**LS 23-A** (1970) **VOLKSWAGEN CAMPER / DORMOBILE**

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| © year on base: 1970 / 1976  scale: 1:63 (not cast on base)  length: 70mm  width: 30mm  height: 31/33mm  MATCHBOX lettering on base: straight  additional lettering on base: SUPERFAST (straight)  company on base: LESNEY PROD. & CO LTD  number on base: 23 / none  cast license plate: VMV 252H (body with plastic roof, rear only) / DGY 833H (body with cast roof, rear only) | metal base  PAT APP at front of base  plastic interior  black plastic wheels  green plastic wheel strip  (40979-125; versions with 2mm wheels) |  |

| **#** | **body** | **base** | **base type** | **interior** | **windows** | **wheels** | **hubs** | **deco** | **roof** | **sub-var** | **note** | **cate** | **area** | **Mack #** | **Mack date** | **date** |
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| 01a | med. blue **(w/ gas tank)** | unpainted E | A | orange | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | silver | none | orange plastic | ssh | #23 |  |  | 01 |  | 1970 |
| 01b | med. blue **(w/ gas tank)** | unpainted E | A | orange | colorless | 5 slot **10**x2mm | silver | none | orange plastic |  | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| f07a | **lt.** blue **(w/ gas tank)** | unpainted E | A | orange | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | silver | none | orange plastic | (ssh) | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| f07b | **lt.** blue **(w/ gas tank)** | unpainted E | A | orange | colorless | 5 slot **10**x2mm | silver | none | orange plastic |  | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| 02a | med. blue | unpainted E | A | orange | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | silver | none | orange plastic | ssf, (**hsf**), hhf, hhh | #23 |  |  | 02 |  | 1970 |
| 02b | med. blue | unpainted E | A | orange | colorless | 5 slot **10**x2mm | silver | none | orange plastic | ssf, ssh, (**shf**), **hsh**, hhh | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| 02c | med. blue | unpainted E | A | orange | colorless | 5 **square** **10**x2mm | silver | none | orange plastic | hhf | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| f02a | **lt.** blue | unpainted E | A | orange | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | silver | none | orange plastic | ssh, hhf | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| f02b | **lt.** blue | unpainted E | A | orange | colorless | 5 slot **10**x2mm | silver | none | orange plastic |  | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| f03a | **dk.** blue | unpainted E | A | orange | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | silver | none | orange plastic | ssf, ssh, (hhf) | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| f03b | **dk.** blue | unpainted E | A | orange | colorless | 5 slot **10**x2mm | silver | none | orange plastic | (hhf) | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| 03a | med. blue | unpainted E | A | orange | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | silver | sailboat labels (sided - leaning right / left) | orange plastic | lrhhf, lrhhh | #23 |  |  | 03 |  | 1971 |
| 03b | med. blue | unpainted E | A | orange | colorless | 5 slot **10**x2mm | silver | sailboat labels (sided - leaning right / left) | orange plastic |  | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f08a | **lt.** blue | unpainted E | A | orange | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | silver | sailboat labels (sided - leaning right / left) | orange plastic | (lrhhf) | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f08b | **lt.** blue | unpainted E | A | orange | colorless | 5 slot **10**x2mm | silver | sailboat labels (sided - leaning right / left) | orange plastic |  | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f01a | med. blue | unpainted E | A | **white** | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | silver | sailboat labels (sided - leaning right / left) | orange plastic |  | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| f01b | med. blue | unpainted E | A | **white** | colorless | 5 slot **10**x2mm | silver | sailboat labels (sided - leaning right / left) | orange plastic |  | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| 04a | med. orange | unpainted E | A | **orange** | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | silver | sailboat labels (sided - leaning right / left) | orange plastic | (lrhhh) | #23 |  |  | 04 |  | 1972 |
| 04b | med. orange | unpainted E | A | **orange** | colorless | 5 slot **10**x2mm | silver | sailboat labels (sided - leaning right / left) | orange plastic |  | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| 05a | med. orange | unpainted E | A | white | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | silver | sailboat labels (sided - leaning right / left) | orange plastic | lrhhh | #23 |  |  | 05 |  | 1972 |
| 05b | med. orange | unpainted E | A | white | colorless | 5 slot **10**x2mm | silver | sailboat labels (sided - leaning right / left) | orange plastic | lrhhf, lrhhh | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| 06a | **lt.** orange | unpainted E | A | white | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | silver | sailboat labels (sided - leaning right / left) | orange plastic | (**lrhhfoa**) | #23 |  |  | 06 |  | 1972 |
| 06b | **lt.** orange | unpainted E | A | white | colorless | 5 slot **10**x2mm | silver | sailboat labels (sided - leaning right / left) | orange plastic | (lrhhh) | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| 07a | **dk.** orange | unpainted E | A | white | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | silver | sailboat labels (sided - leaning right / left) | orange plastic | (lrhhf), lrhhh | #23 |  |  | 07 |  | 1972 |
| 07b | **dk.** orange | unpainted E | A | white | colorless | 5 slot **10**x2mm | silver | sailboat labels (sided - leaning right / left) | orange plastic |  | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| 08a | med. orange | unpainted E | A | white | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | silver | none | orange plastic |  | #23 |  |  | 08 |  | 1972 |
| 08b | med. orange | unpainted E | A | white | colorless | 5 slot **10**x2mm | silver | none | orange plastic | hhf | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| f06a | **lt.** orange | unpainted E | A | white | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | silver | none | orange plastic |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| f06b | **lt.** orange | unpainted E | A | white | colorless | 5 slot **10**x2mm | silver | none | orange plastic |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| f05a | **dk.** orange | unpainted E | A | white | colorless | 5 slot 11x2mm | silver | none | orange plastic | (hhf) | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| f05b | **dk.** orange | unpainted E | A | white | colorless | 5 slot **10**x2mm | silver | none | orange plastic |  | #23 |  |  |  |  | 1972 |
| 09 | olive green | flat black E | B | none | dk. blue | dot dash 9.5x4mm | **silver** | red cross labels on roof and sides | cast metal | (x) | TP-12 | TP |  | 09 |  | 1978 |
| 10 | olive green | flat black E | B | none | dk. blue | dot dash 9.5x4mm | black | red cross labels on roof and sides | cast metal | x | TP-12 | TP |  | 10 |  | 1978 |
| 11 | white | flat black E | B | none | dk. green | dot dash 9.5x4mm | **black** | green & red PIZZA VAN tampo | cast metal | x |  | LE | USA | 11 |  | 1980 |
| 12 | white | flat black E | B | none | dk. green | dot dash 9.5x4mm | silver | green & red PIZZA VAN tampo | cast metal | x |  | LE | USA | 12 |  | 1980 |
| 13 | white | **gloss** black E | B | none | dk. green | dot dash 9.5x4mm | **black** | green & red PIZZA VAN tampo | cast metal | x |  | LE | USA | 13 |  | 1980 |
| 14 | white | **gloss** black E | B | none | dk. green | dot dash 9.5x4mm | silver | green & red PIZZA VAN tampo | cast metal |  |  | LE | USA | 14 |  | 1980 |
| 15 | white | flat black E | B | none | **med.** green | dot dash 9.5x4mm | silver | green & red PIZZA VAN tampo | cast metal |  |  | LE | USA | 15 |  | 1980 |
| 16 | white | flat black E | B | none | dk. green | **5 arch** 11x3.5mm | silver | green & red PIZZA VAN tampo | cast metal | x |  | LE | USA | 16 | 1986-02 | 1980 |
| f04 | white | flat black E | B | none | dk. green | dot dash 9.5x4mm | **black** | **none** | cast metal |  |  | LE | USA |  |  | 1980 |

**USA codes:**

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| **MB 23-A** |  |  |  |

**UK codes:**

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| **23E** |  |  |  |

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| **ROW numbers:** | **23** (1970-1974) |
| **USA numbers:** | **23** (1970-1974) |
| **Other numbers:** | **none** |

**NOTES:**

**Opening roofs come with "No. 23" cast on the left or right side. Roofs with "No. 23" on the left side come with or without die number 1. Roofs with "No. 23" on the right side come with die number 3 or 4.**

**White versions were re-issues as Limited Editions and released under the name "Pizza Van" in 1980 (available in blisterpacks only). The base no. was removed. They were never given a new number so they are listed with the model they most closely resemble.**

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| **Base types:** |  | **number** | **model name** | **year** | **(A) on front axle cover** | **SUPERFAST at rear** | **exhaust at rear** |
|  | **A** | **23** | **VOLKSWAGEN CAMPER / DORMOBILE** | **1970** | **yes** | **yes** | **no** |
|  | **B** | **none** | **DORMOBILE only** | **1976** | **no** | **no** | **yes** |

**"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.**

**This model was allocated the MAN number 823 in 1978.**

**SUB-VARIATIONS:**

| **Labels:** | |  |  | **Wheels & casting:** | |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **code** | **left side label** | **right side label** |  | **code** | **front wheels** | **rear wheels** | **roof casting line** |
| ll | left | **left** |  | ssf | solid | solid | faint |
| lr | left | right |  | ssh | solid | solid | heavy |
| rl | **right** | **left** |  | shf | solid | hollow | faint |
| rr | **right** | right |  | shh | solid | hollow | heavy |
| x | not sided or no label | not sided or no label |  | hsf | hollow | solid | faint |
|  |  |  |  | hsh | hollow | solid | heavy |
|  |  |  |  | hhf | hollow | hollow | faint |
|  |  |  |  | hhh | hollow | hollow | heavy |
|  |  |  |  | x | irrelevant (always hollow) | | irrelevant (re-cast, always heavy) |

**ODDITIES:**

| **code** | **description** |
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| oa | body color faded to light yellow |

**Previous ref.: none**

**Later ref.: ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ BR 23-A VOLKSWAGEN CAMPER / DORMOBILE**

**⇒ ⇒ ⇒ EA 23-A Volkswagen Camper DORMOBILE**

**BOX TYPES:**

| **#** | **type** | **description** | **note** | **area** | **date** |
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| 01 | G | with NEW, red TM, "MATCHBOX" REG'D T.M. ..., SF parallel on sides, MARK 3 on end flaps, no SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1970/71 |
| 02 | G | with NEW, noTM, "MATCHBOX" REG'D T.M. ..., SF parallel on sides, MARK 3 on end flaps, SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1972 |
| 03 | G | without NEW, no TM, "MATCHBOX" REG'D T.M. ..., SF parallel on sides, MARK 3 on end flaps, SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1972-74 |