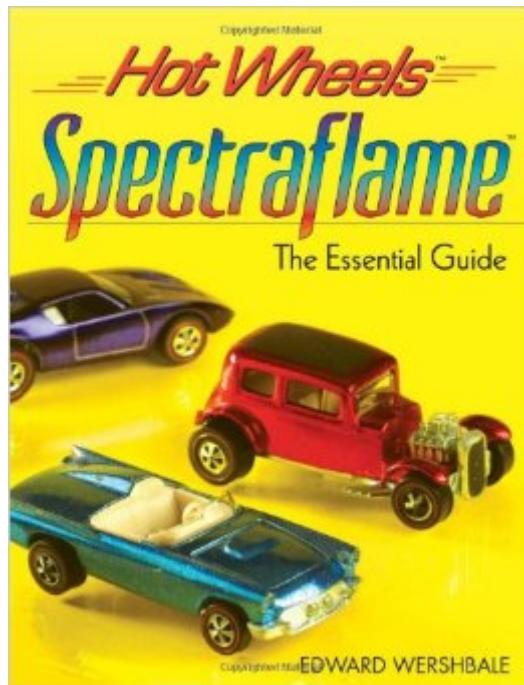


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# Hot Wheels Spectraflame: The Essential Guide (Hot Wheels (Krause Publications))



## **Synopsis**

Die-hard collectors of pocket-sized racers, fans of nostalgia, youngsters and the young at heart will revel in the candy-coloured brilliance and muscle-car-fashioned attitude featured in this pioneer book devoted to the superior Spectraflame cars. From the Beatnik Bandit and Hot Heap to the Python and Custom Camaro, the whole gang of classic miniature cruisers is featured in this one-of-a-kind book of Mattel's mightiest cars. In addition, readers will discover valuable casting information, production data, values, and insight about the differences between U.S. and Hong Kong-made models, in this stunning Spectraflame showcase.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I have found this guide to be very detailed though out! Although the estimated values seem to be kinda high on a JUST A FEW cars in todays market place. The values do include fare to excellent estimated prices (by car condition) in and out of the original packaging (instead of just one value like most guides) I like the fact that the cars that were available in various colors each have there own estimated value listed per color. Even the Hot Wheels buttons have listed values! (this is the only book I have found this in!!) And each car has a very detailed history included! The overall redline history is repeated though, but that's ok as I'm really interested in such variations as, wheels, paint, ect. of which there are detailed price listings for each variation per car! Also included are starting year, midyear and late production changes (if any) per car listed and changes in value ( were

applicable) I feel that this book is more informative than most comparable guides on this subject written much later than this one being produced in 2009! I only wish that there was a updated version available!! There's even a section devoted to preproduction and prototype models and there history's alongside track sets, accessories and there values! Again, judging them by there projected conditions not fantasy prices! I have been collecting Hot Wheels cars for over 40 years now and of all the H.W's books that I own this is one of my very favorite go to guides!! Again: I just wish there was an updated version available! 5 stars!!

The book had very high quality photographs and overall it appears to be a worthwhile reference book for HOT WHEELS collectors. So far, I have found no fault in it.

A wonderful guide on the early Hot Wheels cars and trucks with \$ values for each casting and color of such castings. If you're shopping for old Redline cars on the auction sites or you find one at a yard sale, this is an absolute must! It's a great way to see if you over paid or got a great deal on these cars!

I purchased this for my brother for Christmas, and he was really pleased. He is a Hot Wheel collector, and has a massive collection. He says that he pulls it out every few days to go through it again. Going strictly by his reaction to it, I would recommend it to anyone who has a strong interest in Hot Wheels.

I have grown tired of the hotwheel books that focus on the entire product offering through the years. The Tomarts guides did a good job of covering early redlines, but it's job was, once again, to cover all hotwheels. The Spectraflame book takes it back to the start, covers the beginning and ends it right there (~'72). For the redline enthusiasts, this book will be a welcomed addition; good photos, notes, and definite focus. Is it 100% authoritative as a source? Others may be more qualified than me to scrutinize; all I know is my first car was the custom camaro along with a barebones strip track, I remember when the superchargers came out, adding a whole dimision to track layout. I remember stalking the local stores when the spoilers came out (especially the nitty gritty kitty) I was in the Hotwheel club and received my chrome heavy chevy, while my friend got the boss hoss that I had hoped would come in my box. I had the tune-up tower, the sky show, and a few of the heavyweights, etc etc. So, I may not be an expert, but I was there and have been collecting off and on through the years. I enjoyed the book. What it lacks is more information of the track design and

concepts. But, by its title "spectraflame", it owes none of that info to the reader.

Although the price from is very fair; save your money. This book isn't as good as you might be led to believe. For the very best and most definitive information regarding Hot Wheels of the Redline era, you should look for The Ultimate Redline Guide by Clark and Wicker, 2nd edition. Although printed 4 years ago it is still the best.

Very sorry to see the single star rating by one of the URG-bots (now the Elite Redline Guide...another good tool that has it's own flaws). Ed Wershba's guide deserves better. It may fall just short of the URG/ERG but is still one of the top resources on the market for the Spectraflame collector. It is especially valuable for newer collectors. You won't be disappointed.

I have researched Hotwheel editions and find that this edition is an excellent source for those HotWheels collectors out there. Nice purchase.[...]

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