**LS 55-B** (1971) **MERCURY Commuter POLICE CAR**

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| © year on base: 1971  scale: 1:72 (not cast on base)  length: 78mm  width: 30mm  height: 26mm  MATCHBOX lettering on base: italic  additional lettering on base: SUPERFAST (italic)  company on base: LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD  number on base: 55  cast license plate: TD 273-8 (front only) | metal grille & base  tow guide  PAT APP behind rear axle cover  plastic interior with cases and cones (unless noted otherwise)  black plastic wheels with silver hubs  plastic roof lights  cream, red or black plastic wheel strip (40979-126 cream, 40979-138 red or black) |  |

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| **#** | **body** | **grille / base** | **interior** | **windows** | **wheels** | **hood deco** | **side deco** | **roof lights** | **sub-var** | **note** | **cate** | **area** | **Mack #** | **Mack date** | **date** |
| f09 | white | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot **10x2**mm | **POLICE & shield** label | shield labels | red |  | #55 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| 01 | white | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | **POLICE & shield** label | shield labels | red | **k**, r | #55 |  |  | 01 |  | 1971 |
| f11 | white | unpainted E | ivory **w/ dogs** (from LS 73-A) | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | **POLICE & shield** label | shield labels | red |  | #55 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f01 | white | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | **POLICE & shield** label | **none** | red | **k**, r, **roa** | #55 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f08 | white | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | red & yellow POLICE label (**small** 13x3mm text) | **shield** labels | red |  | #55 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| 02 | white | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | red & yellow POLICE label (**small** 13x3mm text) | red & yellow POLICE labels (sided - pointing left / right) | red | lrhr, lrmr | #55 |  |  | 02 |  | 1972 |
| f05 | white | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | red & yellow POLICE label (large 14x4mm text) | red & yellow POLICE labels (sided - pointing left / right) | red | lrhr | #55 |  |  |  |  | 1973 |
| 03 | white | **silver-gray** E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | red & yellow POLICE label (large 14x4mm text) | red & yellow POLICE labels (sided - pointing left / right) | red | lrmr | #55 |  |  | 03 |  | 1973 |
| f10 | white | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot **10.5**x4mm | red & yellow POLICE label | red & yellow POLICE labels (sided - pointing left / right) | red |  | #55 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| f04 | white | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm front, **4 sp** 11.5x4mm rear | red & yellow POLICE label | red & yellow POLICE labels (sided - pointing left / right) | red |  | #55 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| f03 | white | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 **square** 10x4mm | red & yellow POLICE label (large 14x4mm text) | red & yellow POLICE labels (sided - pointing left / right) | red |  | MP-1 | MP |  |  |  | 1979 |
| 04 | white | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | red & yellow POLICE label (large 14x4mm text) | **none** | red | **lk**, hr, **mc**, mr | #55 |  |  | 04 |  | 1973 |
| f02 | white | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | **orange** & yellow POLICE label (large 14x4mm text) | **none** | red | **hk**, mr |  |  |  |  |  | 1973 |
| 05 | white | **silver-gray** E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | red & yellow POLICE label (large 14x4mm text) | **none** | red | mr | #55 |  |  | 05 |  | 1973 |
| 06 | white | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | red & yellow POLICE label (large 14x4mm text) | **none** | **amber** |  | #55 |  |  | 06 | 1984-05 | 1973 |

**USA codes:**

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| **MB 55-B** |  |  |  |

**UK codes:**

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| **55E** |  |  |  |

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| **ROW numbers:** | **55** (1971-1974) |
| **USA numbers:** | **55** (1971-1974) |
| **Other numbers:** | **none** |

**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:** | |  |  |  | **Wheel strip:** | |
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| **code** | **left side label** | **right side label** | **POLICE on hood label** |  | **code** | **wheel strip** |
| lll | left | **left** | low |  | c | cream |
| llm | left | **left** | medium |  | k | black |
| llh | left | **left** | high |  | r | red |
| lrl | left | right | low |  |  |  |
| lrm | left | right | medium |  |  |  |
| lrh | left | right | high |  |  |  |
| rll | **right** | **left** | low |  |  |  |
| rlm | **right** | **left** | medium |  |  |  |
| rlh | **right** | **left** | high |  |  |  |
| rrl | **right** | right | low |  |  |  |
| rrm | **right** | right | medium |  |  |  |
| rrh | **right** | right | high |  |  |  |
| l | no or non-sided label | no or non-sided label | low |  |  |  |
| m | no or non-sided label | no or non-sided label | medium |  |  |  |
| h | no or non-sided label | no or non-sided label | high |  |  |  |
| x | no or non-sided label | no or non-sided label | irrelevant |  |  |  |

**ODDITIES:**

| **code** | **description** |
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| oa | additional POLICE & shield label on **roof** |

**Previous ref.: ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ LS 73-A MERCURY Commuter**

**Later ref.: ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ BR 55-B MERCURY Commuter POLICE CAR**

**BOX TYPES:**

| **#** | **type** | **description** | **note** | **area** | **date** |
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| 01 | H | with NEW, with frame around number, MARK 4 on end flaps, no SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1971 |
| 02 | H | with NEW, no frame around number, MARK 4 on end flaps, no SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1971/72 |
| 03 | H | with NEW, no frame around number, MARK 4 on end flaps, SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1972 |
| 04 | H | without NEW, no frame around number, MARK 4 on end flaps, SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1973/74 |