges** | **towslot** | **pin / holeunder roof** | **sub-var** | **note** | **cate** | **area** | **Mack #** | **Mack date** | **date** |
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| 01 | **med.** blue | unpainted E,**no Superfast** | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | none | **open** | narrow | no | open | yes / yes |  | #5 |  |  | 01 |  | 1969 |
| f17 | **med.** blue | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | none | **open** | narrow | no | open | yes / yes |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1969 |
| 02a | **med.** blue | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | none | closed | narrow | no | open | yes / yes | (ss) | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1969 |
| 02b | dk. blue | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | none | closed | narrow | no | open | yes / yes | (ss), (**sh**),**hs**, hh | #5 |  |  | 02 |  | 1969 |
| 02c | dk. blue | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | none | closed | narrow | **yes** | open | yes / yes | ss, (**ssoc**),(**sh**), hh | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| 03a | **med.** blue | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | **20** labels | closed | narrow | no | open | yes / yes | ass | G-3 | G |  |  |  | 1970 |
| 03b | dk. blue | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | **20** labels | closed | narrow | no | open | yes / yes | bss | G-3 | G |  | 03 |  | 1970 |
| 03c | dk. blue | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | **20** labels | closed | narrow | **yes** | open | yes / yes | ass, ahh | G-3 | G |  |  |  | 1970 |
| 04a | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | none | closed | narrow | yes | open | **yes / yes** | **sh**, hh | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| 04b | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | none | closed | narrow | yes | open | no / **yes** | ss, **hs**,hh, **hhoe** | #5 |  |  | 04 |  | 1971 |
| 04c | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | none | closed | narrow | yes | open | no / no |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f16a | **lt.** met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | none | closed | narrow | yes | open | no / **yes** | (ss) | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f16b | **lt.** met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | none | closed | narrow | yes | open | no / no |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f02a | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | none | closed | **wide** | yes | open | no / **yes** |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f02b | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | none | closed | **wide** | yes | open | no / no |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f15a | **lt.** met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | none | closed | **wide** | yes | open | no / **yes** |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f15b | **lt.** met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | none | closed | **wide** | yes | open | no / no | (ss) | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| 05a | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | **20** labels | closed | narrow | yes | open | **yes / yes** | bss, bhh | G-3 | G |  |  |  | 1971 |
| 05b | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | **20** labels | closed | narrow | yes | open | no / **yes** | **ahs**, ahh | G-3 | G |  | 05 |  | 1971 |
| 05c | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | **20** labels | closed | narrow | yes | open | no / no | bhh | G-3 | G |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f14 | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | **LYONS TEA**label on hood | closed | narrow | yes | open | **yes / yes** |  |  | PR | B |  |  | 1971 |
| f11 | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | none | closed | **narrow** | yes | open |  |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| 07a | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | none | closed | wide | yes | open | no / **yes** | (nnn) | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| 07b | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | none | closed | wide | yes | open | no / no | nnn, nnw | #5 |  |  | 06, 07 |  | 1972 |
| 11 | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | none | closed | wide | yes | **filled** | no / no | nnn, (nnw) | #5 |  |  | 11 |  | 1974 |
| 08 | met. pink | **silver-gray** E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | none | closed | wide | yes | open | no / no |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| 10 | met. pink | **silver-gray** E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | none | closed | wide | yes | **filled** | no / no | nnn, (nnw) | #5 |  |  | 10 |  | 1974 |
| f06 | **lt.** met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | none | closed | wide | yes | open | no / no | nnn | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| f07 | **lt.** met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | none | closed | wide | yes | **filled** | no / no | (nnw) | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f03 | **dk.** met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | none | closed | wide | yes | open | no / no |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| f04 | **dk.** met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | none | closed | wide | yes | **filled** | no / no | nnn, (nnw) | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| 09a | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | **20** labels | closed | wide | yes | open | no / **yes** | bnnn | G-3 | G |  |  |  | 1972 |
| 09b | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | **20** labels | closed | wide | yes | open | no / no | annn | G-3 | G |  | 09 |  | 1972 |
| 12 | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 **square** 10x**5.5**mm | none | closed | wide | yes | filled | no / no |  | #5 |  |  | 12 |  | 1974 |
| 13 | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot **10.5**x4mm | none | closed | wide | yes | filled | no / no |  | #5 |  |  | 13 |  | 1974 |
| f01 | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | **malt. cross** 10x5.5mm | none | closed | wide | yes | filled | no / no |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| 14a | black | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | gold JPS tampo | closed | wide | yes | filled | no / no | nnn, nnw | #2 / 18 |  | J | 14 |  | 1977 |
| 14b | black | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 **square** 10x4mm | gold JPS tampo | closed | wide | yes | filled | no / no | nnn | #2 / 18 |  | J |  |  | 1977 |
| 14c | black | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm front,5 **square** 10x4mm rear | gold JPS tampo | closed | wide | yes | filled | no / no | nnn | #2 / 18 |  | J |  |  | 1977 |
| 16 | black | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | **dot dash** 9.5x4mm | gold JPS tampo | closed | wide | yes | filled | no / no | (w) | MP-1 | MP |  | 16 |  | 1979 |
| 15a | black | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | **none** | closed | wide | yes | filled | no / no | nnw | MP-1 | MP |  | 15 |  | 1979 |
| 15b | black | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 **square** 10x4mm | **none** | closed | wide | yes | filled | no / no | nnw | MP-1 | MP |  |  |  | 1979 |
| 15c | black | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm front,5 **square** 10x4mm rear | **none** | closed | wide | yes | filled | no / no | nnw | MP-1 | MP |  |  |  | 1979 |

**USA codes:**

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| **MB 05-A** |  |  |  |

**UK codes:**

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| **5E** |  |  |  |

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| **ROW numbers:** | **5** (1969-1974) |  |
| **USA numbers:** | **5** (1969-1974) |  |
| **Other numbers:** | **J 2** (1977-1978) | **J 18** (1979) |

**NOTES:**

**G-3 gift set issues: additional labels were supplied on a separate label sheet.**

**Metallic pink body color is prone to fading to silver-gray.**

**SUB-VARIATIONS:**

| **Gift set labels:** |  | **Wheels & casting:** |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **code** | **gift set labels** |  | **code** | **front wheels** | **rear wheels** | **tow slot** |
| x | no gift set labels |              | ss | solid | solid | narrow |
| a | factory gift set labels |  | sh | solid | hollow | narrow |
| b | additional gift set labels |  | hs | hollow | solid | narrow |
|  |  |  | hh | hollow | hollow | narrow |
|  |  |  | nnn | narrow inner rim | narrow inner rim | narrow |
|  |  |  | nnw | narrow inner rim | narrow inner rim | wide |
|  |  |  | nwn | narrow inner rim | wide inner rim | narrow |
|  |  |  | nww | narrow inner rim | wide inner rim | wide |
|  |  |  | wnn | wide inner rim | narrow inner rim | narrow |
|  |  |  | wnw | wide inner rim | narrow inner rim | wide |
|  |  |  | wwn | wide inner rim | wide inner rim | narrow |
|  |  |  | www | wide inner rim | wide inner rim | wide |
|  |  |  | n | no inner rim | no inner rim | narrow |
|  |  |  | w | no inner rim | no inner rim | wide |

**ODDITIES:**

| **code** | **description** |
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| oa | solid wheels, **hollow** wheel front left only |
| ob | solid wheels, **hollow** wheel front right only |
| oc | solid wheels, **hollow** wheel rear left only |
| od | solid wheels, **hollow** wheel rear right only |
| oe | hollow wheels, **solid** wheel front left only |
| of | hollow wheels, **solid** wheel front right only |
| og | hollow wheels, **solid** wheel rear left only |
| oh | hollow wheels, **solid** wheel rear right only |

**Previous ref.: none**

**Later ref.: ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ BR 05-A LOTUS EUROPA**

 **⇒ ⇒ ⇒ EA 05-A LOTUS EUROPA**

 **⇒ ⇒ ⇒ GT BR 09 / 10 LOTUS EUROPA**

**BOX TYPES:**

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| **#** | **type** | **description** | **note** | **area** | **date** |
| 01 | F | with NEW, SF model shown, black SF, A LESNEY PRODUCT, drawings on sides, PORTIÈRES OUVRANTES on end flaps, no MARK on end flaps |  |  | 1969 |
| 02 | G | with NEW, red TM, "MATCHBOX" REG'D T.M. ..., SF parallel on sides, MARK 3 on end flaps, no SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1970 |
| 03 | H | with NEW, no frame around number, MARK 4 on end flaps, no SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1971/72 |
| 04 | H | with NEW, no frame around number, MARK 4 on end flaps, SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1972 |
| 05 | H | without NEW, no frame around number, MARK 4 on end flaps, SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1973 |
| 06 | I | with red NEW, with frame around number, "MATCHBOX" IS THE..., MARK 5 on end flaps |  |  | 1973/74 |
| 07 | Jap-A | black box | #J-2 | J | 1977/78 |
| 08 | I | with red NEW, with frame around number, "MATCHBOX" IS THE..., MARK 5 on end flaps | #18 | J | 1979 |