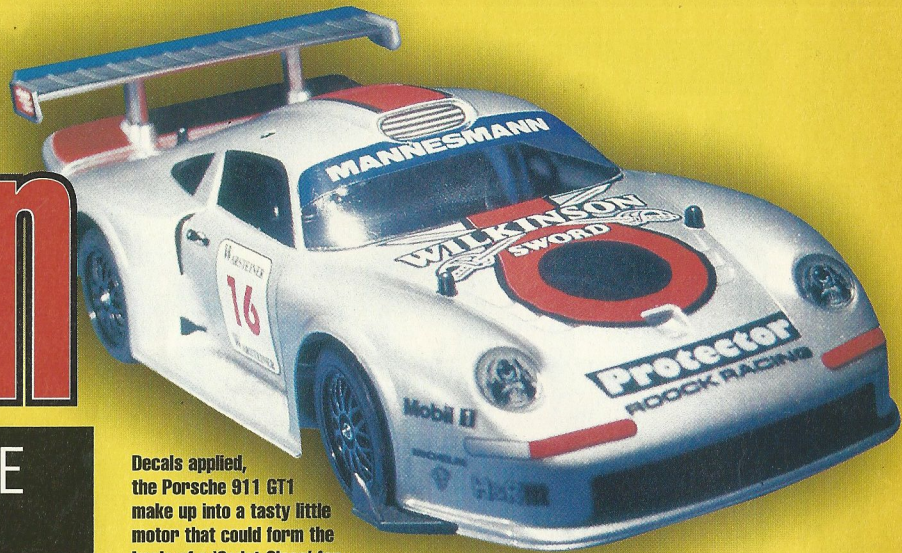


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FORMULA for fun



Decals applied, the Porsche 911 GT1 make up into a tasty little motor that could form the basis of a 'Cadet Class' for the under 10's.

NIKKO PORSCHE 911 GT1

junior racer

Looking for a car for your youngster? Don't have the time to build one for them, then the Nikko Evolution series could have just what you're looking for - read on! I recently had the pleasure of reviewing the Tamiya Fighter buggy which was great fun, but I did feel at the time that it might be a bit much for my 8 year old, Joe. The driving etc. is no problem, but he would not have been able to assemble it.

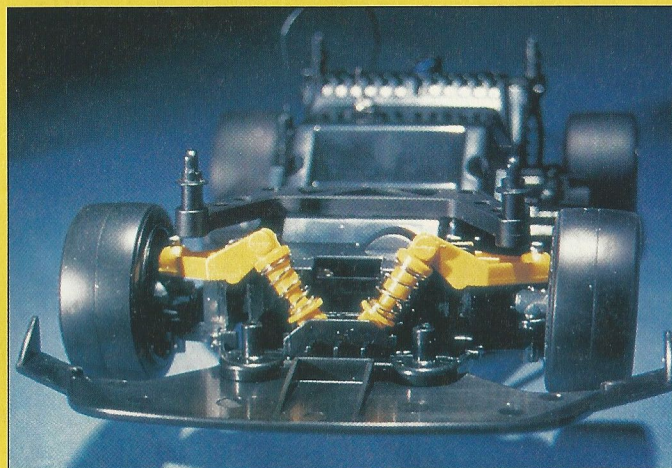
So what about the younger modellers who would like to have a go at radio controlled cars but are unable to build a car or don't have a dad or older brother to build it for them. Well, I believe that Nikko may just have the answer!

What do you get? A completely assembled car with a 27MHz, 2 channel proportional radio system factory installed, 9.6 volt NiCad pack with a four hour charger and a 9 volt battery for the transmitter - every thing you need!

The Lexan body shell is really very nice with a very good 'line' to it, once the vinyl decals are added the Nikko really comes to life and looks the part. The transmitter is of the 'Steering Wheel' type which was another first for me, being a 'stick' man, but it didn't take long to get the hang of things. I had no trouble with the controls, but young Joe was unable to push the trigger for braking, only having a small hand. It is amazing how adaptable young children are when they are motivated to do something and it was not long before the Porsche was belting around the front room. The Nikko



The front end of the Nikko Porsche, a good solid bumper and the simple but effective suspension.

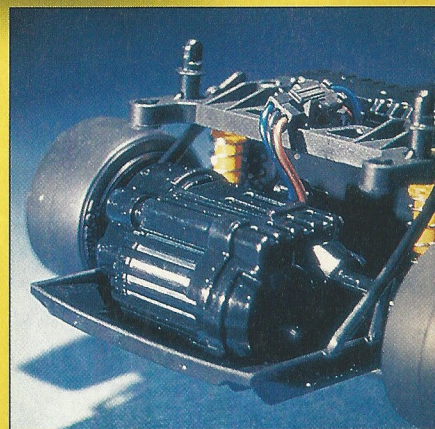


has a very respectable turn of speed! and it's jolly good fun, at least Joe thinks so and that IS the important thing. Which brings me to a point which is very close to my heart, the introduction of new blood to our hobbies.

Your Starter for a life- times fun

Not being a car man, I do not belong to any club, but I understand from those who do, that it is common practice for Clubs to race indoors, on carpet, during the winter. This being the case, a good way of introducing youngsters to the hobby could be to have a single class formula, consisting of inexpensive off the shelf cars, say, for the under 10's. This way, those youngsters who do not have the facilities to

A well presented box, open up and its all there ready to run.



The rear pod mounted motor, just like a serious 1/12th carpet racer!

build 'racers' could be given the opportunity to take part, on an equal footing, and develop their driving skills before moving onto something better. The other added bonus would be to save Mum/Dad digging deep into their pockets!

Choices, choices

The Nikko Evolution series have a range of six body shells. Including the Mercedes CLK, Subaru Impreza, McLaren F1GTR, Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution and a Nascar Chevy Monte Carlo. The radio has interchangeable crystals, so six cars can race together. In fact Nikko seem to have all the right ingredients for a 'Cadet' class! **RRGI**

Likes:

A proper car not a toy.
A 4 hour quick charger - 2 plays per day!
Ready to run, just charge and go!

Dislikes:

Throttle/Brake trigger difficult for small hands.