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Hot Wheels Mattel 1999 Terrorific Series Gold Splittin Image II Die-Cast Car Instruction Manual

Model: #980

1. Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the Hot Wheels Mattel 1999 Terrorific Series Gold Splittin Image II die-cast car, model #980. This 1:64 scale collectible vehicle is part of the Terrorific Series, featuring a distinctive gold finish and unique graphics. Designed for collectors and enthusiasts aged 3 years and up, this model is a detailed representation of the Splittin Image II.

Please read this manual thoroughly to understand the product's features, proper handling, and care to ensure its longevity and preserve its collectible value.

2. Setup

2.1 Unboxing

1. Carefully remove the die-cast car from its packaging. The packaging is often part of the collectible value, so handle it with care if you intend to preserve it.
2. Inspect the car for any visible defects or damage that may have occurred during shipping.

2.2 Displaying the Model

To maintain the car's condition, display it in a clean, dry environment away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and high humidity. Consider using a display case to protect it from dust and physical damage.





Image 1: Hot Wheels Gold Splittin Image II in original packaging.

3. Operating

This Hot Wheels die-cast car is designed for both play and collection. While durable, it is a detailed model and should be handled with care.

3.1 Play Guidelines

- Roll the car on smooth, clean surfaces to prevent damage to the wheels or chassis.
- Avoid dropping the car or subjecting it to excessive force, as this can cause paint chips, bent axles, or broken components.
- This product contains small parts and is recommended for ages 3 and up. Adult supervision is advised for younger children.

3.2 Collecting

For collectors, preserving the car's condition is paramount. Minimize direct handling to prevent wear and tear. Store in a controlled environment to avoid degradation of materials or paint finish.



Image 2: Detailed view of the Gold Splittin Image II die-cast car.

4. Maintenance

4.1 Cleaning

- To clean the car, gently wipe it with a soft, dry, lint-free cloth.
- For stubborn dust, a soft brush (like a clean makeup brush) can be used.
- Avoid using water, cleaning solutions, or abrasive materials, as these can damage the paint finish or decals.

4.2 Storage

Store the die-cast car in a cool, dry place, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperature fluctuations. Original packaging or a dedicated display case offers the best protection against environmental factors and physical damage.

5. Troubleshooting

Die-cast cars are generally robust, but minor issues can occur.

- **Wheels not rolling smoothly:** Check for any debris caught in the axles. Gently remove any obstructions with tweezers. Avoid bending the axles.
- **Paint chips or scratches:** These are typically a result of impact or abrasive contact. Unfortunately, paint chips on die-cast models are difficult to repair without specialized tools and paints, and often reduce collectible value. Preventative care is recommended.
- **Loose parts:** If any small plastic parts become loose, they may be reattached with a tiny amount of model-safe adhesive, applied carefully with a toothpick.

6. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	Hot Wheels (Mattel)
Model Name	Splittin Image II
Series	Terrorific Series (4/4)
Year of Release	1999
Scale	1:64
Color	Gold
Item Model Number	#980
Package Dimensions	8.2 x 4.5 x 1.7 inches
Item Weight	2.4 ounces
Recommended Age	3 years and up

7. Warranty and Support

Hot Wheels die-cast cars are manufactured to high standards. Due to the collectible nature of this item and its age (1999 release), specific manufacturer warranties may no longer be applicable. For general inquiries about Hot Wheels products, please refer to the official Mattel website or contact their customer service.

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