**LS 43-B** (1972) **(VW) DRAGON WHEELS**

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| © year on base: 1972  scale: 1:59 (not cast on base)  length: 72mm  width: 37mm  height: 28mm  MATCHBOX lettering on base: bold italic  additional lettering on base: Superfast (script)  company on base: LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD  number on base: 43  cast license plate: none | metal base  plastic interior & engine  black plastic wheels with silver hubs  body opens  red plastic stand |  |

| **#** | **body** | **base** | **interior / engine** | **windows** | **front wheels** | **rear wheels** | **deco** | **sub-var** | **note** | **cate** | **area** | **Mack #** | **Mack date** | **date** |
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| 01 | **pale** green | gloss black E | silver plated | dk. amber | 5 square **9**x4mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) | lrn | #43 |  |  | 01 |  | 1972 |
| f07 | **dull** lt. green | gloss black E | silver plated | dk. amber | 5 square **9**x4mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) | (lrn) | #43 |  |  | 03 |  | 1972 |
| 03 | lt. green | gloss black E | silver plated | dk. amber | 5 square **9**x4mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) | lrn | #43 |  |  | 03 |  | 1972 |
| 02 | lt. green | gloss black E | silver plated | **lt.** amber | 5 square **9**x4mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) |  | #43 |  |  | 02 |  | 1972 |
| 04 | lt. green | **unpainted** E | silver plated | dk. amber | 5 square **9**x4mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) | lrn | #43 |  |  | 04 |  | 1972 |
| 12 | lt. green | **unpainted** E | silver plated | **lt.** amber | 5 square **9**x4mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) |  | #43 |  |  | 12 |  | 1972 |
| f03 | lt. green | gloss black E | silver plated | dk. amber | **malt. cross** 12x6.5mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) |  | #43 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| 06 | lt. green | gloss black E | silver plated | dk. amber | 5 slot 10x4mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) | lrn, lrw | #43 |  |  | 06 |  | 1973 |
| 05 | lt. green | gloss black E | silver plated | **lt.** amber | 5 slot 10x4mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) | lrn | #43 |  |  | 05 |  | 1973 |
| f17 | lt. green | gloss black E | silver plated | **very lt.** amber | 5 slot 10x4mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) |  | #43 |  |  |  |  | 1973 |
| f01 | lt. green | **flat** black E | silver plated | dk. amber | 5 slot 10x4mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) | lrn, lrw | #43 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f15 | lt. green | **matt** black E | silver plated | dk. amber | 5 slot 10x4mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) | lrw | #43 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f05 | lt. green | **charcoal** E | silver plated | dk. amber | 5 slot 10x4mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) | lrn | #43 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f06 | lt. green | **charcoal** E | silver plated | **lt.** amber | 5 slot 10x4mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) | lrn | #43 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| 07 | lt. green | **blue-gray** E | silver plated | dk. amber | 5 slot 10x4mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) | lrw | #43 |  |  | 07 |  | 1974 |
| 08 | lt. green | **gray** E | silver plated | dk. amber | 5 slot 10x4mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) |  | #43 |  |  | 08 |  | 1974 |
| f12 | lt. green | gloss black E | silver plated | dk. amber | **4 spoke** 11.5x4mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) |  | #43 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f13 | lt. green | gloss black E | silver plated | dk. amber | 5 **square** 10x4mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) | lrw | #43 |  |  |  |  | 1975 |
| f14 | lt. green | gloss black E | silver plated | **pinkish** amber | 5 **square** 10x4mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) | lrw | #43 |  |  |  |  | 1975 |
| 11 | lt. green | gloss black E | silver plated | dk. amber | **dot dash** 9.5x4mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) |  | #43 |  |  | 11 |  | 1976 |
| 09 | lt. green | gloss black E | silver plated | **lt.** amber | **dot dash** 9.5x4mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) |  | #43 |  |  | 09 |  | 1976 |
| f16 | lt. green | gloss black E | silver plated | dk. amber | **4 spoke** 11.5x4mm | **dot dash** 14x5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) | lrn | #43 |  |  |  |  | 1976 |
| 10 | lt. green | gloss black E | silver plated | dk. amber | **dot dash** 9.5x4mm | **dot dash** 14x5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) | lr | #43 |  |  | 10 |  | 1976 |
| f04 | lt. green | **charcoal** E | silver plated | dk. amber | **dot dash** 9.5x4mm | **dot dash** 14x5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) | lr | #43 |  |  |  |  | 1976 |
| f11 | lt. green | **dk. yellow** E | silver plated | dk. amber | **dot dash** 9.5x4mm | **dot dash** 14x5mm | DRAGON WHEELS labels (sided - steeper right / left) |  | #43 |  |  |  |  | 1976 |
| f02 | lt. green | gloss black E | silver plated | dk. amber | **dot dash** 9.5x4mm | **dot dash** 14x5mm | **none** | x | #43 |  |  |  |  | 1976 |

**USA codes:**

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| **MB 43-B** |  |  |  |

**UK codes:**

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| **43D** |  |  |  |

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| **ROW numbers:** | **43** (1972-1977) |
| **USA numbers:** | **43** (1972-1977) |
| **Other numbers:** | **J 43** (1979) |

**NOTE:**

**"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.**

**SUB-VARIATIONS:**

| **Labels:** | |  |  | **Wheels:** | |  |
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| **code** | **left side label** | **right side label** |  | **code** | **front wheels** |
| ll | left | **left** |  | n | narrow inner rim |
| lr | left | right |  | w | wide inner rim |
| rl | **right** | **left** |  | x | no inner rim |
| rr | **right** | right |  |  |  |
| x | non-sided or no label | non-sided or no label |  |  |  |  |

**Previous ref.: none**

**Later ref.: ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ BR 43-B (VW) DRAGON WHEELS**

**⇒ ⇒ ⇒ LS 46-D (VW) HOT CHOCOLATE**

**BOX TYPES:**

| **#** | **type** | **description** | **note** | **area** | **date** |
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| 01 | I | with red NEW, with frame around number, © 1971 "MATCHBOX" REG'D T.M. ..., MARK 5 on end flaps |  |  | 1972-75 |
| 02 | J | without NEW, "MATCHBOX" IS THE..., no rectangle on side, MARK 6 on end flaps, circled cross on inner end flaps | 2 shades |  | 1976 |
| 03 | J | without NEW, "MATCHBOX" IS THE..., CONFORMITÉ..., NE CONVIENT..., no rectangle on side, MARK 6 on end flaps, circled cross on inner end flaps |  |  | 1977 |