



DINKY TOY TAXIS



265 / 266 Plymouth Plaza

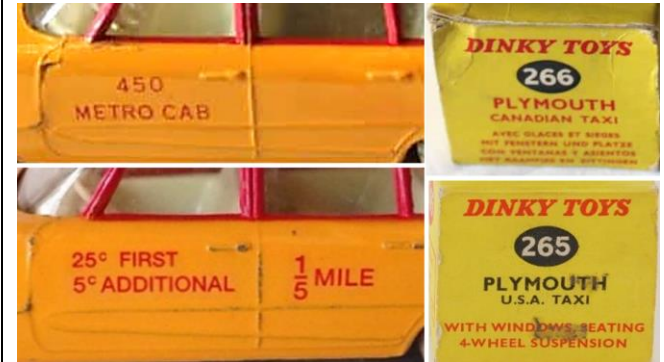
Dinky based its two Plymouth Plaza taxis on the Plymouth Plaza sedan (no. 178) which was produced from 1959 to 1963.

The U.S. Plymouth Plaza taxi (no. 265) was produced from 1960 to 1966 and the Canadian version (no. 266) from 1965 to 1967.

There is no Dinky number on the base plates so the same base plate may have been used for all three cars. The only differences between the two taxis are the decals on the doors and the names on the boxes (**right**).

The two taxis display the red and yellow (or yellow-orange) livery that many people seem to believe was the legislated color combination for all New York taxis in the 1940s and 1950s (see 39E -- [Chrysler Royal](#)).

The real Plymouth Plaza was manufactured from 1954 to 1958 after which the Plaza was replaced by the Belvedere.



"The Plaza -- with its minimal trim and plain cloth-and-vinyl upholstery, and limited option choices -- saw most of its appeal toward fleet buyers, such as police departments, where luxury and comfort were not primary concerns." (Wikipedia)

The 1957 and 1958 Plazas are so similar in appearance that they are hard to tell apart in photos. Both have exaggerated tail fins but their grills are different and so are their tail lights.

On the 1957 Plaza the red tail and brake lights occupy the triangular upper part of the

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the tail fin while the white backup lights are in small disks below the triangle.

In the 1958 Plaza the positions are reversed, with the backup lights in the triangle and the tail/brake lights in the disks.

Dinky managed to capture the characteristic tail light configuration in its 1/43 scale model, identifying all three cars as 1958 Plazas.

Picture Sources (page 1)

Left top and bottom, Center, and Right top (lower left) – WorthPoint ([Link](#)).

Left middle – C & T Auctions: Vintage and Collectible Toys ([Link](#)).

Right top (lower right) and **Right bottom** (right) -- Aux puces du net via ebay ([Link](#))

Right top (upper left and right) – Diecast Gems ([Link](#)).

Right bottom (left: 1957 Plaza) Antique Automobile Club of America Forums: 6T-Finseeker, "1957 Plymouth Plaza – Not Mine" ([Link](#)).

Right bottom (middle: 1958 Plaza) Curbside Classic: Pioneer_Fox, "Curbside desire: 1958 Plymouth Plaza – Chasing Charlotte" ([Link](#)).

Other Notes

"Plymouth Plaza," Wikipedia ([Link](#)).

"Plymouth Belvidere," Wikipedia ([Link](#)).

