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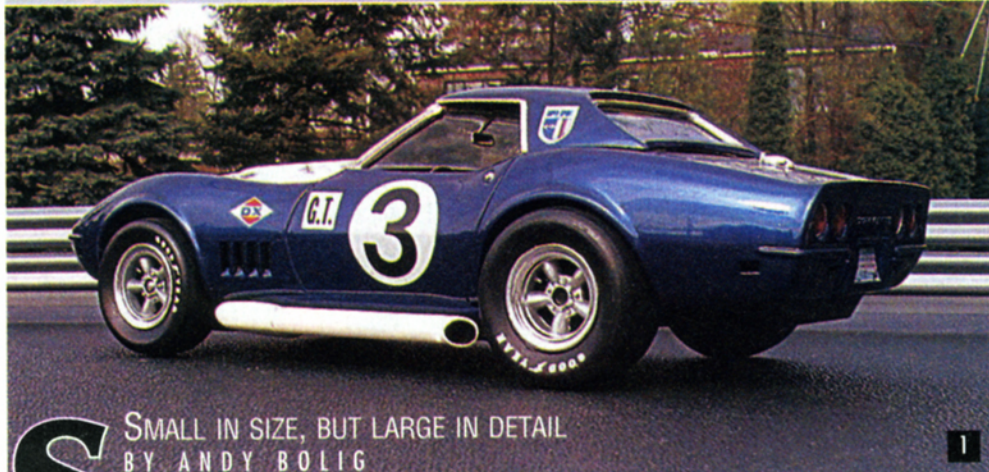
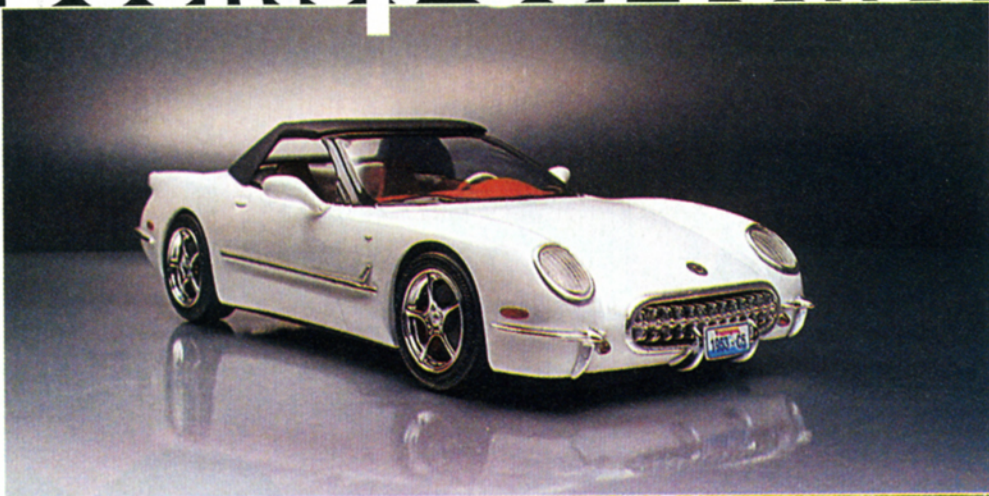
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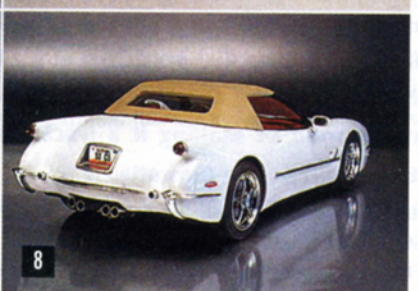
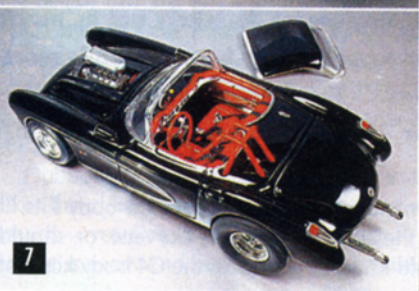
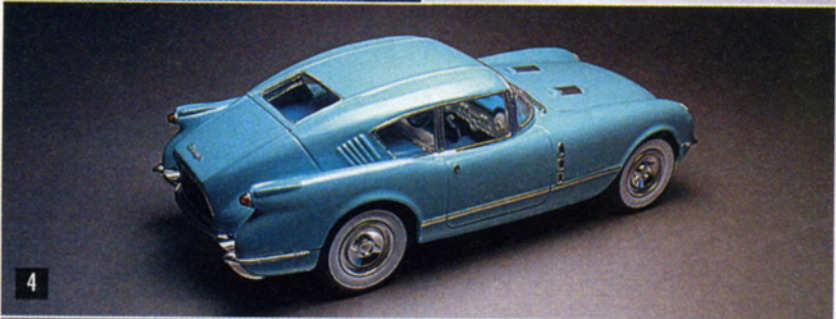
Desktop Corvettes



S SMALL IN SIZE, BUT LARGE IN DETAIL
BY ANDY BOLIG

Some people can never get enough of Corvettes. The only way things could get better would be for them to get yet another. But eventually, space dictates how much we can feed our appetite for America's Sports Car. For those searching for ways to circumvent that limitation, Scale Visions has the answer: Reduce the size of the Corvette, but keep the details large. Don Theune of Scale Visions has been building replicas of all styles of cars for decades. His passion for Corvettes has always kept him close to the marque and inspired him to create new offerings that would not be undertaken by large die-cast manufacturers. In fact, Don can create very-limited-production Corvettes in extreme detail. He can even replicate *your* Corvette, right down to the license plate and the keys in the ignition. The perfect gift for the person who has everything!

Scale Visions has had some very prestigious customers, including the likes of Tim Allen of *Home Improvement* fame, Chip Miller of Corvettes at Carlisle – and even Zora Duntov, the man who saved Corvette, wanted a set of replicas of the Grand Sports (three coupes, two roadsters!). Don offers several detail levels and price ranges for his customers to choose from (the level of build is commensurate with the price) and each replica is painted in lacquer with a urethane clearcoat that is hand-rubbed to perfection. Whether your passion is modified, stock, rare or racing, Scale Visions can create an exact replica of the car of your dreams for you.



1 Don makes his own decals and bodies and can replicate the very car that made your heart pound so many years ago. If you love the L-88 Corvettes but thought you could never own one, Scale Visions has a cost-effective option. This is one of the Sunray DX racers that raced at Sebring in 1968, piloted by Hap Sharp and Dave Morgan. It won first in GT and 6th overall, shattering the previous year's record. Don is currently preparing to start building the James Garner Corvettes that also raced at that same time.

2 This 50th Anniversary convertible shows the level of detail Scale Visions can accomplish for a customer. Don blended his own paint to match the OEM color and made his own emblems. Carpeting is installed, and a miniature of the Corvettes at Carlisle show program is sitting on the passenger's seat.

3A & 3B Many Corvette owners also ride motorcycles. Don has combined the two and created a line of commemorative theme bikes. He has done Grand Sport, Z06, straight-axle and other themes. The black bike was created for a Z06 owner, while the other carries a 40th Anniversary theme.

4 Scale Visions is starting to replicate prototypes or rarely seen design cars. This is the '54 Corvair, which was shown at the Motorama with the '54 Nomad and the '54 hardtop Corvette and a production Corvette.

5 The '54 Nomad was another design car that did not make production. Don has crafted his own body to represent the car as accurately as possible.

6A & 6B The Callaway Corvettes are prized among Corvette owners. Don is currently working on body configurations for the Callaway Aerocoupe and convertible, which have never been replicated in the past.

7 Old Corvette drag cars are a favorite subject for Scale Visions. Every time he builds one of these super-detailed beauties, Don relives the time when solid-axles were in the front and rear of Corvettes on the quarter-mile.

8 Don designed this "C5 '53," after the body style created by Advanced Automotive Technologies (www.aatcars.com). Don loved the idea and has created his own molds to produce smaller versions of the original.

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