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MINIATURE SHOOTING STARS

If you thought Velasor's first edition of Austro-Daimler slot cars were something, the Spanish firm's second release goes even further in its quest to become the ultimate in finely crafted small models.

This time focusing on the revolutionary Peugeot L45, Velasor has recreated the French brand's entire trio of works entries from the 1914 ACF Grand Prix of Lyon, led by the dynamic Georges Boillot – plus the unmarked reserve car with Boillot's cheerful younger brother André at its wheel.

The L45 was remarkable given its pioneering work with

pre-war aerodynamics, and each model shows off the car's distinctive sweeping tail section in intricate detail. Against the stubby Mercedes 18/100 of the day, Peugeot hoped to find increased performance from the dart-like L45 and showed the car's potential across a gruelling seven-hour race with the Mercedes team at Lyon.

Boillot's car led for much of the grand prix, but was eventually pushed too far, losing the engine on the penultimate lap. Jules Goux brought the best of the L45s home in fourth while Mercedes filled the podium, but the Germans

had been truly rattled by Peugeot's new design.

Velasor's 1:32-scale version is as intricate as it is beautiful, hand-made from over 270 pieces and incorporating a staggering number of movable and interactive parts, such as active front and rear shock absorbers, removable drum brakes, a rotating starter handle, removable bodywork and even two concealed spare wheels.

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