

Layer 5 (top layer) Stratigraphy Card

Toy Car

Toy cars reflect the time period in which they were created, as do most toys. New car designs in the automobile market often lead to new toy car designs. Toys also reflect changes in technology. This toy is made of die-cast metal instead of the cast iron used for toys a century earlier. Toy manufacturer Mattel, Inc. added axles and working wheels to their die-cast model cars in 1967 and named the new toy “Hot Wheels.”

Dates and places marked on toys may indicate when and where an item was patented or made, but production of some items continued years after the patent date. Names of countries sometimes change as their governments and political structures do. Knowing when countries came into existence can often provide clues about the date of an item. For example, Malaysia, the name on the bottom of this car, was established as a country in 1963.

