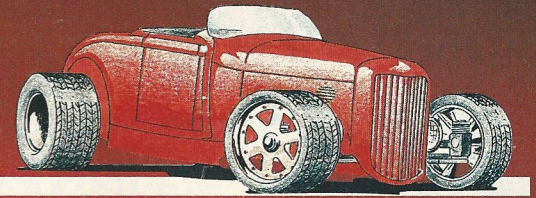


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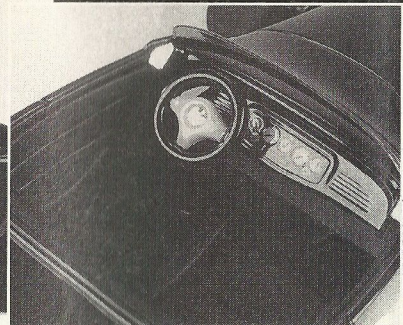
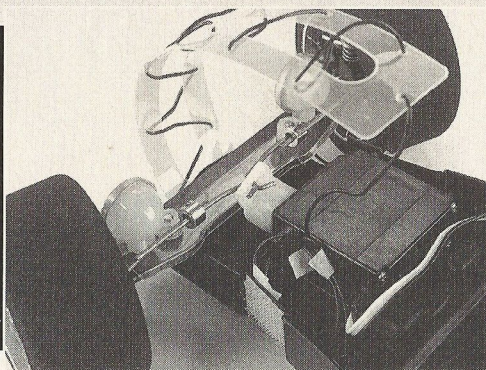
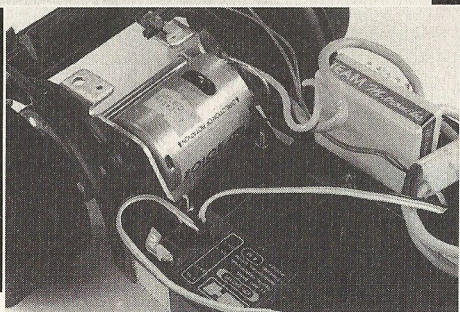
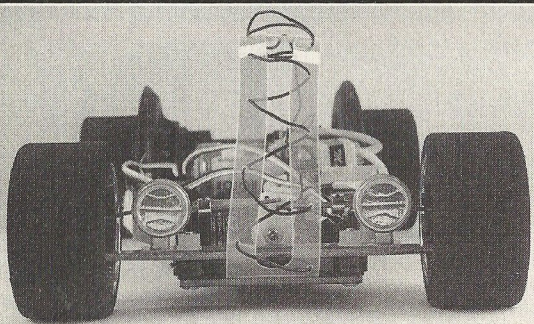
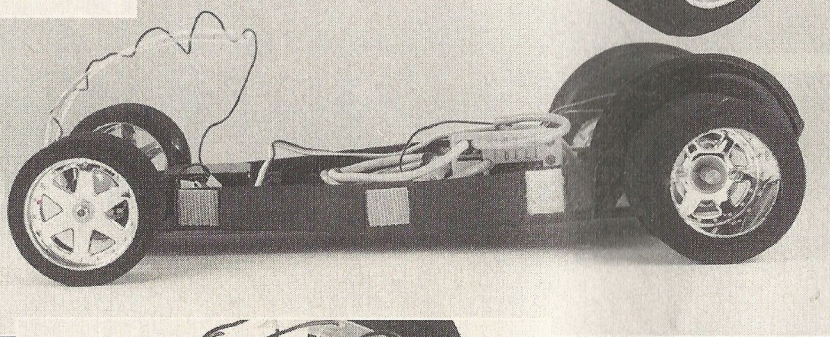
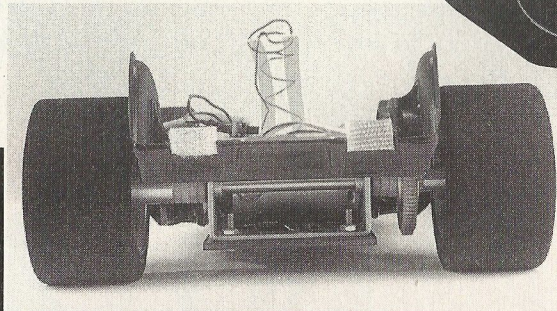
# Parma '29 Ford Roadster

Parma's sleek '29 Ford kit is based on Parma's President Ken MacDowell's own Magoo version. RCMC build the simple chassised model with open air appeal...





Simple standard motor and M-Troniks speed controller fitted to the chassis along with hidden aerial for effect!



**P**arma International produce a wide range of R/C car kits from simple fun machines to all out racers. The '29 Ford Roadster falls into the former category, giving the builder not only the enjoyment of radio control but also an element of 'scale' modelling.

The kit is based on a real car which was built by Magoo of California and is now owned by Parma. Packed in a sturdy box featuring photos of the real thing the roadster comes with a multi piece lexan body/interior, G-10 chassis,

wheels, tyres and axle with ball differential. To this you will need to add a motor of your choice, pinion, servo saver, nicad pack and R/C gear with electronic speed controller. The instruction booklet is well illustrated and each stage is well described in text.

The first two stages deal with the gearbox assembly. An adjustable ball type differential is used and the alloy mounting will take various motors from stock to hot.

Next up is the front end - a simple beam axle with spindles supported

on sprung kingpins. This set up allows about 5mm of movement so no off-roading please! The steering arms are adjusted by means of a collet and grub screw, but would probably be best replaced with ball or rose jointed items.

Before assembling the chassis the lexan radio tray needs trimming out and painting (inside). When dry, the gearbox, chassis plate and front suspension assembly can be brought together. Once the wheels have been fitted the radio gear can be installed using servo tape.

Now onto the fun part - painting the bodysell!

The interior is a lexan tub - spray on the outside for a matt finish - and the dashboard needs the dials detailing for effect. After trimming the shell itself, the choice of paint scheme is virtually limitless. I chose a simple but bold graphic effect using hot pink and 'Custom Color' black aerosol. The interior parts are positioned with servo tape and the

whole shell assembly is held onto the chassis tray with small velcro patches. A flexible lexan strip hides the antenna and the battery pack sits comfortably in place.

Once the speed controller and steering arms have been adjusted it's off to the nearest tarmac car park for a test drive. Even with the stock 540 motor I fitted the cars performance was sparkling! The light weight (1100 grams ready to run) and low centre of gravity coupled with the grippy foam tyres result in excellent acceleration and top speed as well as great handling.

So all in all the '29 Ford Roadster is easy to build and performs very well. It also has the potential to be extremely quick - how about a bit of street racing?

