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36G – Austin Low Loader

According to Dr. Edward Force, the 36G taxi was produced in two runs, from 1937 to 1940 and from 1947 to 1949. Though designed as toys the Dinkies exploited the collecting instinct by issuing the same models in multiple color combinations. The 36G taxi was offered with maroon, green, blue, yellow, tan, brown and red bodies. Tops were usually black but the tan body version can also have red, green or blue tops.

Retooling provided an accidental variation so beloved of the true collector. Early versions of the 36G taxi had an open rear window (left) but in the 1947 to 1949 run the window is usually “closed” or nonexistent.

The 36G did not claim to be a particular make of taxi but it is likely that it was intended to represent the Austin “Low Loader”



which was introduced in 1934 and became the most prolific make of London taxi until the [Austin FX3](#) arrived in 1948.

The Low Loader had a landaulet style body (i.e., it had a retractable hood over the rear passenger seat). The 36G taxi's hood is closed but is defined by a seam across the top and by long hinges on either side.

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Left top – The Remy-Meeus Collection of Dinky Toy Cars via Christie's live auction 9223 (closed Sept. 24, 2001) ([Link](#)).

Left middle – J K Diecast Models ([Link](#)).

Left bottom – J K Diecast Models ([Link](#)).

Center -- 747VintageToys via ebay ([Link](#)). This toy may be a reproduction. Dr. Force makes no mention of a driver in his *DinkyToys* (3rd edition, Schiffer Publishing, 1996).

Right – H & H Classics (car auctions) Lot 70, Sept. 8, 2021 ([Link](#)).

