

**November 2011 by Matt Slayton**

This month, we look at a few recent releases in the Lotus F1 world, courtesy of Jim Cowen at Diecasm.



First up is the Lotus 79, as driven by Mario Andretti in the Italian Grand Prix of 1979. This version is in the Martini Racing color scheme, produced by Minichamps, and is in 1/43rd scale. Limited to 2,808 pieces, certainly would be a welcome addition to your collection. The Lotus 79 raced in both the JPS and Martini racing colors, but I believe the JPS version is the more common variety out there. Detail is as you would expect with a Minichamps model...excellent paint, crisp decals, along with an acrylic cover.

I am hoping that they will get around to producing this Martini version in 1/18th scale. If you recall, Minichamps released a JPS version last year, and it quickly sold out, though Diecasm is accepting pre-orders for the [Lotus 79 John Player Special](#) version which should be reissued by Minichamps in 2012. Will keep my fingers crossed for a 1/18 Martini version!



Next up is this beautiful 1/43 release from Spark. Spark is the company that has come, seemingly out of nowhere, to produce some absolutely beautiful hand built resin models for the Lotus collector. They have produced a substantial amount of Lotus models in the past; however the downside of hand built equals low production numbers, which in turn, equals models that you can't get anymore!

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This model is the Lotus T127 as driven by Heikki Kovalainen in the European GP in 2010. It also commemorates Lotus 500th GP (Monaco in 1958, and the European GP of 2010). As with all Spark models, it comes on a nice wooden base and acrylic cover. This model, however, goes a step further with a very nice plaque on the front of the base. Details abound, such as flawless paint, and telemetry antennas to boot!! Certainly worth picking up for the Lotus F1 collector, especially since Team Lotus will no longer exist next year, being renamed Caterham.

Both of these would be a nice addition to your collection. These models that I photographed came from Jim at Diecasm ([www.diecasm.com](http://www.diecasm.com)).

Happy Hunting!!

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