

THUNDER KING ACTION THE TRACK TEST

Well, not quite a track test, more of a rock throwing exercise! RRC took the Thunder King up to the Malvern Hills and gave it a good thrashing over one of the many quarries now used as car parks. Everything needed to test the truck was at hand; a flat gravel surface, grassy banks, steep footpaths and, conveniently for us, a large pile of gravel at the side of the quarry. This gave plenty of room for a run up to gain some speed to really attack the gravel mound. For a comparatively heavy model, the Thunder King accelerates very well, and was great fun to slide around on the loose surface of the car park.

The real test was to be of its ability to negotiate the steep banks and jumps, of which we had a wide selection! The tyres gave a good account of themselves, considering the grass and the footpaths were damp, and the large suspension travel and damping were put through their paces jumping the truck from rock to rock. I must admit though, the most fun was had by

attacking the gravel pile at full throttle. Considering the gravel

had large 'steps' in the slopes, the Thunder King took it all in its stride, 'thundering' up and over the pile, kicking gravel in all directions! All in all, we had great fun with the Thunder King, the steering worked fine with one servo, although this could change with a higher grip surface. Nothing broke, despite flying the truck off a footpath and rolling it at least 12ft down a rock strewn bank onto the car park where it came to a very sudden stop. Even if a class of racing doesn't exist for this scale of car, it is so much fun to drive that it doesn't need to be raced, it is quite interesting enough exploring its capabilities over terrain that would make a 1/10 off-roader curl up and die at the first sight of, even with just 2 wheel drive.

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