

Welly 1:24-scale Back to the Future DeLorean Time Machines

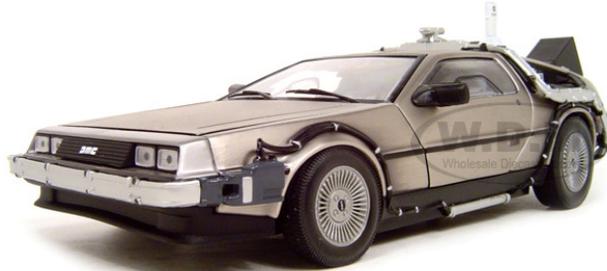
In 1985, Robert Zemeckis gave us a movie called *Back to the Future*. In 1990, he made two sequels, *Back to the Future II* and *Back to the Future III*. In those movies, the protagonist, Marty McFly, traveled through time in a tricked-up DeLorean. Talk about a fat ride!

A British toy car manufacturer named Welly has produced three low-end versions of the DeLorean Time Machine from these movies. I got two of them for \$20 each. Each image has opening, gull-wing doors and the special effects

department time travel modifications used in each of the movies. “So, what’s the big deal about a \$20 model?” I can hear some asking. Well, as they say, “The devil’s in the details,” and details are what you get in abundance. If this were a basic DeLorean image, I’d say, “Don’t bother,” but Welly has exceeded themselves with the extras. Standard details are ho-hum, but every esoteric gadget, widget, and thing-a-ma-bob seems to be right where it belongs, and in perfect scale. The original time machine from the first movie even includes the long extension rod used to hook the overhead power line for enough electric power to break the time barrier. I also picked up the “Mr. Fusion” version from the third movie. This one includes the gadget tray strapped to the hood.

Welly also throws in a nicely imprinted box that includes an interior diorama-style photo background to go with the image. The amount of detail and extras in each presentation is amazing, considering the minimal cost. Kudos to Welly for making each car look great.

I’ve always thought that someone should do the DeLorean Time Machine from the *Back to the Future* movies. It would be great if FM, or DM, or one of the other high-end manufacturers would put them out—a la the DM Batmobile—but, until then, these Welly images do the trick.



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