

# what's new

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*New, occasional, range of super-detailed hand-built metal 1:43rd scale models that almost defy analysis.....*

Ferrari 156/85 F1 San Marino GP 5\*+++++ £1840  
Ferrari 250GT SWB (2119 GT) S. Moss - 1960 5\*++++ £1380

every so often a new talent enters the model world and the new models produced rewrite the parameters by which we judge everything else. Superdetailing of 1:43rds has tended in the past to be judged by standards set by men like Brauer in France and Martin Allen in the UK. They took metal Ferraris by AMR and re-modelled them with opening doors, bonnets, boots, detailed interiors, leather seats etc. Now all that is 'old hat' and obsolete in the light of new models made by Klaus Gopfert under the name 'One Man Factory' in Germany. Using AMR and Tameo (among others) base models he produces the most detailed, exquisite and intricate miniatures anyone has yet seen in 1:43rd. He opens bonnets, boots and doors etc fitting brass hand-made ones instead. His fine paint finishes and body 'furniture' are beyond comment - perfection. It is however in the realms of engine and interior that Gopfert sets new standards. He hand makes his engines in sterling silver with a degree of fine detail that is staggering even when seen under a magnifying glass. He makes, for example, his own hose unions. He fits air horns, all engine wiring, screen washer bottles and even (in some more advanced models) a removeable dip stick. Interiors have a similar level of detail with readable instruments, wafer thin leather covered seats and hand made wood rim steering wheels with even the finger grips correctly detailed. The talent shown is a unique combination of watchmaker and model artiste resulting in superbly attractive models that have a warmth lacking in similar but larger scale creations by engineers like Wingrove.

GPM is now able to offer Gopfert's creations, a display of them will be mounted during November and from the time of publication of this edition there will always be one or more on display. Level of detail is variable. A 'standard' model with all opening parts will be around £1380 and most Ferrari subjects can be made to order providing that a good base model exists. These will include fully detailed engines etc. A super-superbuild standard is also available although the precise features of each will vary at the client's order. Fuel caps can be openable for example, dip sticks can be fitted, interior and headlights can be made to work using a micro (hidden) battery and door operated micro-switch. Window quarter lights will be openable, screens will be custom made to similar standard created by BBR. Many features on all the models are exclusive Gopfert creations, engines and ancillaries, door handles, hose joints etc.

A November development will see the offer of a two Ferrari engine mounted display, both in silver and finely detailed. The price has yet to be fixed.

Please understand that Gopfert makes only twenty five models a year. GPM has first call on his talents but his order book is already crowded. Please discuss what you would like to have him make with us even though you may have to wait some six months for delivery. Please also try to call and see the examples we have on show. Note also that we do not know yet whether these fine models will travel.