

This is the MotoEuro Garage collection of vintage German toys, almost all are Schucos made by Schreyer and Co prior to 1977. This description was prepared in 2000 as a prelude to their 18 month display at the National Transportation Museum in Brookline, MA.

Here are some pictures and notes on my Schuco collection. It is a fairly representative group, mainly of automotive toys. Since the late 1980's there have been a lot of reproductions (reissues) as the old dies were discovered and reused. Even the box art was copied. There are many frauds around, and a lot of old toys with new works in them. Not here – most were collected before the repo's came out, and I am satisfied with the provenance of all (collector's can tell the difference).



These are Micro-Racers, they are the classic Schuco toy, wind-up die-casts from the 50's to the early 70's. Some of these are quite rare, the Mercedes SSK, BMW 503 and hot rod are particularly prized. I had one of these as a kid. There are few more shown in other pictures.



On the top shelf in this photo are 3 fairly rare tin Schucos, the Texi Alfa Romeo, the Packard Hawk, and the "remote control" Buick. The 2 Porsches are not Schuco, but are early 50's Distler and JNF electric/wind-up tin toys also made in Germany. The lower shelf holds 3 later electric plastic racers, plus two non-Schuco gas powered cars, a Cox MB 156GP and steel Rodzy hot rod tether racer, both made in the US.



Top shelf (along with a Lotus hidden in the picture above) comprise the complete set of Schuco 1960's GP cars, all mechanically operated with friction drive. Beneath are a variety of plastic Schucos, mostly race cars, with a BMW Turbo prototype and partially hidden, a Cadillac convertible. The sign and the smaller one in the Micro-Racer picture were from old dealer displays.



This is the balance of the collection. There are 13 Piccolos, the smallest Schucos, all die-cast. There are 9 tin toys under 8" (including a pre-war whistle controlled car, a music box "radio" car, the "Peter" Alfa, the Somersault car, etc.). There are also 3 plastic boats and a windup tin submarine that dives, 2 windup trick motorcycles, a GP Ferrari and a GP MB, a Go Kart, 2 Old Timers, 3 MB 190SL variations, Disneyland monorail, Varianto toys, even a windup clown that plays the violin.



I also have literature, full line brochures from the late 50's to 1970. Those on the right are the same, but in half page size. Lastly there are information sheets, smaller documents which refer to individual toys, such as instructions for the Monorail, and some for groups, like the Micro Racer sheet.