

Tomte Laerdal Company.

Posted by GunnerJim - 05 Dec 2009 17:51

My darling wife Roslyn picked up a bucket of toys the other day at a Salvation Army garage sale and showed me the contents. I could see Corgi, Matchbox and some I couldn't see at first glance. Thus hidden in the bottom were Hotwheels, Zylmex, Playart, Lucky Funmate. All were either made in UK or Hong Kong, even the Hot Wheels. The local Major smiled and asked what do you think they are worth Jim. I said I can only afford \$50 bucks and he replied smiling sold. Actually Major Bruce had kept them aside for me as he knew I was into collecting die-cast toys for a long time.



When we arrived home, I placed all the contents onto the home made side table I had built out of Tasmain Oak in my computer room come collection glory of many years. Some were just like if one had taken them out of the box for the first time while others had seen the loving playful care a childhood hands could muster.

A VW and Landrover caught my eye as I had seen these unbreakable plastic vinyl type material occasionally which differed to the plastic ABS type. I gave them a good wash as some dirt or something had collected on the inside of the toy car and Landrover no 23 and VW police car no 13. I discovered the name and I remember something on Toy Collector about these toys by tomte 2007. I carried out a Google search and found a blogg on the subject and who was the maker and country of origin. I also checked up on Toy Collector, all too easy.



Tomte Laedal Company, Stavanger of Norway started making rubber type toy cars and dolls in 1958 which the cars were not that successful. They experimented with Vinyl cars in 1963 which filled a niche in the market for younger aged children. Hygienic, able to wash them, float them in the bath with soft edges and made of non destructible plastic that could take a lot of pounding and bouncing off the floors or walls. Simple body with closed windows so that little fingers could not get stuck inside. Can be sucked by the child when teething is apparent or just like any child, anything new must be taste tested. They came in bright colours which today still hold their brilliance. Tomte made at least 35 different models over the years until 1978. Like most companies of the times competition was fierce within the children toy market.



As one can see from the underneath the cross rib members stiffen the durability and the thickness of the plastic vinyl adds to their strength. Thick axles and solid wheels combine the toy for robust use by children.

For more information tomte2007 has a range of pictures on Toy Collector if one wants to see more.

The other is one can go to <http://www.lamsma.nl/tomte.tomte.htm> Â

So have fun and enjoy. If you are a visitor and you like what you see on Toy Collector then join it is free to have fun and you can leave your comments.

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Re: Tomte Laerdal Company.

Posted by Nobleco - 30 Nov 2012 17:40

Again, where did all the pictures go or is it just me???

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Re: Tomte Laerdal Company.

Posted by DINKYBOY - 30 Nov 2012 23:22

Mr.Tomte, I checked out your no/vw site.

Very nice.

Are any of these played with, or just displayed.?

dinkyboy

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Re: Tomte Laerdal Company.

Posted by Mr.Tomte - 01 Dec 2012 11:34

Hello.

Thanks, no these cars are not played with anymore.

They are all nicely grouped and displayed.

Much more pictures to come, but not tonight.

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Posted by tomte2007 - 29 Jan 2014 20:22

Most recent Tomte's added to my lil collection



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Re: Tomte Laerdal Company.

Posted by RoutemasterNL - 30 Jan 2014 01:30

Stickers on the sides?

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Re: Tomte Laerdal Company.

Posted by Andy66 - 30 Jan 2014 16:20

I have this Tomte & also this Cortina MK3 which was made in W.Germany. Also somewhere I have the Toyota & Jeep truck both in yellow.



Re: Tomte Laerdal Company.

Posted by tomte2007 - 30 Jan 2014 17:28

The MK3 Cortina was made by Stelco of W-Germany.

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Re: Tomte Laerdal Company.

Posted by tomte2007 - 30 Jan 2014 17:35

RoutemasterNL wrote:

Stickers on the sides?

Its a rare thing to see them still retaining the stickers, There were 2 different stickers which ill take a closer picture when i get a minute of daylight 🙄

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Re: Tomte Laerdal Company.

Posted by Andy66 - 31 Jan 2014 13:10

Thanks Tomte2007, I was trying to read the make but it is a tiny stamp.

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Re: Tomte Laerdal Company.

Posted by Andy66 - 20 Feb 2014 16:11

Also found this one out tonight, is it Gallante Sweden?



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Re: Tomte Laerdal Company.

Posted by Cam - 20 Feb 2014 17:12

Yes, I am sure it is Galanite. As far as I know they are the only ones who made a classic Mini.

Cam



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Re: Tomte Laerdal Company.

Posted by tomte2007 - 20 Feb 2014 22:41

I always found the Galanite Mini Cooper was a bad representation and looked a little odd. The Plasto Mini was much better but fairly hard to find.



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Re: Tomte Laerdal Company.

Posted by Cam - 21 Aug 2018 00:29

A few memories here!! I notice it was 6 years and 2 months ago I posted about my first Tomte Toy. Today, I finally found the last one to fit! I have been collecting the 1/43 models and finally found the #30 and #32 Renaults in green.

Sadly, this site appears to not like having pictures posted to it, which seems odd for a collecting site!

Cam

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