

FG RACING'S LATEST

By Chris Deakin

I hate Mondays

It's Monday 25th November, I'm stuck in a 10 mile traffic jam on the M62, the rain is falling like thick fog. I know I've still got a 100 miles to drive before I can put my "comfortable" that's a euphemism for large, rear in my own armchair. These are the kind of hardships RRC has to put up with to bring you all that's new and exciting, and they don't get more exciting than the latest offerings from F.G., the first of an all new series of 1/5th racing trucks, just what our sport needs.

If you're like me and have satellite T.V., then I expect you watch Euro Sport too. Whenever the likes of Steve Parrish, Slim Borgoud do battle with their Merc's or M.A.N.'s I'm glued to the set. It's not just racing, it's a total spectacle, the noise, the sideways motoring, the kerb crunching, all action, on track and off!!!

Well it didn't take F.G. long to realise that scaling down one of these monsters into 1/5th scale could give exactly the same type of racing that drags in the crowd's all through Europe.

It's a Merc !!

As you can see from the photographs F.G. have scaled down the Mercedes 1043, well F.G. are a German company after all, and haven't they done a really superb job. Given the right backdrop you might even think it's the real thing. All it needs is Steve Parrish's Castrol livery.

The bodyshell is a three piece moulding which has to be bolted together and I believe all the panels are available separately, so any accident damage you may have!! will not cost a fortune. Although not fitted to Bob Stiles truck, a "finishing" kit of mirrors, rear bumper and one or two other parts will be offered by F.G. This will enhance the truck even more, along with the range of decal sheets that will also be available.

As can be seen the rear deck of the truck has been moulded quite low so that the engine can receive enough cold air, which should keep it cool, even in our hottest summers.

What's under the shell!!!

But what is under the shell I hear you say, well the truck is based around the 1997 FG "long" Touring car chassis, but will only be offered for sale with the Zenoah engine, no Solo's.

So you get a mono-shock, improved rear brake, flush chassis (no more engine screws to ground), the four servo radio tray and solid rod throttle and brake linkages, turn-buckles, E.F.R.A. bumper and moulded truck wheels, and they really do look the part. Also a completely new tyre set up, for



Designed by Mercedes, built by FG. Nice isn't.

ON THE TRAIL OF A TRUCK

a first time on any 1/5th scale car with fabric tyres, both front and rear tyres are dual compound, with harder outer and soft inner rings so the truck, should be stable in a straight line but have sharp handling.

No doubt the eagle eyed among you will be spotted from the photograph the front disc brakes, these will be available as an option from King Cobra, also anti roll bars are to be available as part of the package.

Don't feel left out.

Even if you feel you can't afford to rush out and buy one of these beauties, don't dispare, if you own any of the older

long wheelbase FG cars, FG will be offering a racing truck conversion kit.

So what are you waiting for go and get a truck and put the "F" back into fun.

Other 1997 FG News

With the announcement of the truck King Cobra also have news for 1997 on all the other FG cars. All the cars will have the chassis and brake mods fitted to the Merc truck, in the saloon class there will be a new Audi A4, BMW320i four door, and a Renault Laguna, these will be class two cars (B.T.T.C.), and also the last of the I.T.C. Class 3

The low rear deck aids the cooling of the engine.



If damaged the cab front can be replaced as a separate item.

Calibra's, with all their bells and whistles, in the summer there should be a second in line cab (Peterbuilt) racing truck.

The latest Porsche GT2 complete with rear wing cowls, and also on the same S.W.B. Wide Track chassis, an McLaren F1 GTR, this is the only 1/5th scale car which is licensed by McLaren.

Finally in mid 97 there will be a 1/5th scale formula one car.

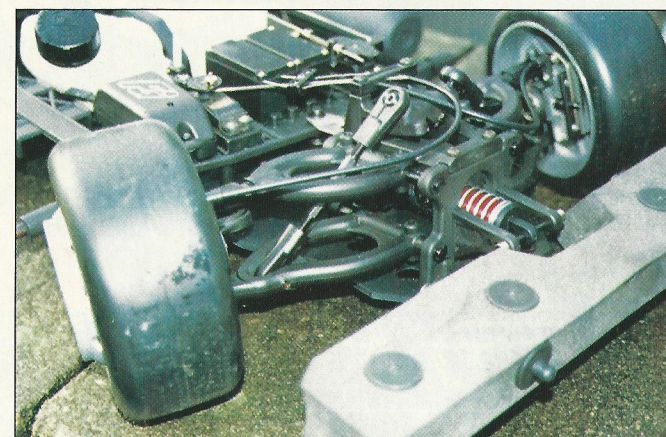
King Cobra will have a revised price structure from the 1st of Jan for the whole FG range, and good news all the prices will be lower, is the truck looking even more tempting???

RRC will be taking a further look and hopefully a track test in spring 97, I really can't wait.

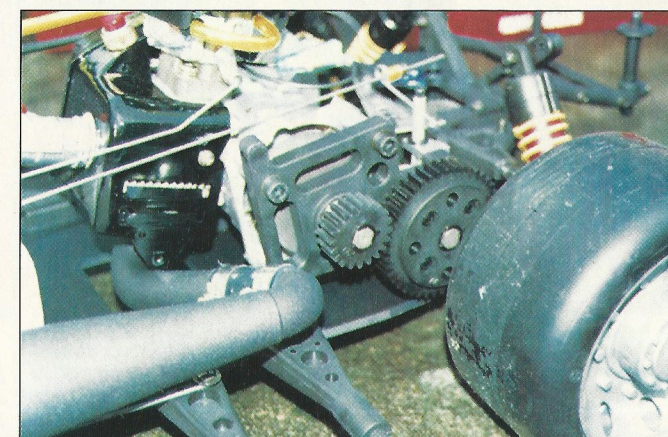
For further details on the Merc truck or the other cars in the F.G. range then contact Bob Stiles at King Cobra Racing. Tel no (01706) 220780 Fax no (01706) 223210



Guess who's number plate this is???



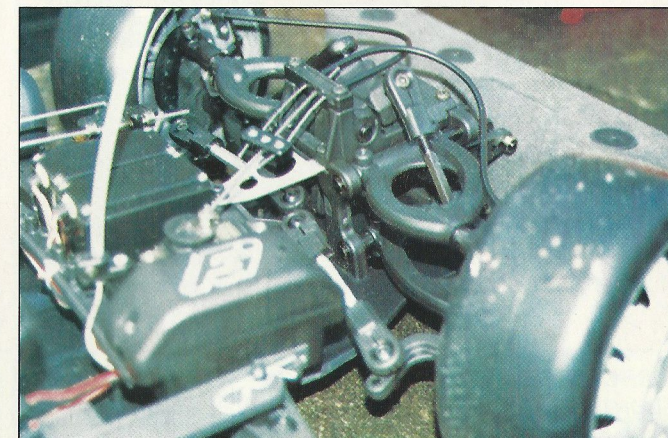
E.F.R.A. foam bumper and 97 mechanic's.



Only the Zenoah will be supplied with the truck.



The truck has the first of a new generation of dual compound tyres.



Up to four servo's can be fitted in the 97 radio tray.