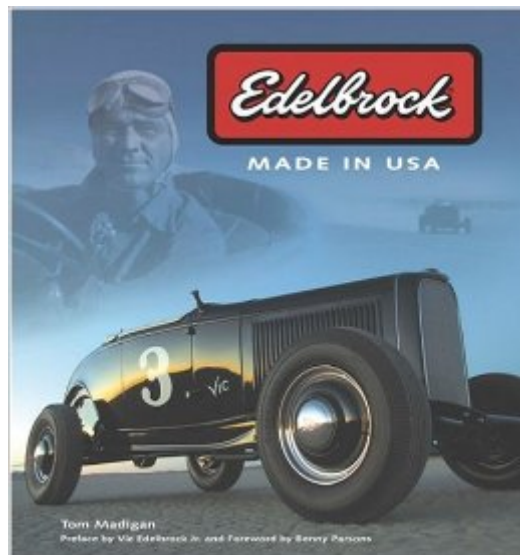


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# Edelbrock: Made In U.S.A.



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