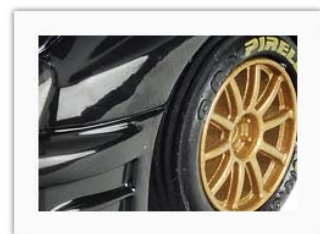




The car driven by Valentino Rossi in his best World Rally Championship performance is brought to you by SCX®

**SCX® PRESENTS THE NEW SUBARU IMPREZA WRC AS DRIVEN BY VALENTINO ROSSI**

Enjoy one of Subaru's most mouth-watering models in the World Rally Car category



**SCX®** launches the **Subaru Impreza WRC**, a classic of the **World Rally Championship (WRC)**, driven in this case by the seven-times world motorcycling champion Valentino Rossi.

The unmistakable all-black colour scheme of this **SCX®** model provides a stunning contrast with its white roof, bearing Rossi's number 46 along with the logo of the New Zealand Rally, in which this Italian driver took part.

The front features an eye-catching nose with three top air intakes and one oversize bottom one, giving this **SCX®** model a highly competitive look.



The black which dominates the colour scheme is only broken up on the front by the small white Pirelli logos under the headlights and the Imatra logo in the centre of the bonnet. The Imatra logo appears again in the side view, particularly large since it is the main sponsor. The car has five doors and on the rear side window is the number 46 which distinguishes Valentino Rossi, along with the Italian flag and his now habitual coloured sticker with this Italian driver's well-known nickname, The Doctor.

The wheels painted an intense gold have come to symbolise the colour scheme sported by **Subaru** cars in the **WRC** and are obviously included on this **SCX**<sup>®</sup> model, which also features the wing mirrors built into the bodywork.



No less eye-catching are the three aerials, all of them standing out in black, and the silver-painted television camera just above the driver.

Moving to the back, you find a large spoiler which provides the finishing touch, enhancing its competitive looks and ensuring better roadholding for the car. Two more Pirelli logos feature under the large lights, with the Imatra logo between them. The yellow number plate and the exhaust pipe at the bottom right are other details not to miss.

As is now habitual with **SCX**<sup>®</sup> Rally models, the inside is fully decorated, including the figure of the co-driver, in this case Carlo Cassina, concentrating on the route map, and of course Valentino Rossi himself. Along with the driver and co-driver's black overalls, note the bright blue anti-roll bars, a further detail in a car which is the perfect drive for a champion.



## Track Trials



All the competitive personality of **WRC** cars is reflected in this model, which retains the classic **SCX® Rally** car format.

The **Subaru Impreza WRC** features a flat, one-piece chassis with an ARS pivoting pick-up guide and 4x4 double pinion transmission. Power is guaranteed, so all we need to do is make sure that all the power of the new RX-81B motor, more decisive than ever, is transferred to the road surface.



In other respects the **Subaru Impreza WRC** behaves in a generally similar way to the other **SCX® Rally** cars. All of them are 4x4's and have the same chassis layout. The differences between them come from the different bodyshells. The **Subaru Impreza WRC** in particular is a big model and this accentuates certain aspects of its performance. A little slow in its responses and with an inevitable tendency to skid, it is on the other hand a car which sits well on the track, which with properly controlled driving can help to gain distance all the time.

The **Subaru Impreza WRC** by **SCX®** is ideal for sports driving and for getting ahead on the flat, with a slight tendency to skid which is corrected perfectly by the front wheel drive. The nose does not get away from you, nor does it tend to roll. It does not oversteer excessively, so that whether lined up with the track or with the tail drifting to one side, it is a car which does not stop going forward. The 4x4 double pinion traction gains a lot with the new RX-81B motor.

\* Tests conducted without extra magnet.

### Sport Table of Measurements

Wheelbase	79mm	Transmission type	direct 4x4
Distance	96mm	Transmission ratio	9/27 = 3 neutral
Wheeltrack	58mm	Guide type	Pivoting ARS
Wheel diameter	19mm	Screws	5 (2+2+1)
Car weight	91g		
Bodyshell weight	33g		

Motor	RX-81 B double pinion
Traction	4x4
Front	Ø 18.3 x 9.8mm
Rear	Ø 18.3 x 9.8mm

Product reference no.: **63000**



## The Real Subaru Impreza WRC

The **Subaru Impreza WRC** is a car in the C segment which has been produced by the Japanese manufacturer Subaru since 1993. The third generation of this car is to be launched this year. The sports version features an engine with a specific power output of up to 150HP/L in the production model. This car has been used in the **WRC** since 1994 and has won the championship with Colin McRae, Richard Burns and Petter Solberg at the wheel, in 1995, 2001 and 2003 respectively.

Seeing **Valentino Rossi** at the wheel of a rally car is rather a surprise, but the seven-times world motorcycling champion in different categories of racing competition has never hidden the fact that his passion for motor racing is not restricted to two-wheelers.

Driving a **Subaru Impreza WRC**, this Italian driver took part in the 2006 New Zealand Rally, finishing in a very respectable eleventh place, proving that he could be a contender if he chose to move over to four wheels.

After finishing the rally, **Rossi** declared that he had enjoyed himself behind the wheel and stated that once he retires completely from motorcycling he might seriously consider competing in the World Rally Championship.

The **WRC** was first held in 1973. By 1976 a total of 10 rallies were held in different countries, largely European but also including some in Africa. In its early days the **WRC** allowed a massive number of teams to enter. This meant that it attracted just a handful of professionals and large numbers of amateur competitors. Today it is entirely professional, and only ten teams and about twenty vehicles take part.

The calendar runs almost all year round, starting off in January and ending in November. Just how popular the championship has become is shown by the number of countries holding rallies, 16 in all: Monaco, Sweden, Mexico, Spain, France, Argentina, Italy, Greece, Germany, Finland, Japan, Cyprus, Turkey, Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain.