**LS 05-A** (1969) **LOTUS EUROPA**

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| © year on base: 1969  scale: 1:55 (not cast on base)  length: 73mm  width: 31mm  height: 20mm  MATCHBOX lettering on base: straight  additional lettering on base: **none** / SUPERFAST (straight)  company on base: LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO LTD  number on base: 5  cast license plate: SAR 857G | metal base  (A) on front axle cover  pat. no. on rear axle cover: 983558  PAT APP on rear axle cover  plastic interior  black plastic wheels with silver hubs  metal doors open  plastic tow hook is part of interior  white or blue plastic wheel strip (4979-110 narrow wheels, 40979-137 wide wheels) |  |

| **#** | **body** | **base** | **interior** | **windows** | **wheels** | **deco** | **front bumper ends** | **wheel wells** | **side ridges** | **tow slot** | **pin / hole under roof** | **sub-var** | **note** | **cate** | **area** | **Mack #** | **Mack date** | **date** |
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| 01 | **med.** blue | unpainted E, **no Superfast** | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | none | **open** | narrow | no | open | yes / yes |  | #5 |  |  | 01 |  | 1969 |
| f17 | **med.** blue | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | none | **open** | narrow | no | open | yes / yes |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1969 |
| 02a | **med.** blue | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | none | closed | narrow | no | open | yes / yes | (ss) | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1969 |
| 02b | dk. blue | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | none | closed | narrow | no | open | yes / yes | (ss), (**sh**), **hs**, hh | #5 |  |  | 02 |  | 1969 |
| 02c | dk. blue | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | none | closed | narrow | **yes** | open | yes / yes | ss, (**ssoc**), (**sh**), hh | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| 03a | **med.** blue | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | **20** labels | closed | narrow | no | open | yes / yes | ass | G-3 | G |  |  |  | 1970 |
| 03b | dk. blue | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | **20** labels | closed | narrow | no | open | yes / yes | bss | G-3 | G |  | 03 |  | 1970 |
| 03c | dk. blue | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | **20** labels | closed | narrow | **yes** | open | yes / yes | ass, ahh | G-3 | G |  |  |  | 1970 |
| 04a | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | none | closed | narrow | yes | open | **yes / yes** | **sh**, hh | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| 04b | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | none | closed | narrow | yes | open | no / **yes** | ss, **hs**, hh, **hhoe** | #5 |  |  | 04 |  | 1971 |
| 04c | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | none | closed | narrow | yes | open | no / no |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f16a | **lt.** met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | none | closed | narrow | yes | open | no / **yes** | (ss) | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f16b | **lt.** met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | none | closed | narrow | yes | open | no / no |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f02a | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | none | closed | **wide** | yes | open | no / **yes** |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f02b | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | none | closed | **wide** | yes | open | no / no |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f15a | **lt.** met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | none | closed | **wide** | yes | open | no / **yes** |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f15b | **lt.** met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | none | closed | **wide** | yes | open | no / no | (ss) | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| 05a | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | **20** labels | closed | narrow | yes | open | **yes / yes** | bss, bhh | G-3 | G |  |  |  | 1971 |
| 05b | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | **20** labels | closed | narrow | yes | open | no / **yes** | **ahs**, ahh | G-3 | G |  | 05 |  | 1971 |
| 05c | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | **20** labels | closed | narrow | yes | open | no / no | bhh | G-3 | G |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f14 | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**2**mm | **LYONS TEA** label on hood | closed | narrow | yes | open | **yes / yes** |  |  | PR | B |  |  | 1971 |
| f11 | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | none | closed | **narrow** | yes | open |  |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| 07a | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | none | closed | wide | yes | open | no / **yes** | (nnn) | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| 07b | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | none | closed | wide | yes | open | no / no | nnn, nnw | #5 |  |  | 06, 07 |  | 1972 |
| 11 | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | none | closed | wide | yes | **filled** | no / no | nnn, (nnw) | #5 |  |  | 11 |  | 1974 |
| 08 | met. pink | **silver-gray** E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | none | closed | wide | yes | open | no / no |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| 10 | met. pink | **silver-gray** E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | none | closed | wide | yes | **filled** | no / no | nnn, (nnw) | #5 |  |  | 10 |  | 1974 |
| f06 | **lt.** met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | none | closed | wide | yes | open | no / no | nnn | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| f07 | **lt.** met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | none | closed | wide | yes | **filled** | no / no | (nnw) | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| f03 | **dk.** met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | none | closed | wide | yes | open | no / no |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| f04 | **dk.** met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | none | closed | wide | yes | **filled** | no / no | nnn, (nnw) | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| 09a | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | **20** labels | closed | wide | yes | open | no / **yes** | bnnn | G-3 | G |  |  |  | 1972 |
| 09b | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | **20** labels | closed | wide | yes | open | no / no | annn | G-3 | G |  | 09 |  | 1972 |
| 12 | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 **square** 10x**5.5**mm | none | closed | wide | yes | filled | no / no |  | #5 |  |  | 12 |  | 1974 |
| 13 | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot **10.5**x4mm | none | closed | wide | yes | filled | no / no |  | #5 |  |  | 13 |  | 1974 |
| f01 | met. pink | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | **malt. cross** 10x5.5mm | none | closed | wide | yes | filled | no / no |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1974 |
| 14a | black | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | gold JPS tampo | closed | wide | yes | filled | no / no | nnn, nnw | #2 / 18 |  | J | 14 |  | 1977 |
| 14b | black | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 **square** 10x4mm | gold JPS tampo | closed | wide | yes | filled | no / no | nnn | #2 / 18 |  | J |  |  | 1977 |
| 14c | black | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm front, 5 **square** 10x4mm rear | gold JPS tampo | closed | wide | yes | filled | no / no | nnn | #2 / 18 |  | J |  |  | 1977 |
| 16 | black | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | **dot dash** 9.5x4mm | gold JPS tampo | closed | wide | yes | filled | no / no | (w) | MP-1 | MP |  | 16 |  | 1979 |
| 15a | black | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm | **none** | closed | wide | yes | filled | no / no | nnw | MP-1 | MP |  | 15 |  | 1979 |
| 15b | black | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 **square** 10x4mm | **none** | closed | wide | yes | filled | no / no | nnw | MP-1 | MP |  |  |  | 1979 |
| 15c | black | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x4mm front, 5 **square** 10x4mm rear | **none** | closed | wide | yes | filled | no / no | nnw | MP-1 | MP |  |  |  | 1979 |

**USA codes:**

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| **MB 05-A** |  |  |  |

**UK codes:**

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| **5E** |  |  |  |

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| **ROW numbers:** | **5** (1969-1974) |  |
| **USA numbers:** | **5** (1969-1974) |  |
| **Other numbers:** | **J 2** (1977-1978) | **J 18** (1979) |

**NOTES:**

**G-3 gift set issues: additional labels were supplied on a separate label sheet.**

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

**SUB-VARIATIONS:**

| **Gift set labels:** | |  | **Wheels & casting:** | |  |  |
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| **code** | **gift set labels** |  | **code** | **front wheels** | **rear wheels** | **tow slot** |
| x | no gift set labels |  | ss | solid | solid | narrow |
| a | factory gift set labels |  | sh | solid | hollow | narrow |
| b | additional gift set labels |  | hs | hollow | solid | narrow |
|  |  |  | hh | hollow | hollow | narrow |
|  |  |  | nnn | narrow inner rim | narrow inner rim | narrow |
|  |  |  | nnw | narrow inner rim | narrow inner rim | wide |
|  |  |  | nwn | narrow inner rim | wide inner rim | narrow |
|  |  |  | nww | narrow inner rim | wide inner rim | wide |
|  |  |  | wnn | wide inner rim | narrow inner rim | narrow |
|  |  |  | wnw | wide inner rim | narrow inner rim | wide |
|  |  |  | wwn | wide inner rim | wide inner rim | narrow |
|  |  |  | www | wide inner rim | wide inner rim | wide |
|  |  |  | n | no inner rim | no inner rim | narrow |
|  |  |  | w | no inner rim | no inner rim | wide |

**ODDITIES:**

| **code** | **description** |
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| oa | solid wheels, **hollow** wheel front left only |
| ob | solid wheels, **hollow** wheel front right only |
| oc | solid wheels, **hollow** wheel rear left only |
| od | solid wheels, **hollow** wheel rear right only |
| oe | hollow wheels, **solid** wheel front left only |
| of | hollow wheels, **solid** wheel front right only |
| og | hollow wheels, **solid** wheel rear left only |
| oh | hollow wheels, **solid** wheel rear right only |

**Previous ref.: none**

**Later ref.: ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ BR 05-A LOTUS EUROPA**

**⇒ ⇒ ⇒ EA 05-A LOTUS EUROPA**

**⇒ ⇒ ⇒ GT BR 09 / 10 LOTUS EUROPA**

**BOX TYPES:**

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| **#** | **type** | **description** | **note** | **area** | **date** |
| 01 | F | with NEW, SF model shown, black SF, A LESNEY PRODUCT, drawings on sides, PORTIÈRES OUVRANTES on end flaps, no MARK on end flaps |  |  | 1969 |
| 02 | G | with NEW, red TM, "MATCHBOX" REG'D T.M. ..., SF parallel on sides, MARK 3 on end flaps, no SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1970 |
| 03 | H | with NEW, no frame around number, MARK 4 on end flaps, no SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1971/72 |
| 04 | H | with NEW, no frame around number, MARK 4 on end flaps, SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1972 |
| 05 | H | without NEW, no frame around number, MARK 4 on end flaps, SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1973 |
| 06 | I | with red NEW, with frame around number, "MATCHBOX" IS THE..., MARK 5 on end flaps |  |  | 1973/74 |
| 07 | Jap-A | black box | #J-2 | J | 1977/78 |
| 08 | I | with red NEW, with frame around number, "MATCHBOX" IS THE..., MARK 5 on end flaps | #18 | J | 1979 |