**LS 53-B** (1972) **TANZARA**

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| © year on base: 1972  scale: 1:60 (not cast on base)  length: 76mm  width: 32mm  height: 23mm  MATCHBOX lettering on base: bold italic  additional lettering on base: Superfast (script)  company on base: LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD  number on base: 53  cast license plate: none | metal base  pat. no. on rear axle cover: 1238927  plastic interior & engine  black plastic wheels with silver hubs  metal engine cover opens  green or red plastic wheel strip (40979-146) |  |

| **#** | **body** | **base** | **interior / engine** | **windows** | **front wheels** | **rear wheels** | **deco** | **sub-var** | **note** | **cate** | **area** | **Mack #** | **Mack date** | **date** |
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| 01 | **lt.** orange | unpainted E | silver plated | **blue-green** | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | none | gc | #53 |  |  | 01 |  | 1972 |
| 02 | dk. orange | unpainted E | silver plated | **blue-green** | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | none | gd | #53 |  |  | 02 |  | 1972 |
| f07 | dk. orange | unpainted E | silver plated | **blue-green** | malt. cross **12x6.5**mm | malt. cross **10x5.5**mm | none |  | #53 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| 03 | **lt.** orange | unpainted E | silver plated | **lt.** amber | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | none | (gd) | #53 |  |  | 03 |  | 1974 |
| 04 | dk. orange | unpainted E | silver plated | **lt.** amber | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | none |  | #53 |  |  | 04 |  | 1974 |
| 05 | **lt.** orange | unpainted E | silver plated | amber | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | none | gc, rd, **roa** | #53 |  |  | 05 |  | 1974 |
| 06 | dk. orange | unpainted E | silver plated | amber | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | none | gb, rb | #53 |  |  | 06 |  | 1974 |
| f05a | dk. orange | unpainted E | silver plated | amber | **5 square** 10x5.5mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | none |  | #53 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f05b | dk. orange | unpainted E | silver plated | amber | **5 slot** 10x5.5mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | none |  | #53 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f11a | dk. orange | unpainted E | silver plated | amber | **5 square** 10x5.5mm | **5 square** 10x5.5mm | none | rb | #53 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f11b | dk. orange | unpainted E | silver plated | amber | **5 slot** 10x5.5mm | **5 slot** 10x5.5mm |  |  | #53 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f12 | dk. orange | unpainted E | silver plated | amber | malt. cross **12x6.5**mm | malt. cross **10x5.5**mm | none |  | #53 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| f13a | dk. orange | unpainted E | silver plated | amber | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | **5 square** 10x5.5mm | none |  | #53 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f13b | dk. orange | unpainted E | silver plated | amber | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | **5 slot** 10x5.5mm | none | ra | #53 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f06 | **lt.** orange | unpainted E | silver plated | amber | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | **8** label (from LS 19-B) |  | #53 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| 07 | white | unpainted E | silver plated | amber | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | **none** | rb | #53 |  |  | 07 |  | 1975 |
| 11 | white | unpainted E | silver plated | **blue-green** | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | red & blue stripes, 53 tampo |  | #53 Streaker |  |  | 11 |  | 1975 |
| 08 | white | unpainted E | silver plated | amber | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | **orange** & blue stripes, 53 tampo | rd | #53 Streaker |  |  | 08 |  | 1975 |
| 09 | white | unpainted E | silver plated | amber | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | red & blue stripes, 53 tampo | ga, rc | #53 Streaker |  |  | 09 |  | 1975 |
| f03 | white | unpainted E | silver plated | amber | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | **dk.** red & blue stripes, 53 tampo | rc | #53 Streaker |  |  |  |  | 1975 |
| f04 | white | unpainted E | silver plated | amber | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | **maroon** & blue stripes, 53 tampo |  | #53 Streaker |  |  |  |  | 1975 |
| 10 | white | **silver-gray** E | silver plated | amber | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | red & blue stripes, 53 tampo |  | #53 Streaker |  |  | 10 |  | 1975 |
| f01 | white | unpainted E | silver plated | **lt.** amber | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | red & blue stripes, 53 tampo | rc | #53 Streaker |  |  |  |  | 1975 |
| f02 | white | unpainted E | silver plated | **lt.** amber | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | **maroon** & blue stripes, 53 tampo | (rc) | #53 Streaker |  |  |  |  | 1975 |
| f14 | white | unpainted E | silver plated | amber | malt. cross **12x6.5**mm | malt. cross **10x5.5**mm | red & blue stripes, 53 tampo |  | #53 Streaker |  |  |  |  | 1975 |
| 12 | white | unpainted E | **red** | amber | malt. cross 10x5.5mm | malt. cross 12x6.5mm | red & blue stripes, 53 tampo | gc | #53 Streaker |  |  | 12 |  | 1976 |

**USA codes:**

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| **MB 53-B** |  |  |  |

**UK codes:**

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| **53D** |  |  |  |

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| **ROW numbers:** | **53** (1972-1976) |  |
| **USA numbers:** | **53** (1972-1976) |  |
| **Other numbers:** | **J 18** (1978) | **J 53** (1979) |

**NOTE:**

**Engine covers come with varying die numbers from 1 to 4 cast on the underside.**

**SUB-VARIATIONS:**

| **code** | **wheel strip** | **engine cover die number** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ga | green | 1 |
| gb | green | 2 |
| gc | green | 3 |
| gd | green | 4 |
| ra | red | 1 |
| rb | red | 2 |
| rc | red | 3 |
| rd | red | 4 |

**ODDITIES:**

| **code** | **description** |
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| oa | longer front axle |

**Previous ref.: none**

**Later ref.: ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ BR 53-B TANZARA**

**⇒ ⇒ ⇒ LS 51-D MIDNIGHT MAGIC**

**BOX TYPES:**

| **#** | **type** | **description** | **note** | **area** | **date** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 01 | I | with red NEW, with frame around number, © 1971 "MATCHBOX" REG'D T.M. ..., MARK 4 on end flaps |  |  | 1972/73 |
| 02 | I | without NEW, with frame around number, © 1971 "MATCHBOX" REG'D T.M. ..., MARK 4 on end flaps |  |  | 1973/74 |
| 03 | I | without NEW, without frame around number, © 1971 "MATCHBOX" REG'D T.M. ..., MARK 4 on end flaps |  |  | 1974 |
| 04 | J | with NEW, "MATCHBOX" IS THE..., no rectangle on side, MARK 5 on end flaps, circled cross on inner end flaps | Streaker |  | 1975 |
| 05 | J | with NEW, "MATCHBOX" IS THE..., NOT RECOMMENDED..., no rectangle on side, MARK 5 on end flaps, circled cross on inner end flaps | Streaker |  | 1976 |