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### Mattel Flamin' Ford Escort #064

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Model: Flamin' Ford Escort #064

## INTRODUCTION

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This manual provides essential information for the Mattel Hot Wheels 2003 Flamin' Ford Escort die-cast car, Collector Number #064. It covers details regarding the product's features, proper handling, maintenance, and specifications to ensure its longevity and enjoyment.

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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The Hot Wheels 2003 Flamin' Ford Escort is a highly detailed 1:64 scale die-cast replica. This model is part of the 2003 Hot Wheels series, specifically Collector Number #064, featuring a distinctive gold finish and "Flamin'" graphics.



**Figure 1:** The Mattel Hot Wheels 2003 Flamin' Ford Escort die-cast car, presented in its original blister packaging. The packaging displays the Hot Wheels logo, "35th Anniversary" emblem, "Collector No. 064", and "Guaranteed For Life" seal. The car itself is gold with flame decals.

## SETUP AND UNBOXING

- Unpackaging:** Carefully remove the die-cast car from its blister packaging. Use scissors to cut along the edges of the plastic bubble to avoid damaging the car or the card if you wish to preserve it.
- Inspection:** After removal, inspect the car for any manufacturing defects or shipping damage.
- Display or Play:** The car is ready for display or immediate play.

## OPERATION AND HANDLING

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This die-cast car is designed for both collecting and play. Follow these guidelines for optimal use:

- Play Surface:** Use the car on smooth, clean surfaces to prevent damage to the wheels and paint finish.
- Avoid Rough Handling:** While durable, excessive force, dropping, or throwing the car can cause damage to its intricate parts and paintwork.
- Display:** When displaying, ensure the car is placed on a stable surface away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and high humidity to preserve its condition.
- Age Recommendation:** This product is recommended for ages 3 and up, as indicated on the packaging. Small parts may pose a choking hazard for younger children.

## MAINTENANCE AND CARE

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Proper care will help maintain the appearance and functionality of your die-cast car:

- Cleaning:** To clean the car, gently wipe it with a soft, dry, lint-free cloth. For stubborn dust or grime, a slightly damp cloth can be used, followed immediately by a dry cloth. Avoid abrasive cleaners or harsh chemicals, as these can damage the paint and decals.
- Storage:** Store the car in a clean, dry environment. If storing for extended periods, consider using a display case or protective container to prevent dust accumulation and accidental damage.
- Avoid Moisture:** Do not expose the car to water or high humidity, as this can lead to corrosion of metal parts.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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Most issues with die-cast cars are related to physical damage. Here are some common concerns and solutions:

- Wheels Not Rolling Smoothly:**
  - Check for debris (e.g., hair, lint) caught in the axles. Carefully remove any obstructions.
  - Ensure the wheels are properly seated on their axles.
- Paint Chipping or Scratches:**
  - This is typically a result of impact or friction during play. Minor chips can sometimes be touched up with model paint, but this is at the owner's discretion and may affect collector value.
- Broken Parts:**
  - Small plastic parts (e.g., spoilers, mirrors) can break off with rough handling. For collectors, specialized model adhesives may be used for repair.

For significant damage or manufacturing defects, refer to the Warranty Information section.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
<b>Brand</b>	Mattel
<b>Model</b>	Hot Wheels 2003 Flamin' Ford Escort
<b>Collector Number</b>	#064
<b>Product Dimensions</b>	3.31 x 2.2 x 0.71 inches
<b>Item Weight</b>	7 ounces
<b>ASIN</b>	B000TFOORG
<b>Item Model Number</b>	SG_B000TFOORG_US
<b>Manufacturer Recommended Age</b>	3 years and up

## WARRANTY INFORMATION

This Hot Wheels product is marked with "GUARANTEED FOR LIFE" on its packaging. This guarantee typically covers manufacturing defects under normal use. For specific details regarding the "Guaranteed For Life" policy, including terms and conditions, please refer to the official Mattel website or contact Mattel customer service directly.

The guarantee generally ensures that if a Hot Wheels car fails due to a manufacturing defect, Mattel will replace it with a comparable car. This guarantee does not cover damage resulting from misuse, abuse, or normal wear and tear.

## CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For further assistance, questions, or to report a product issue, please contact Mattel customer service:

- **Website:** Visit the official [Mattel website](#) for support resources, FAQs, and contact information.
- **Contact Information:** Refer to the packaging or Mattel's website for the most current customer service phone numbers and email addresses.