**LS 27-A** (1970) **MERCEDES 230 SL**

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| © year on base: none  scale: 1:60 (not cast on base)  length: 74mm  width: 30mm  height: 19mm  MATCHBOX lettering on base: straight  additional lettering on base: SUPERFAST (straight)  company on base: LESNEY  number on base: 27  cast license plate: BB-A 716 (rear only) | metal grille & base  pat. no. below LESNEY: 983558  PAT APP behind rear axle cover  black plastic wheels with silver hubs  plastic interior  plastic tow hook is part of interior  metal doors open  black or yellow plastic wheel strip (40979-117 black, unknown yellow) |  |

| **#** | **body** | **grille / base** | **interior** | **windshield** | **wheels** | **deco** | **wheel wells** | **27 on doors** | **sub-var** | **note** | **cate** | **area** | **Mack #** | **Mack date** | **date** |
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| 01a | **cream** | unpainted E | red | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | none | narrow | **no** |  | #27 |  |  | 01 |  | 1970 |
| 01b | **cream** | unpainted E | red | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | none | narrow | yes | (ssh), hhm | #27 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| 47a | **dk. cream** | unpainted E | red | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | none | narrow | **no** |  | #27 |  |  | 47 | 1994-04 | 1970 |
| 47b | **dk. cream** | unpainted E | red | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | none | narrow | yes |  | #27 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| f05a | off white | unpainted E | **dk.** red | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | none | narrow | **no** |  | #27 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| f05b | off white | unpainted E | **dk.** red | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | none | narrow | yes |  | #27 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| 02a | off white | unpainted E | red | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | none | narrow | **no** |  | #27 |  |  | 02 |  | 1970 |
| 02b | off white | unpainted E | red | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | none | narrow | yes | ssl, hhl, hhm, (hhh) | #27 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| 02c | off white | unpainted E | red | colorless | 5 **square** 11x2mm | none | narrow | yes |  | #27 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| f01 | off white | unpainted E | red | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | **LYONS TEA** label on hood | narrow | yes | hhm |  | PR | B |  |  | 1971 |
| 03 | yellow | unpainted E | **red** | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | none | narrow | yes | ssh, **shm**, hhm | #27 |  |  | 03 |  | 1971 |
| 04 | yellow | unpainted E | black | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | none | narrow | yes | ssh, ssm, hhl, hhm | #27 |  |  | 04 |  | 1971 |
| f03 | **lt.** yellow | unpainted E | black | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | none | narrow | yes | ssm, ssh | #27 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| 08 | yellow | unpainted E | black | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | none | **wide** | yes | hhl, hhm, hhh | #27 |  |  | 08 |  | 1972 |
| 05 | yellow | unpainted E | black | colorless | 5 slot 10x**4**mm | none | wide | yes | kl, km, kh | #27 |  |  | 05 |  | 1972 |
| 06 | **lt.** yellow | unpainted E | black | colorless | 5 slot 10x**4**mm | none | wide | yes | kl, (km), kh | #27 |  |  | 06 |  | 1972 |
| 07a | **dk.** yellow | unpainted E | black | colorless | 5 slot 10x**4**mm | none | wide | yes | yh | #9 / 31 |  | J | 07 |  | 1977 |
| 07b | **dk.** yellow | unpainted E | black | colorless | 5 **square** 10x4mm | none | wide | yes |  | MP-1 | MP |  |  |  | 1979 |
| f02 | **dk.** yellow | unpainted E | black | **smoke** | 5 **square** 10x4mm | none | wide | yes |  | MP-1 | MP |  |  |  | 1979 |

**USA codes:**

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| **MB 27-A** |  |  |  |

**UK codes:**

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| **27D** |  |  |  |

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| **ROW numbers:** | **27** (1970-1972) |  |
| **USA numbers:** | **27** (1970-1972) |  |
| **Other numbers:** | **J 9** (1977-1978) | **J 31** (1979) |

**NOTE:**

**The PAT APP lettering at the rear of the base can be found in three different positions (low, medium and high) on all variations.**

**SUB-VARIATIONS:**

| **code** | **wheel strip** | **front wheels** | **rear wheels** | **PAT APP position** |  | **code** | **wheel strip** | **front wheels** | **rear wheels** | **PAT APP position** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ssl | black | solid | solid | low |  | hhl | black | hollow | hollow | low |
| ssm | black | solid | solid | medium |  | hhm | black | hollow | hollow | medium |
| ssh | black | solid | solid | high |  | hhh | black | hollow | hollow | high |
| shl | black | solid | hollow | low |  | kl | black | irrelevant (always hollow) | | low |
| shm | black | solid | hollow | medium |  | km | black | irrelevant (always hollow) | | medium |
| shh | black | solid | hollow | high |  | kh | black | irrelevant (always hollow) | | high |
| hsl | black | hollow | solid | low |  | yl | **yellow** | irrelevant (always hollow) | | low |
| hsm | black | hollow | solid | medium |  | ym | **yellow** | irrelevant (always hollow) | | medium |
| hsh | black | hollow | solid | high |  | yh | **yellow** | irrelevant (always hollow) | | high |

**Previous ref.: ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ LR 27-D MERCEDES 230 SL**

**Later ref.: ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ BR 27-A MERCEDES 230 SL**

**⇒ ⇒ ⇒ EA 27-A MERCEDES 230 SL**

**BOX TYPES:**

| **#** | **type** | **description** | **note** | **area** | **date** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 01 | F | without NEW, SF model shown, black SF, LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. ..., SF on sides, PORTIÈRES OUVRANTES on end flaps, MARK 2 on end flaps |  |  | 1970 |
| 02 | G | with NEW, red TM, "MATCHBOX" IS THE..., SF parallel on sides, MARK 3 on end flaps, no SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1970 |
| 03 | 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 |
| 04 | H | with NEW, no frame around number, MARK 4 on end flaps, no SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1971/72 |
| 05 | H | with NEW, no frame around number, MARK 4 on end flaps, SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1972 |
| 06 | Jap-A | black box | #J-9 | J | 1977/78 |
| 07 | Jap-B2 | red & white box without J prefix | #31 | J | 1979 |