

## Corgi Hotwheels – USS Enterprise, NCC-1701

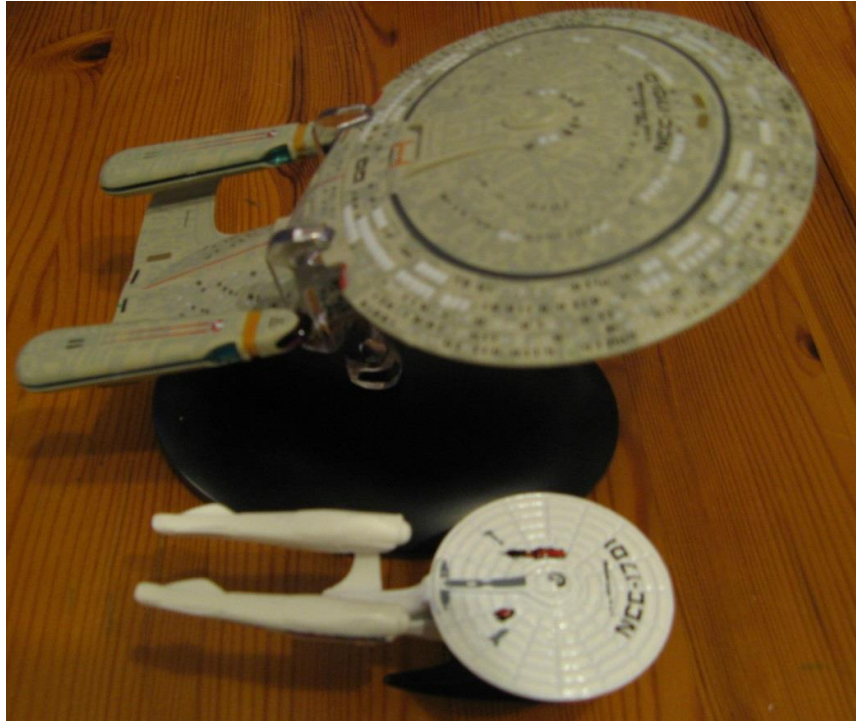
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By complete good fortune, I found myself rummaging through a box of Hotwheels cars looking for something useful for 15mm Science Fiction games ó I didn't really find anything, but what I was very surprised to find was a small model of the original TV series Enterprise! Sadly, the store only had one, but naturally I snapped it up without delay.



As you might expect from such a small model, the detail is not all that stunning - and there is a painted line across top of the saucer section and on the right warp nacelle which looks as if it is meant to represent battle damage, which is a little odd. The model is painted in a gloss white, whereas a light grey would be more appropriate. However, that said, it is quite clearly the Enterprise, and the cylindrical warp nacelles with hemispherical end caps show that it is the pre-Star Trek: The Motion Picture version. Adding a little additional paint to the end caps of the nacelles will improve the look considerably.

The Enterprise was stated to be 947 feet long, and this model is about 3.3 inches long, making it approximately 1:3400 scale. Readers may recall that the recent Enterprise D put out by Eaglemoss as part 1 of a part work collection came in at 1:4600. That's obviously quite a difference, but the models don't look too bad together ó the poor original 1701 would have to be an inch shorter to be truly in scale, and it would then just look tiny.



This little model does offer a number of possibilities of a small fleet could be built up (if enough can be found!) or alternatively there are all sorts of potential crossover scenarios with other ships such as the huge Next Generation vessel.

If you can find an example in a toy shop or supermarket, then it'll cost the standard Hotwheels price of about £1.25 (roughly \$2). Amazon in the USA has examples for around \$2, but Amazon UK sellers seem to be marking up quite heavily with prices starting at about £5, with postage on top (so a single example would end up being around £7.50, or roughly \$11.50!). One has to, of course, then balance what seems to be a reasonable price against the amount of time that may be spent searching fruitlessly in Hotwheels rummage bins in toy shops and other outlets.