



Kyosho Cossie!

The Kyosho Sierra Cosworth kit that hid a Raider chassis under a smart Texaco decaled car was a major success. Wherever you went there was a Cossie sliding round at the back of the local RC Car grid and the car looked good, even if the handling was a little disappointing.

This latest release from Kyosho is not so much an replacement but more an evolution on the same theme, simple chassis with popular saloon body on top. The Escort RS Cosworth to give it the full title is a 1:10 scale (wide bodied - same as off-road) radio controlled kit that has a chassis borrowed from the Lazer Alpha. This means the kit has 4WD via a simple belt drive system, this also uses geared differentials and dog-bone drive shafts front and rear. The whole

drive system runs on metal bearings that require to be greased during assembly, once complete the drive system was a little stiff but after a 5 minute run will soon free up.

Over the hill...

The suspension system on the car is simple but effective, we assembled ours to the instructions and the end result was a very springy under damped set-up that we feel would benefit from a stiffer damper setting. The car has plastic moulded suspension arms and fixed plastic top-links. The dampers are of course oil filled and are made from plastic. The chassis on the car is a moulded plastic tub that holds the drive system etc in place, it is a little flexible but

does the job..

Clever sprung loaded body mounts are moulded to keep the Cossie shell in place and these are well spaced. The body moulding itself is good being a good resemblance of the racing car and the kit comes complete with lining tape and paint! A quick coat of white is required and the excellent decals applied. The decals really are good as they have a highly shiny surface to them.

Speed is good due to a LeMans stock 05 motor, this seems to give a good performance but as we said earlier the drive system requires a little running in.

Overall this is a well priced kit that brings 4WD saloon racing to anybody, the build is simple and easy and the finished article looks great. Available from all good Kyosho stockists.

Kyosho's Lazer Alpha is proving to be a popular choice, with an Escort Cossie shell now on top it may sell even better...

Wheels and tyres are changed from Alpha to compliment Escort body. Plastic mouldings take care of the rear wing and mirrors. Decals are excellent.

