**LR 23-C** (1961) **BLUEBIRD DAUPHINE Caravan**

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| © year on base: none  scale: 1:80 (not cast on base)  length: 64mm  width: 24mm  height: 30mm  MATCHBOX lettering on base: none  additional lettering on base: none  company on base: MADE IN ENGLAND BY LESNEY  number on base: 23  cast license plate: none | metal base  no interior  no window glazing  plastic wheels  dome head rounded axle  metal door opens |  |

| **#** | **body** | **base** | **wheels** | **deco** | **door** | **window pillars** | **door hinge type** | **tow hitch type** | **sub-var** | **note** | **cate** | **area** | **Stannard #** | **Jones #** | **date** |
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| 0010 | met. mauve | **crimson** E | **8x18** gray | ON TOW rear decal | **black** | 1mm narrow | hinge 1 | tow hitch 1 |  |  | P |  |  | 01 | 1961 |
| 0020 | met. mauve | **crimson** E | **8x18** gray | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge 1 | tow hitch 1 |  |  | P |  |  |  | 1961 |
| 0030 | **met. lime** | **met. lime** E | 9x20 gray | ON TOW rear decal | **met. lime** | 1mm narrow | hinge 1 | tow hitch 1 | (x) | #23 |  |  | 01 | 02 | 1961 |
| 0040 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x20 gray | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge 1 | tow hitch 1 | x | #23 |  |  | 02 | 03 | 1961 |
| 0045 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x20 gray | **none** | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge 1 | tow hitch 1 | (x) | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1961 |
| 0050 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x20 gray | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge 1 | tow hitch 2 | x | #23 |  |  | 03 | 04 | 1961 |
| 0060 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x20 gray | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge 1 | tow hitch 3 | x | #23 |  |  | 04 | 05 | 1961 |
| 0070 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x20 gray | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge 1 | tow hitch **4** |  | #23 |  |  | 05 | 06 | 1961 |
| 0080 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x20 silver | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge 1 | tow hitch 2 | x | #23 |  |  | 06 | 07 | 1961 |
| 0090 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x20 silver | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge **2** | tow hitch 2 |  | #23 |  |  |  | 08 | 1961 |
| 0100 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x20 silver | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge 1 | tow hitch 3 | x | #23 |  |  | 07 | 10 | 1961 |
| 0110 | **lt.** met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x20 silver | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge 1 | tow hitch 3 | x | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1961 |
| 0120 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x20 silver | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge **2** | tow hitch 3 |  | #23 |  |  |  | 09 | 1961 |
| 0130 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | **8x18** gray | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge 1 | tow hitch 3 | x | #23 |  |  | 08 | 12 | 1961 |
| 0140 | **lt.** met. mauve | met. mauve E | **8x18** gray | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge 1 | tow hitch 3 | (x) | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1961 |
| 0150 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | **8x18** gray | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge **2** | tow hitch 3 |  | #23 |  |  |  | 11 | 1961 |
| 0160 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | **8x18** gray | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge 1 | tow hitch **4** | x | #23 |  |  | 09 | 13 | 1961 |
| 0165 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x24 silver | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge 1 | tow hitch **3** | x | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1962 |
| 0170 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x24 silver | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge 1 | tow hitch 4 | x | #23 |  |  | 10 | 14 | 1962 |
| 0180 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x24 silver | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge 2 | tow hitch 4 | (x) | #23 |  |  | 11 | 15 | 1962 |
| 0190 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x24 silver | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge 2 | tow hitch **5** |  | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1962 |
| 0200 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x24 silver | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | **1.5**mm **wide** | hinge 2 | tow hitch 4 | x | #23 |  |  | 12 | 16 | 1963 |
| 0210 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x24 silver | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | **1.5**mm **wide** | hinge **3** | tow hitch 4 | (x) | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1963 |
| 0220 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x24 silver | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | **1.5**mm **wide** | hinge 2 | tow hitch **5** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1963 |
| 0230 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x24 silver | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | **1.5**mm **wide** | hinge **3** | tow hitch **5** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1963 |
| 0240 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9.5x20 silver | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge 2 | tow hitch 4 |  | #23 |  |  | 14 | 18 | 1962 |
| 0250 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9.5x20 silver | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge 2 | tow hitch **5** |  | #23 |  |  | 15 | 19 | 1962 |
| 0260 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9.5x20 silver | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | **1.5**mm **wide** | hinge 2 | tow hitch 5 |  | #23 |  |  |  | 17 | 1963 |
| 0270 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x24x2.5 gray | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge 2 | tow hitch 4 | (x) | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1963 |
| 0280 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x24x**3** gray | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | 1mm narrow | hinge 2 | tow hitch 4 |  | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1963 |
| 0290 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x24x2.5 gray | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | **1.5**mm **wide** | hinge 3 | tow hitch 4 | x | #23 |  |  | 16 | 20 | 1963 |
| 0300 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x24x**3** gray | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | **1.5**mm **wide** | hinge 3 | tow hitch 4 | (x) | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1963 |
| 0310 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x24x2.5 gray | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | **1.5**mm **wide** | hinge 3 | tow hitch 5 |  | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1963 |
| 0320 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x24x**3** gray | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | **1.5**mm **wide** | hinge 3 | tow hitch 5 |  | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1963 |
| 0330 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x24x2.5 gray | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | **1.5**mm **wide** | hinge 3 | tow hitch 6 |  | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1963 |
| 0340 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x24x**3** gray | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | **1.5**mm **wide** | hinge 3 | tow hitch 6 | x | #23 |  |  | 17 | 21 | 1963 |
| 0350 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x**36** gray | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | **1.5**mm **wide** | hinge 3 | tow hitch 5 |  | #23 |  |  | 18 | 22 | 1964 |
| 0360 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x**36** gray | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | **1.5**mm **wide** | hinge 3 | tow hitch 6 | x, **oa** | #23 |  |  | 19 | 23 | 1964 |
| 0370 | **lt.** met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x**36** gray | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | **1.5**mm **wide** | hinge 3 | tow hitch 6 | x | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1964 |
| 0380 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x36 **black** | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | **1.5**mm **wide** | hinge 3 | tow hitch 5 |  | #23 |  |  |  | 24 | 1964 |
| 0390 | met. mauve | met. mauve E | 9x36 **black** | ON TOW rear decal | met. mauve | **1.5**mm **wide** | hinge 3 | tow hitch 6 | (x) | #23 |  |  | 20 | 25 | 1964 |

| **door hinge type code** | **length** | **width** | **shape** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| hinge 1 | **short** | 2mm narrow | rounded, door pin **exposed** |
| hinge 2 | long | 2mm narrow | rounded, door pin covered |
| hinge 3 | long | **3**mm **wide** | **squared & tapered**, door pin covered |

| **tow hitch type code** | **width** | **top** | **hitch inner** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| tow hitch 1 | narrow | flat | **flat** |
| tow hitch 2 | **wide** | flat | small round brace |
| tow hitch 3 | **wide** | flat | large round brace |
| tow hitch 4 | narrow | flat | large round brace |
| tow hitch 5 | narrow | **raised ring** | thin semi-circular foot |
| tow hitch 6 | narrow | **raised ring** | **thick** semi-circular foot |

**UK codes:**

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| **23C** |  |  |  |

**NOTES:**

**Examples with window glazing exist as pre-production models only.**

**Metallic mauve body color is prone to fading to silver-gray.**

**ODDITIES:**

| **code** | **description** |
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| oa | 9x**24** gray wheel left, 9x36 gray wheel right |

**Previous ref.: none**

**Later ref.: none**

**BOX TYPES:**

| **#** | **type** | **description** | **note** | **area** | **date** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 01 | B5 | LR 23-B shown, black number in white circle, white lowercase model name, without NEW MODEL, ***inner end flaps unknown*** | same box also used for LR 23-B |  | 1961 |
| 02 | B5 | black number in white circle, white lowercase model name, without NEW MODEL, plain inner end flaps |  |  | 1961 |
| 03 | C | LR 23-B shown, black number in white circle, white lowercase model name, without NEW MODEL, ***inner end flaps unknown*** |  |  | 1961 |
| 04 | C | black number in white circle, white lowercase model name, without NEW MODEL, ***inner end flaps unknown*** |  |  | 1961 |
| 05 | D1 | one blue & one black side, end flap lettering with serifs, without NEW MODEL, Pembroke Abbey logo on one inner end flap |  |  | 1962 |
| 06 | D2 | one blue & one black side, end flap lettering without serifs, without NEW MODEL, Pembroke Abbey logo on one inner end flap |  |  | 1963/64 |