

Getting the Birdcages

I have been looking for 1/24-25 scale resin kits of arguably the most beautiful race car ever made, the Maserati Tipo 60-63 Birdcages. I have wanted a kit of a Birdcage ever since I missed out on getting one of Andy Martin's great kits from

more than a few years ago in his Aardvark Models line of resin kits. After some searching, I did find three kits currently available—one from Profil24, and two from ABC Brianza. There may be others out there, but I have not seen them yet.

Profil24



Profil24's Birdcage is of the later mid-engine Tipo 63 version. I received it from France in a week. The retail price of the kit is €140 (Euros) plus shipping. I was reluctant to get the kit, since the Tipo 63 is the mid-engine one, and to me it's the ugly kid of the bunch. Lo and behold, boy was I wrong about my initial impressions of the car. Granted, Profil24 kits are very good resin kits, some of the best from Europe, so that wasn't the problem at all. It was me. I loved the real swoopy style of the Tipo 60-61, with the pronounced hump front and rear ends. The Tipo 63 has more of an elongated rear end, and after I started working on it, laying down the basic gloss white coat, I changed my mind—I like it! One thing that puts Profil24 above the rest is their photoetched and machined aluminum wire wheels. These are multi-piece units, and when put together, produce some of the best looking wire wheels I have seen. Check out their web site (www.profil24-models.com) to get yours. Some of our U.S. retailers (like Strada Sports, M&S Hobbies, Island Collectibles) have some Profil24 kits in stock at times, so you may want to check with them first. I ordered directly from Profil24, and I am very happy with their service, price, and how quickly it arrived. I will be getting more kits from them soon.



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