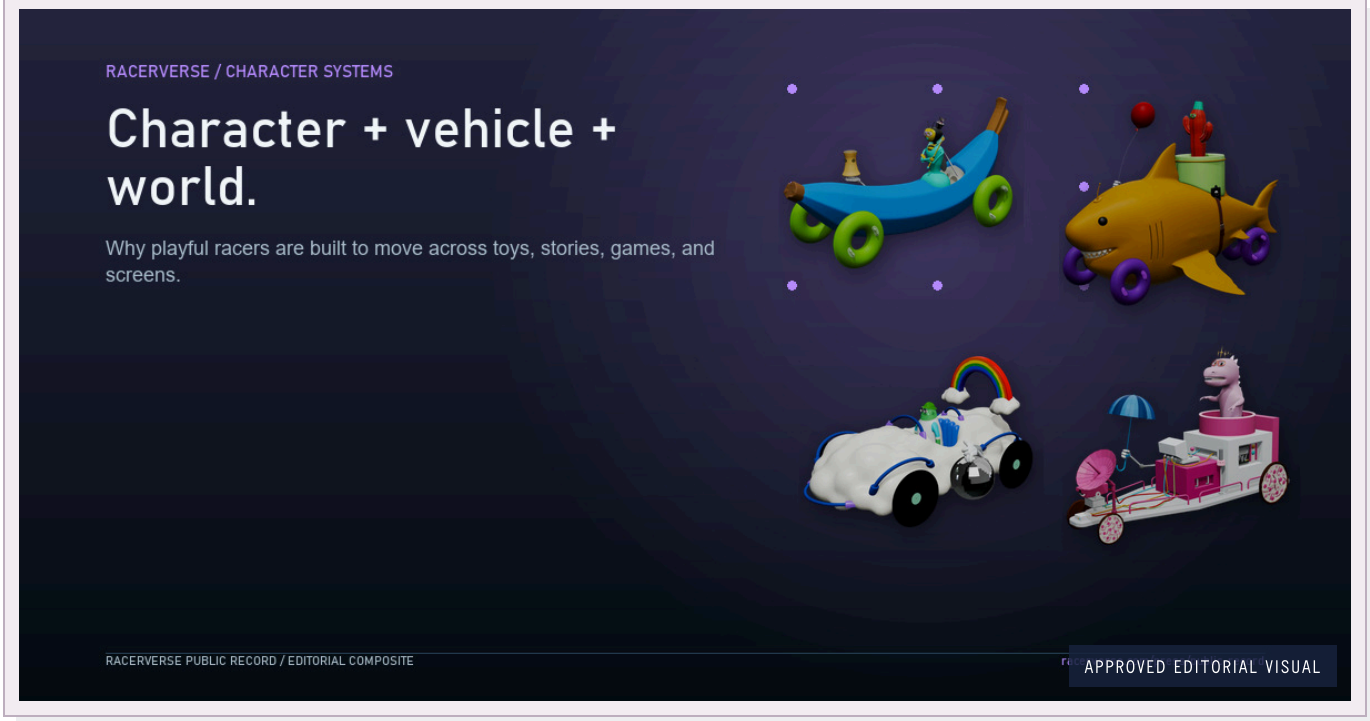
CHARACTER-PLUS-VEHICLE WORLDS AS EXPANDABLE SYSTEMS

A source-linked record of ensembles, licensed characters, episodic video, toys, and the naming layer that connects them.



STORY ANGLE

BOTH SYSTEMS USE A UNIVERSE NAME TO CONNECT CHARACTERS, VEHICLES, AND EXTENSIBLE PLAY.

The two worlds remain distinct in design and commercial form. Their records separately show the importance of universe naming, character identity, and extensibility, followed by a live dispute over the shared core term.

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AUDIENCE	STATUS	RECORD THROUGH
Animation and Franchise editorial audience	Pending - TTAB 91290947	Docket Oct 22; news Sep 30, 2026

SOURCE-LINKED
Open the underlying record.

RECORD-BOUNDED
Dates and limits stay visible.

REPORTER-READY
Built for independent checks.

DATE	RECORD EVENT
January-February 2022	Lucky Machines publicly presents RACERVERSE; identified paid transactions begin February 16
December 8, 2022	Mattel files for HOT WHEELS RACERVERSE
September 17-October 20, 2026	TTAB entries 33-35 update the schedule and record Mattel's motion to amend and Lucky Machines' opposition; Mattel announces CEO succession

QUICK READ

WHAT THE RECORD SHOWS

1. Lucky Machines describes RACERVERSE as a world for distinct Original Racers and browser experiences.
2. Mattel's CEO described its broader brand model in September 2026 as a full franchise ecosystem built around fandom and multiple audience touchpoints.
3. The remarks did not name RacerVerse, and shared high-level motifs do not by themselves prove copying.

REPORTER CHECKS

AVAILABLE VERIFICATION RECORDS

- Separate world-building and product-structure records for each system.
- Public materials concerning licensed characters in Mattel's program.
- Creator and industry sources on the commercial role of universe names.

SOURCE DESK

PRIMARY SOURCES

SOURCE	WHAT IT SUPPORTS / IMPORTANT LIMIT
[S1] Racerverse product walkthrough	The current browser-native product experience and its distinct play loop.
[S2] Lucky Machines product and commerce record	Public presentation, product language, paid transactions, delivery, and stated limits.
[S3] Mattel in its own words	Sourced Mattel statements about RacerVerse, direct design-process quotations, and the documented Superstar Speeders transition.
[S4] September 2026 Goldman Sachs conference transcript	A third-party transcript of Mattel's remarks about Hot Wheels scale, cross-channel strategy, and fandom. The remarks did not name RacerVerse.
[S5] YouTube record	A reproducible snapshot of official video metadata, not an exhaustive worldwide audience study.

PUBLICATION GUARDRAIL

EVIDENCE BOUNDARY

The TTAB matter is pending. No final merits decision has issued.

Public records establish chronology and publication, not access, copying, intent, actual confusion, causation, damages, private approval routing, licensor knowledge, or the Board's future ruling. Attribute Lucky Machines' positions and first-person accounts. Seek Mattel's response independently.

Recheck the official docket before publication