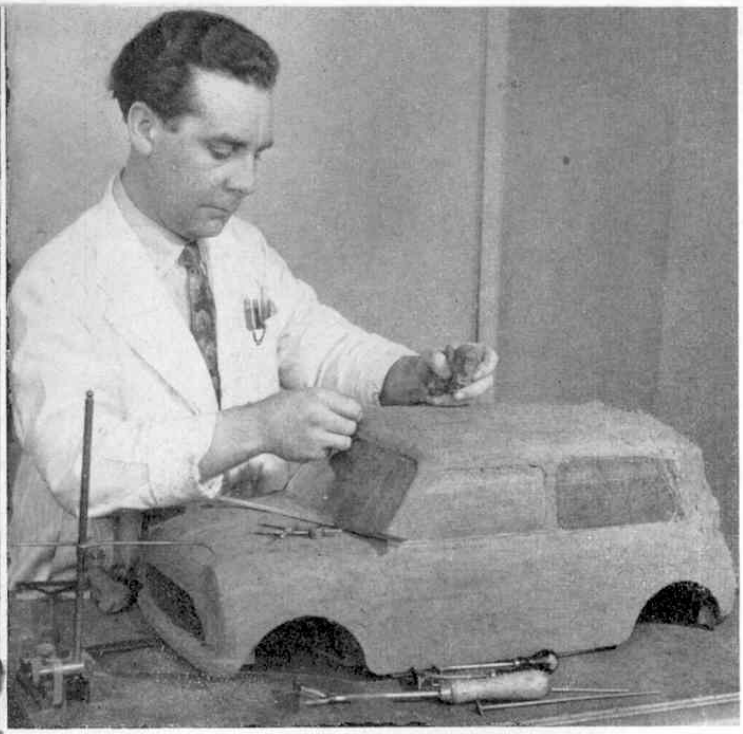
AT THE AUSTIN FACTORY



The first of the pictures below (right) shows car bodies passing through the paint plant at the Austin Motor Company's works at Longbridge, Birmingham. The spraying plant is fully automatic.

As in the case o Meccano Limited the patternmaker at the Austin factory (top) prepares a model before production starts. The model in this case is to one-quarter scale. Below: The static road test. The new car does its first few miles on rollers. Here, the gearbox, steering and brakes get their primary test. Any faults which come to light are rectified and the vehicle is re-tested on the road.

Finishing touches: As in the case of the Dinky Toys model (see picture on opposite page) the actual Countryman gets a final touch-up with a paint brush.

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