

## Gran Toros

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Gran Toros or Sputafuoco (which I believe means spits fire in relation to the Hot Wheels flaming wheel logo) by Hot Wheels are amazing.

Shortly after Mattel acquired Mebetoys of Italy to increase distribution in Europe, they took many existing Mebetoys models and new ones, and added very quick wheels. A springy axle with plastic or nylon wheels just like Mattel's smaller Hot Wheels were fitted for these larger 1/43 "ish" scale models. They looked the same as they did as Mebetoys but now they screamed across the floor !!!!!

There are die hard collector's of these larger than normal early 70's Hot Wheels and they often pay a lot to have them. I believe there were about two dozen models produced (not including colour variations). Several models were also released under the Mebetoys name and vice versa, but the true Gran Toros were only fitted with super fast axles and wheels. They even came out with the familiar orange rubber tracks for these cars, just in a wider version to fit the larger wheel base.

read all about them here [www.grantoros.com](http://www.grantoros.com)

Anyways I have 6 so far. But it is a very slow process as they are pricey.

Sometimes I come across one that fits my budget and catches my eye (fairly decent condition)



Just received this Ford Mark II

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Still, a beautiful car!

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