**LS 50-B** (1973) **ARTICULATED TRUCK**

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| © year on base: 1973  scale: 1:90 (not cast on base)  length: 78/83mm  width: 30mm  height: 35mm  MATCHBOX lettering on base: bold italic  additional lettering on base: Superfast (script)  company on base: LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO LTD  number on base: 50  cast license plate: GTD 237M (rear only) / none | detachable metal trailer  plastic cab & trailer bases  no interior  black plastic wheels with silver hubs |  |

| **#** | **cab** | **cab base** | **windows** | **dump** | **trailer base** | **front wheels** | **rear wheels** | **deco** | **base insert** | **rear cast** | **sub-var** | **note** | **cate** | **area** | **Mack #** | **Mack date** | **date** |
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| 01 | orange-yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | **stripes** labels | **A** black | A | a | #50 |  |  | 01 |  | 1973 |
| f23 | orange-yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | **5 slot** 10.5x4mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | **stripes** labels | **A** black | A | a | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1973 |
| f25 | orange-yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | **orange** | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | **stripes** labels | **A** black | A | a | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1973 |
| f02a | orange-yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | **stripes** labels | B black | A | a, b | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1973 |
| f02b | orange-yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 **slot** 10x5.5mm | **stripes** labels | B black | A | a | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f09a | orange-yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | **5 slot** 10.5x4mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | **stripes** labels | B black | A |  | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f09b | orange-yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | **5 slot** 10.5x4mm | 5 **slot** 10x5.5mm | **stripes** labels | B black | A | a | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| 03 | yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | **stripes** labels | **A** black | A | a | #50 |  |  | 03 |  | 1973 |
| f19a | yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | **stripes** labels | B black | A | b | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f19b | yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 **slot** 10x5.5mm | **stripes** labels | B black | A | a | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f01 | orange-yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | **A** black | A | a | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1973 |
| f24 | orange-yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | **5 slot** 10.5x4mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | **A** black | A |  | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1973 |
| f26 | orange-yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | **orange** | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | **A** black | A | a | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1973 |
| 02a | orange-yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | B black | A | a, b | #50 |  |  | 02 |  | 1973 |
| 02b | orange-yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 **slot** 10x5.5mm | none | B black | A | a, **aoa** | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| 04a | orange-yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | **5 slot** 10.5x4mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | B black | A | a, b | #50 |  |  | 04 |  | 1974 |
| 04b | orange-yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | **5 slot** 10.5x4mm | 5 **slot** 10x5.5mm | none | B black | A | a | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f05 | orange-yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | **orange** | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | B black | A |  | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1973 |
| f06 | orange-yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | **orange** | **5 slot** 10.5x4mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | B black | A | a | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f29 | orange-yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | **C** black | A | a | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1978 |
| f30 | orange-yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | **5 slot** 10.5x4mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | **C** black | A | a | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1978 |
| f32a | yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | B black | A | a | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1973 |
| f32b | yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 **slot** 10x5.5mm | none | B black | A |  | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f20a | yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | **5 slot** 10.5x4mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | B black | A | a | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f20b | yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | **5 slot** 10.5x4mm | 5 **slot** 10x5.5mm | none | B black | A |  | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f10 | yellow | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | **5 square** 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | B black | A | (a) | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1973 |
| f28 | yellow | black E (**B**) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | B black | A | a | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1978 |
| 05 | yellow | black E (B) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | **C** black | A | a, b | #50 |  |  | 05 |  | 1978 |
| 06 | yellow | black E (B) | purple | blue | **orange** | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | **C** black | A |  | #50 |  |  | 06 |  | 1978 |
| 07a | yellow | black E (B) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C black | **B** | b | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1978 |
| 08a | yellow | black E (B) | purple | blue | **orange** | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C black | **B** |  | #50 |  |  | 08 |  | 1978 |
| 07b | yellow | black E (B) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C black | C | b | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1978 |
| 08b | yellow | black E (B) | purple | blue | **orange** | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C black | C |  | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1978 |
| f03 | yellow | black E (B) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | **malt. cross** 10x5.5mm | none | C black | C |  | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1978 |
| f07 | yellow | black E (B) | purple | blue | **lemon** | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C black | C | a | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1980 |
| 11 | yellow | black E (B) | purple | blue | **lemon** | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C black | **D** |  | TP-16 | TP |  | 11 |  | 1980 |
| 09 | yellow | black E (B) | **red** | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C black | C | a | #50 |  |  | 09 |  | 1979 |
| f04 | yellow | black E (B) | **red** | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | **malt. cross** 10x5.5mm | none | C black | C | b | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1979 |
| 13 | **lemon** | black E (B) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C black | C | b | #50 |  |  | 13 |  | 1980 |
| f17 | **lemon** | black E (B) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | **dot dash** 9.5x5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C black | C |  | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1980 |
| 10 | **lemon** | black E (B) | purple | blue | **lemon** | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C black | C | b | #50 |  |  | 10 |  | 1980 |
| 12 | **lemon** | black E (B) | purple | blue | **lemon** | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C black | **D** | a, b | TP-16 | TP |  | 12 |  | 1980 |
| f27 | **lemon** | black E (B) | **red** | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C black | C | b | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1980 |
| f15 | **lemon** | black E (B) | **red** | blue | **lemon** | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C black | C | a, b | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1980 |
| 14 | **lemon** | black E (B) | **red** | blue | **lemon** | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C black | **D** | a, b | TP-16 | TP |  | 14 |  | 1980 |
| f13 | red | black E (B) | purple | **blue** | red | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | **5 arch** 11x5.5mm | none | C **yellow** | **B** |  |  | MP |  |  |  | 1981 |
| 16 | **dk.** red | black E (B) | purple | **blue** | red | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C **yellow** | **B** | a |  | MP |  | 16 |  | 1981 |
| 17 | **dk.** red | black E (B) | **red** | **blue** | red | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C **yellow** | **B** |  |  | MP |  | 17 |  | 1981 |
| f08 | **dk.** red | black E (B) | purple | silver-gray | red | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C black | C | (b) | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1981 |
| 19a | red | black E (B) | purple | silver-gray | red | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C black | **D** | b | TP-16 | TP |  | 19 |  | 1981 |
| 19b | **dk.** red | black E (B) | purple | silver-gray | red | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C black | **D** | b | TP-16 | TP |  |  |  | 1981 |
| f14 | **dk.** red | black E (B) | **red** | silver-gray | red | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C black | C |  | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1981 |
| 18 | **dk.** red | black E (B) | **red** | silver-gray | red | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C black | **D** | b | TP-16 | TP |  | 18 |  | 1981 |
| f31 | **blue** | black E (A) | purple | blue | orange-yellow | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | B black | A | a | #50 |  |  |  |  | 1977 |
| f16 | **blue** | black E (A) | purple | blue | **lemon** | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | 5 square 10x5.5mm | none | C black | **D** |  | TP-16 | TP |  |  |  | 1980 |

**USA codes:**

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| **MB 50-B** |  |  |  |

**UK codes:**

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| **50D** |  |  |  |

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| **ROW numbers:** | **50** (1973-1979) |
| **USA numbers:** | **50** (1973-1979) |
| **Other numbers:** | **none** |

**NOTES:**

**Same cab as LS 63-B.**

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| **Cab base types:** | **A** | **base insert flush with cab base** |
|  | **B** | **base insert has raised rim around edge** |

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| **Trailer base insert types:** | **A** | **arrow design with two rivets** |
|  | **B** | **arrow design with no rivets** |
|  | **C** | **two raised parallel lines with no rivets** |

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| **Trailer rear casting types:** | **A** | **with license plate, no hole** |
|  | **B** | **without license plate, with hole, narrow braces** |
|  | **C** | **without license plate, with hole, wide braces** |
|  | **D** | **without license plate, with tow hook, wide braces** |

**Cabs and trailers are detachable and can be switched.**

**SUB-VARIATIONS:**

| **code** | **rear ridge** |
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| a | no |
| b | yes |

**ODDITIES:**

| **code** | **description** |
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| oa | 5 spoke wheel left rear, 5 spoke square wheel right rear |

**Previous ref.: none**

**Later ref.: ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ BR 50-B ARTICULATED TRUCK**

**⇒ ⇒ ⇒ LS 50-C ARTICULATED TRUCK Trailer**

**BOX TYPES:**

| **#** | **type** | **description** | **note** | **area** | **date** |
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| 01 | I | with black NEW, with frame around number, "MATCHBOX" IS THE..., MARK 4 on end flaps |  |  | 1973-75 |
| 02 | I | with black NEW, with frame around number, "MATCHBOX" IS THE..., NOT RECOMMENDED..., MARK 4 on end flaps |  |  | 1976/77 |
| 03 | I | with black NEW, with frame around number, "MATCHBOX" IS THE..., CONFORMITÉ..., NE CONVIENT..., MARK 4 on end flaps |  |  | 1978 |
| 04 | I | with black NEW, with frame around number, "MATCHBOX" (MARCA REGISTRADA)..., two lines in rectangle, MARK 4 on end flaps |  |  | 1979 |
| 05 | L | without NEW, "MATCHBOX" (MARCA REGISTRADA)..., two lines in rectangle, MARK 5 on end flaps, circled cross on inner end flaps |  |  | 1979 |
| 06 | L | without NEW, "MATCHBOX" (MARCA REGISTRADA)..., two lines in rectangle, MARK 5 on end flaps, no circled cross on inner end flaps |  |  | 1980 |
| 07 | Ger-B | red & yellow window box with individual picture |  | D | 1979 |