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The Six Year

Can it really be six years? It seems like no time at all since Giovanni Montiglio was announcing his plans for a new company and – much to my delight, I must admit – that the first model would be the Lola T70 Mk3 Coupé. The last couple of years have been particularly tough for the people at Thunderslot on a personal level, so it's really heartening to see that they are back in the game.

The new Lola release celebrates six years of Thunderslot, with an eye-catching livery and, in an unusual and clever touch, it has the names of the real-life drivers of the models from the Thunderslot catalogue in script on each side.

It's a limited edition, naturally enough, of 480 units. The underpinnings follow the usual

extremely effective pattern, with the pokey 21,500 rpm motor mounted a few degrees away from being a sidewinder, using a triangular motor mount, with high quality running gear used throughout. At £98.95 in the UK, you might prefer to use your more 'playworn' versions for your club nights, but nevertheless it's a beautiful thing.

While we're here, I must mention some further news from Thunderslot; the next model release, a Ford Mustang, is in final testing and should be with us shortly. It will be quite a departure from the company's classic sports car 'norm', but I'd put a large chunk of my pension money on it being an excellent performer. Welcome back, Thunderslot!



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