**LS 46-A** (1970) **MERCEDES 300 SE Coupé**

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| © year on base: none  scale: 1:66 (not cast on base)  length: 73mm  width: 30mm  height: 21mm  MATCHBOX lettering on base: straight  additional lettering on base: SUPERFAST (straight)  company on base: LESNEY  number on base: 46 / none  cast license plate: S-TT 152 (rear only) | metal grille & base  PAT APP at front of base  (A) behind rear axle cover  plastic interior  black plastic wheels  tow guide  blue or cream plastic wheel strip (40979-128 blue,  40979-126 cream; versions 01-04, f01-f05) |  |

| **#** | **body** | **grille / base** | **interior** | **windows** | **wheels** | **hubs** | **deco** | **base no.** | **left side B pillar** | **doors** | **trunk** | **sub-var** | **note** | **cate** | **area** | **Mack #** | **Mack date** | **date** |
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| 01 | med. **met. blue** | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | silver | none | 46 | narrow | open | open | **bsh** | #46 |  |  | 01 |  | 1970 |
| f04 | **dk. met. blue** | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | silver | none | 46 | narrow | open | open |  | #46 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| 02 | **dk.** gold | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | silver | none | 46 | narrow | **open** | open | bss | #46 |  |  | 02 |  | 1970 |
| 03 | lt. gold | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | silver | none | 46 | narrow | **open** | open | bss, bhh | #46 |  |  | 03 |  | 1970 |
| 04 | lt. gold | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | silver | none | 46 | narrow | shut | open | bss, (bss**oa**), **bsh**, **bhs**, bhh, bhh**oa**, (css), **chs**, chh | #46 |  |  | 04 |  | 1970 |
| f01 | **dk.** gold | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | silver | none | 46 | narrow | shut | open | chh | #46 |  |  |  |  | 1970 |
| f05 | lt. gold | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | silver | none | 46 | **wide** | shut | open | css, chh | #46 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f03 | **dk.** gold | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x2mm | silver | none | 46 | **wide** | shut | open | chh | #46 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| f02 | lt. gold | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | 5 slot 10x**4**mm | silver | none | 46 | **wide** | shut | open |  | #46 |  |  |  |  | 1971 |
| 05 | olive green | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | **5 arch** 11x3.5mm | **black** | STAFF side labels | **none** | narrow | shut | **shut** | x, **oc** | TP-14 | TP |  | 05 |  | 1978 |
| 06 | olive green | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | dot dash 9.5x4mm | **black** | STAFF side labels | **none** | narrow | shut | **shut** | x | TP-14 | TP |  | 06 |  | 1978 |
| f06 | olive green | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | **5 arch** 11x3.5mm | **black** | **none** | **none** | narrow | shut | **shut** | x | TP-14 | MP |  |  |  | 1978 |
| f07 | olive green | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | dot dash 9.5x4mm | **black** | **none** | **none** | narrow | shut | **shut** |  | TP-14 | MP |  |  |  | 1978 |
| 07 | **silver-gray** | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | dot dash 9.5x4mm | silver | none | **none** | narrow | shut | **shut** | x | MP-1 | MP |  | 07 |  | 1981 |
| 38 | **silver-gray** | unpainted E | ivory | colorless | **5 arch** 11x3.5mm | **black** | none | **none** | narrow | shut | **shut** |  | MP-1 | MP |  | 38 | 1993-01 | 1981 |

**USA codes:**

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| **MB 46-A** |  |  |  |

**UK codes:**

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| **46C** |  |  |  |

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| **ROW numbers:** | **46** (1970-1971) |
| **USA numbers:** | **46** (1970-1971) |
| **Other numbers:** | **none** |

**NOTES:**

**No Mercedes star emblem on top of grille.**

**Opening trunk lids come with varying die numbers from 1 to 4.**

**Opening side doors come with varying die numbers from 1 to 6 on each side.**

**Olive green body color is prone to fading to dark olive green.**

**Colorless windows of 1978 and later issues are prone to fading to yellow.**

**This model was allocated the MAN number 846 in 1978.**

**SUB-VARIATIONS:**

| **code** | **wheel strip** | **front wheels** | **rear wheels** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| bss | blue | solid | solid |
| bsh | blue | solid | hollow |
| bhs | blue | hollow | solid |
| bhh | blue | hollow | hollow |
| css | cream | solid | solid |
| csh | cream | solid | hollow |
| chs | cream | hollow | solid |
| chh | cream | hollow | hollow |
| x | none | irrelevant (always hollow) | |

**ODDITIES:**

| **code** | **description** |
| --- | --- |
| oa | trunk painted inside |
| ob | windows faded to yellow |
| oc | additional STAFF label on rear left side |

**Previous ref.: ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ LR 46-C MERCEDES 300 SE Coupé**

**Later ref.: ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ BR 46-A MERCEDES 300 SE Coupé**

**⇒ ⇒ ⇒ EA 46-A MERCEDES 300 SE Coupé**

**BOX TYPES:**

| **#** | **type** | **description** | **note** | **area** | **date** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 01 | F | without NEW, SF model shown, black SF, LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO. LTD. ..., drawings on sides, PORTIÈRES OUVRANTES on end flaps, no MARK on end flaps |  |  | 1970 |
| 02 | G | with NEW, red TM, "MATCHBOX" IS THE..., SF parallel on sides, MARK 3 on end flaps, no SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1970 |
| 03 | 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 |
| 04 | G | with NEW, no TM, "MATCHBOX" REG'D T.M. ..., SF parallel on sides, MARK 3 on end flaps, no SPECIFICATION... on end flaps |  |  | 1971 |