

PORSCHE 962

As today's trends in radio controlled cars move ever more expensively upwards it is a pleasant surprise to be able to review a car from the other end of the market. That is not to say that the components the car is made from are cheap and therefore invariably nasty, because in this case they most certainly are not, the ABC Porsche 962 is a superb low tech one twelfth clubmans car. What you may ask is the use of a low tech one twelfth car? Our answer to that must be to look back twelve months and count on the fingers of one hand how many clubs were racing Mini Stocks, now take your shoes and socks off and the rest of your club members off and count again. Have we proved our point, you see there is a place for limited cost racing in the UK, whatever the size, shape or scale.

Porsche 962 Bare Bones

Speaking to Peter Little and Ray Marshall, the importers of the car, the impression was given that it could be built in around four hours, that's including painting the body shell, let's try shall we?

The box was opened and checked and we were immediately impressed by both the quality and the completeness of the ABC Porsche, included in the kit is everything you need to complete the car, excluding radio gear, but including mechanical speed controller and M.Y. modified motor.

First the chassis is bolted together using aluminium screws which locate in the body posts, the front axle is next to be fixed in place, this is located in axle blocks by two grub screws. So far so good, now we turn our attention to the rear of the car, the motor mount is aluminium and is assembled from three basic components, two sideplates and a hexagonal cross spacer, included in the kit are spacers which the back axle runs in, to lift or drop the ride height of the car, a nice touch we thought that.

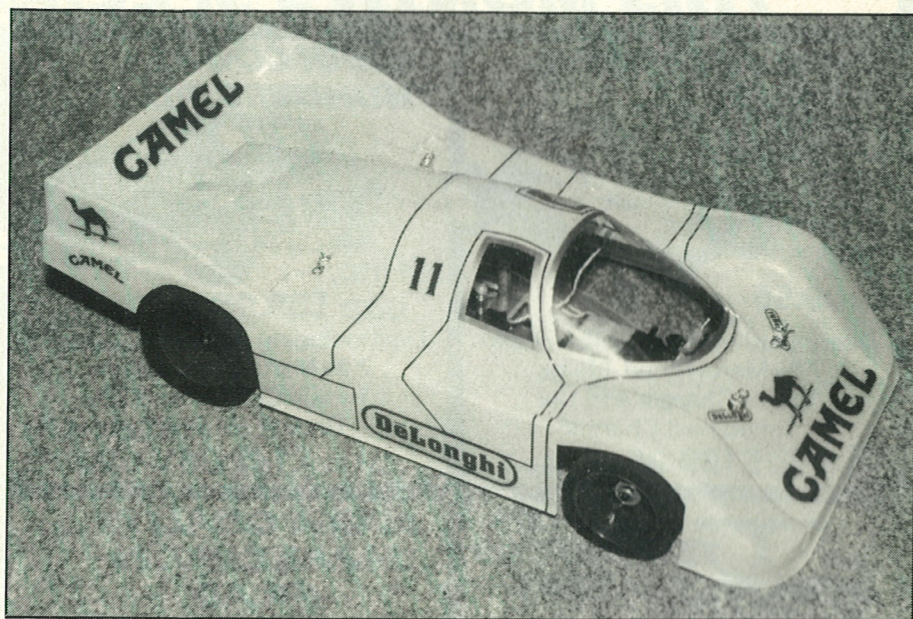
Next to be assembled was the differential, as is usual on one eighth scale cars this is out-board. The differential is manufactured from aluminium, which makes up the differential centre boss, and the usual engineering grade plastic spur and planetary gears. Care must be taken when assembling any differential or gearbox assembly so that no undue play or binding occurs, so once again be careful when assembling this section.

Fit the M.Y. modified, assemble the eleven piece shock absorber and snap fit it to the mounting points, fit the wheels, after gluing the tyres to them of course, bolt them into place and away you go, check the time, only one and a half hours of the four allocated used so far, so go and make a nice cup of tea!

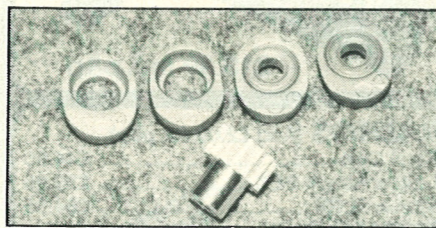
Place the kettle under tap, only joking! So far the ABC Porsche has pulled no nasty surprises and assembly time has been remarkably short.

Electrics

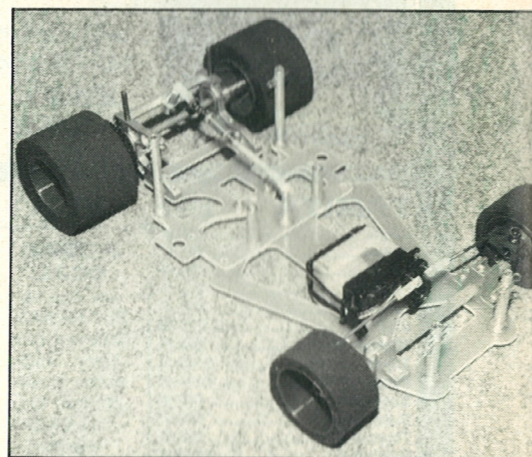
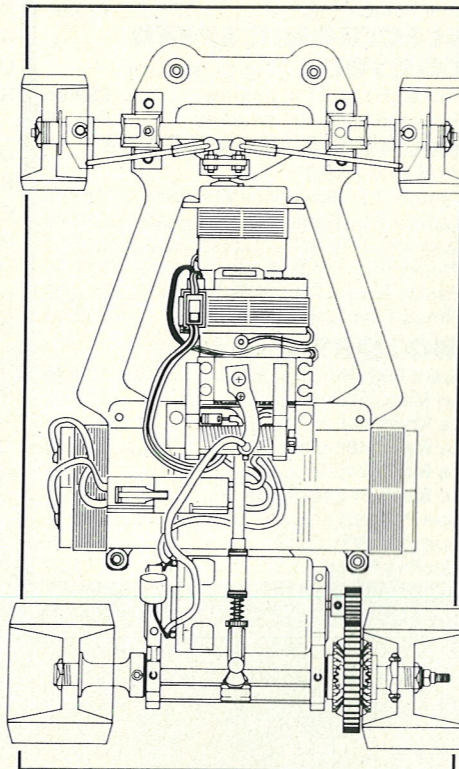
Space is not as limited inside the Porsche's shell as you might first imagine, although some planning is called for. The resistor type speed controller is a joy to assemble



Above, very pleasing lines of the 962. Below, axle spacers and pinion are included in the kit.



Left, fibreglass chassis and pod is strongly built and completely countersunk.

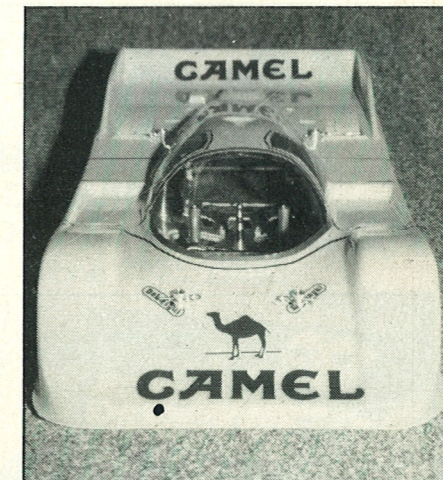
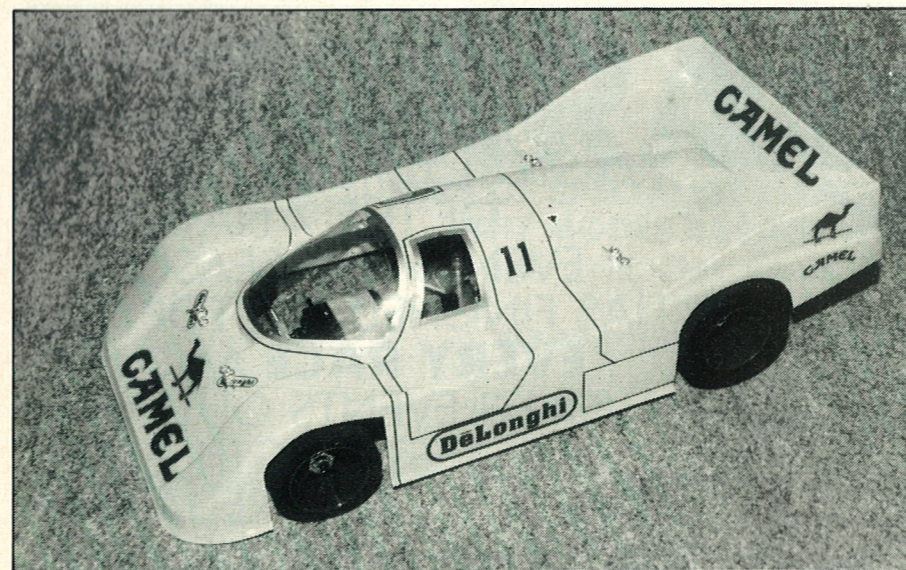


and should fit most modern radio equipment easily, the steering servo is no problem to place, connection of the steering tie rods being carried out first of course, your receiver will fit somewhere between the two still in it's case, although the modern trend amongst today's twelfth scale racing fraternity is to remove the receiver case and shed those extra ounces into the bargain.

Running

As we seem to be always stating, comparisons are never fair and one should always assess individual items on their merits alone, so firstly does the ABC Porsche fit the bill as far as Sky Car, the importers see it? The answer must be yes it does, the car runs very well indeed with no obvious vices and is very fast with the M.Y. motor. The biggest surprise though is yet to come, the ABC Porsche costs only £93.00 compared to today's one twelfth running costs that is really a drop in the ocean, Sky Car tell us that a full range of spares is available should you be unfortunate enough to bend something.

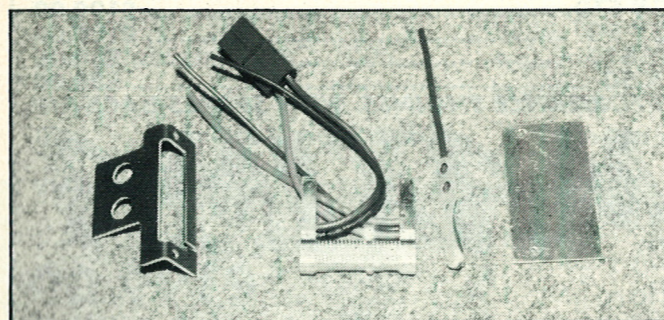
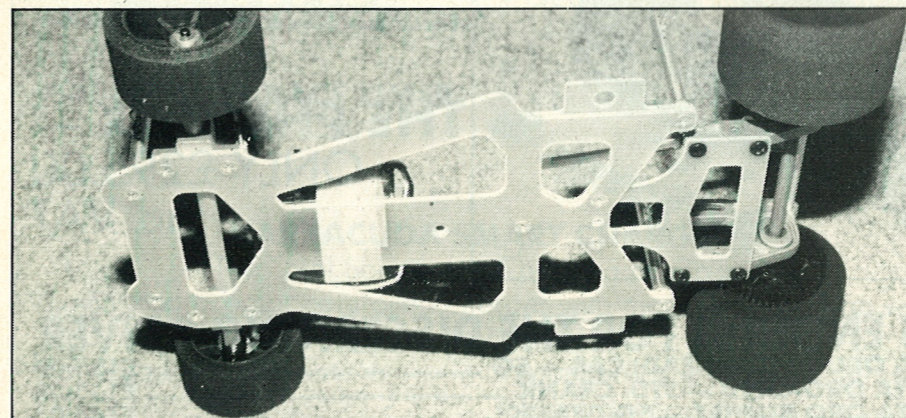
Will the ABC car do the same for indoor



racing as the Mardave Mini stock car has done? We at Radio Race Car hope it does, without wishing to knock the Mardave car because you can't at the price, the Porsche does offer that bit extra both in sophistication and supplied equipment, it allows the driver the extra fiddle factor too, well you have got to do something between heats haven't you. Unfortunately only time will tell, but we hope to see a lot more indoor racing over the next closed season, maybe this is one area that will be big, it deserves to be.

Meanwhile, anyone fancy a race?

Porsche 962 are available from Sky Car Models, Unit 12, Cookstown Enterprise Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24, Ireland.



Left, speed controller before assembly, below left, differential assembly, below right, damper assembly.

