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This is a new version of the Austin Princess, a lovely two tone colour. I am quite guilty of not pointing out some of the model differences that appear across the different version. At first glance some of our models can appear to be the same, but look further, check interiors, bodywork, pillars, lights etc - you will find quite a few differences. Below is a small part of the initial research which is carried out by our team of engineers. We generally listen to the experts, but ultimately we make our own judgements. Having run several factories over the years, I know from experience that 'odd' variants will appear purely in the interests of costs, or production pressures. TAFF

AUSTIN PRINCESS (Late) NEW
CARLTON GREY/LIGHT GREY

CODE	SCALE	EDITION	PRICE
AP003	1:43	--------	£20.49

MODEL DIFFERENCES

Changes	Austin	Austin	VDP
	Princess DM4		
	Early	Mid	Late
	1952-54	1954-58	1959-68
No. BUILT		3,238	
EXTERIOR			
Thick C-pillars in body colour	x	x	
Slim C-pillars with bright finish			x
Rear quarter light		Opt. '54	Opt.
Grille 1 - Sheerline with wide body coloured surround	x		
Grille 2 - Princess with thin body coloured front edge		x	
Grille 3 - Princess with chrome front edge			x
Bumpers with over-riders	x	x	x
Rear licence plate behind glass	x	x	
7" "Tripod" headlamps with flat clear glass	x	x	
7" ribbed headlamps			x
7" fog lamps	x	x	
5-3/4" fog lamps			x
Front side lamps - torpedo	x	x	x
Rear side lamps - rectangular	x	x	
Rear side lamps - round			x
Round reflectors		Possible	Possible
Trafficators in B-pillar	x	to '55/'56	
Front & rear indicators, round		'55/'56 on	x
Rear spats - straight	x	to '55/'56	
Rear spats - cut away		'55/'56 on	x
Reverse lamp under rear bumper			x
Bonnet - two piece with centre hinge	x	x	
Bonnet - one piece with rear hinge			x
Windscreen wipers - bright finish	x	x	x
INTERIOR			
Steering wheel - sprung 3-spoke with cream rim	x		
Steering wheel - 3-chrome spokes without horn ring		x	
Steering wheel - 3-black spokes without horn ring			x
Dashboard - early with pale gold instruments	x	x	
Dashboard - late with black instruments			x
BADGES (NO Princess badges on Royal cars)			
Grille - Flying A	x	x	
Grille - Winged Austin	x		
Grille - Austin 135	x		
Grille - VDP Crown, all chrome or with black or red insert			x
Boot lid - Princess "P"	x	x	x
Hub cap - Winged Austin centre	x	to '56	
Hub cap - Princess "P" centre		'56 on	x
Hub cap - body coloured ring	x		

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