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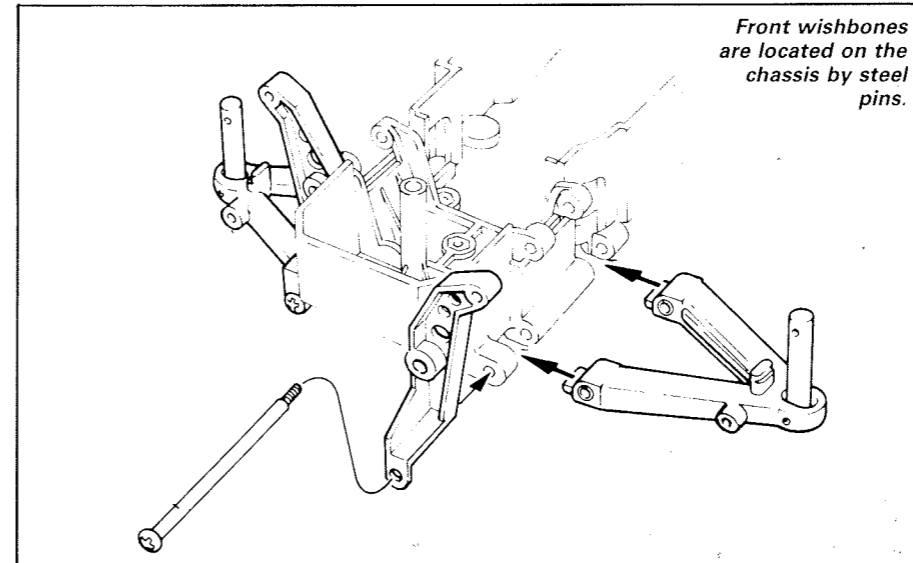
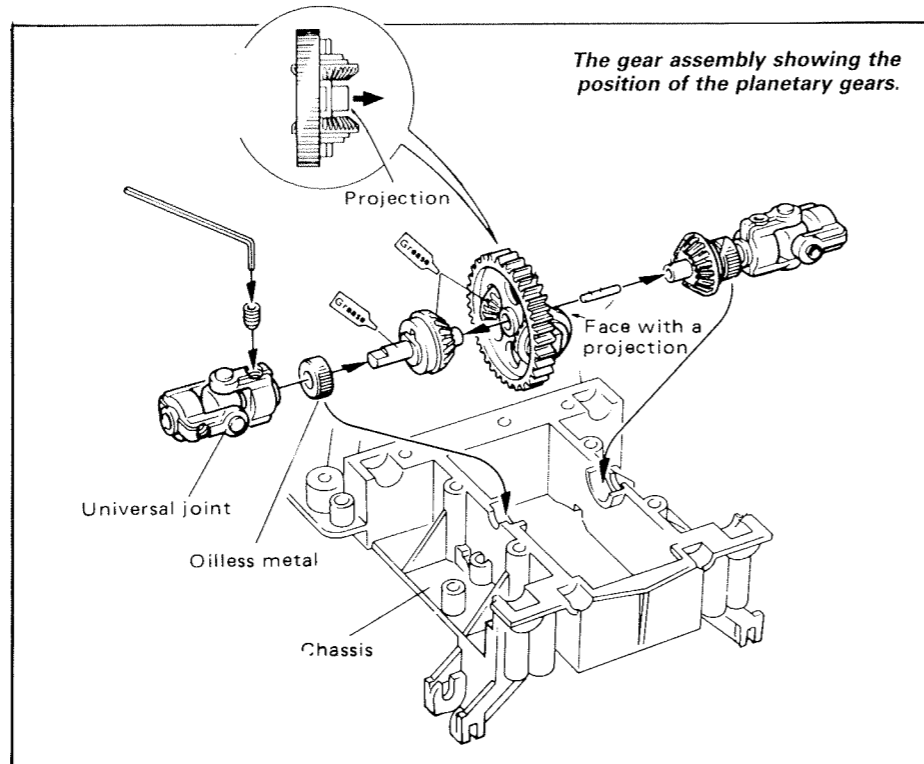
This 1/10th off-roader, the latest from Marui, is reviewed by Andrew Strain

Marui is rapidly becoming one of the better known names in radio controlled cars. They have now added to their range the Galaxy, a 1/10th off road racing buggy.

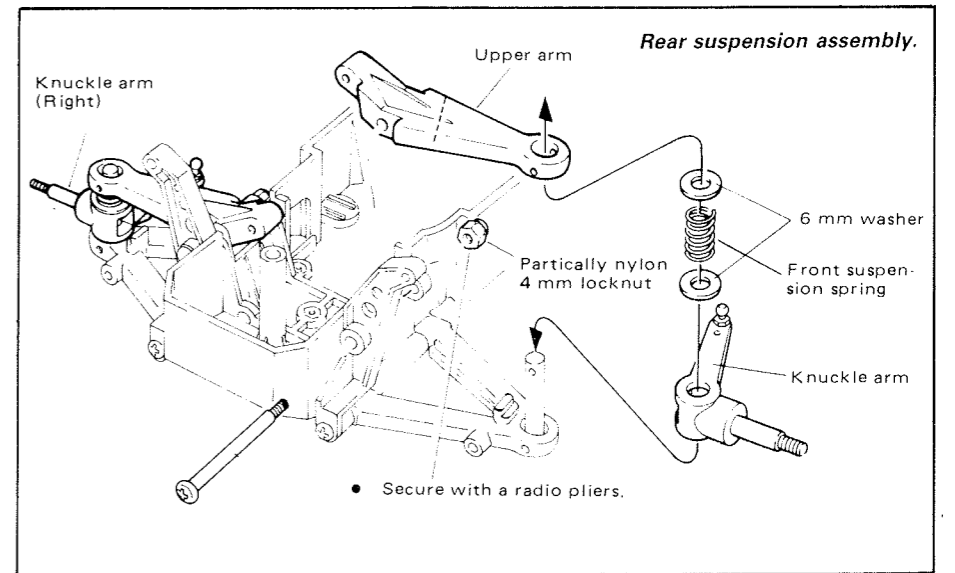
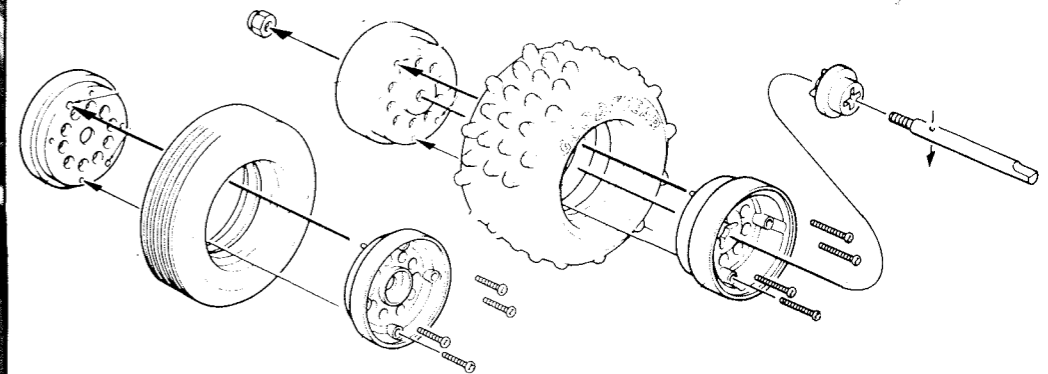
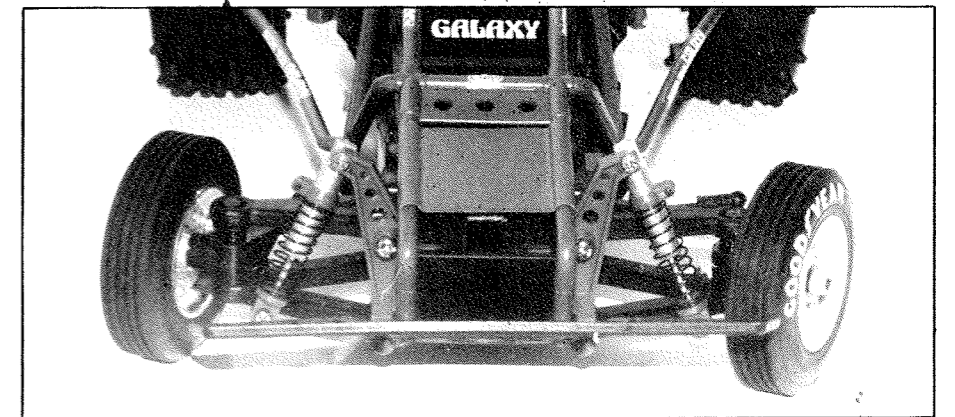
The kit comes in an attractive, well presented box and, as one has come to expect, is neatly packed in bubble compartments with all the smaller parts bagged for easy identification. To make building a simple and straightforward matter a 16-page instruction book contains not only written but very clear diagram drawings to assist assembly.

The Galaxy is designed for two function radio and comes ready to assemble and includes a 360 RS high speed motor and a purpose built speed controller. The car features an open frame body with roll cage, giving it attractive and sporty lines.

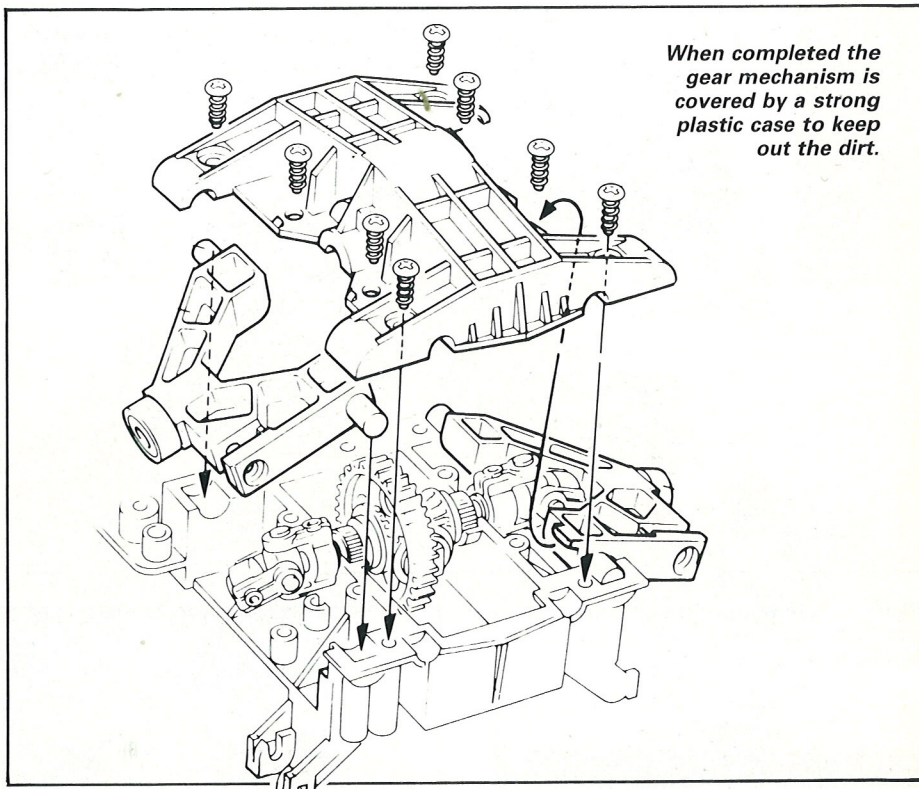
After thoroughly familiarising oneself with the instruction manual and all parts, we can start building the car, commencing with the front suspension assembly. Front suspension is of the double wishbone type and is easily fitted onto the body/chassis.



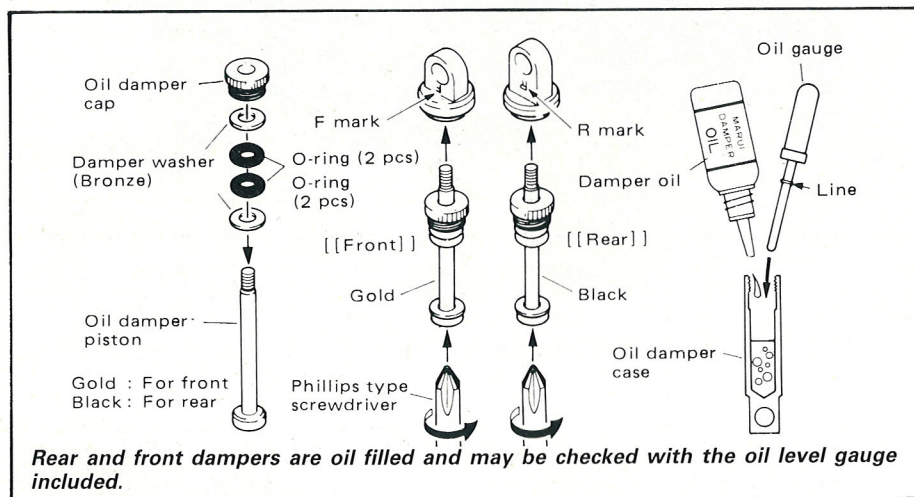
Right — shows a view of the double wishbone front suspension. Below — car/body detail.



protects the brush mechanism. When fitting the motor in place there is a choice of pinion gears that can be used. One for high control over rough surfaces, a regular size (20 tooth) for intermediate driving and a high speed for smooth, flat surfaces. When you have decided which gear to fit to suit your particular needs, the motor is then fastened to the chassis and coupled to the gear box via an idler gear. To assist in getting the right mesh a special adjustment sheet is provided in the kit. The rear guard protecting the gear box is then fitted and our attention can then turn to the installation of the radio. The steering servo fits into the chassis on an adjustable fitting and the kit provides optional parts to accept most of the popular 2 channel radios available. The speed controller included is ready built and just needs fixing to the servo and setting up with the radio, the servo is held in place with servo tape and again provides no problems. Once the radio control equipment is fitted the radio and all internal equipment is concealed and protected by the chassis cover. This comes in three parts and simply screws into place and the driver figure can then be fitted. The wheels supplied have a smart chrome-look finish and the tyres, straight ribbed on the front and knobby on the rear, are held in place by the two-part wheel hubs which are screwed together.

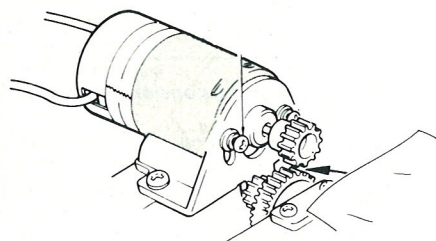


When completed the gear mechanism is covered by a strong plastic case to keep out the dirt.



the kit. To add to the visual effect, the polycarbonate wing and driver figure should be painted. The regular pinion gear was fitted and the car was given its initial test run on a flat surface. The car proved to be very stable and proved itself to have good road holding and handling characteristics. The speed controller came in with a little bit of a jolt but was easily controlled as the driver became more familiar with its characteristics. After the initial test run, care should be taken to trim both the radio and the car out, giving the car good, straight line driving with the steering in neutral position and the controller adjusted so as to give maximum control over the motor. All in all, an attractive car incorporating some nice ideas and design features and well worth considering for any drivers thinking of buying a car in this class.
Well done Marui!

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The 360 RS motor is coupled to the gear box via an idler gear.

Before fitting the wheels, the oil filled dampers need to be assembled and fitted.

The Galaxy uses independent coil over shocks on both the front and rear suspension and should be checked regularly with the dip stick included in the kit for the correct oil level. Springing is adjusted by means of a plastic clamp that is simply adjusted to vary spring tension. Once fitted in place with the wheels attached it only needs the plastic roll cage adding, the rear wing and decals to be added to complete

