

HOT ROD

It's really different, looks great, goes well and turns heads wherever it goes. The new Hemi Coupe from Parma is well worth looking at.



Parma's Hemi Coupe kit could well become very popular in the UK.

Although not a state of the art chassis, the Hemi Coupe does have a certain attraction to most people who see it. The combination of the crisply moulded Hot Rod bodysell and the plastic Hemi V8 engine oozing from the bonnet make the model attractive to anyone interested in custom cars and even turns the heads of people not usually turned on by the sight of model cars.

Under the Skin

Not designed specifically for racing the chassis under the Hemi Coupe bodysell is relatively simple, a flat glass fibre strip is the base for the rear pod and front beam. No suspension is incorporated at the rear, the alloy pod simply bolts directly to the chassis. The lack of rear suspension seems to have no dyer effects on the handling of the car. The front of the car uses a standard design cross beam axle, this is a piece of glass fibre mounted on two plastic spacers, two king pins are mounted at either end and from these the axle blocks are sprung. The suspension uses small coil springs that allow the axle block to move about 5mm, this seems a small amount but gives the car extra grip for turning.

Batteries are mounted on a plastic strip that bolts to the chassis, this is a little crude but does the job. The radio installation is left pretty much to the builder, steering connections are supplied as is a servo saver. The main features of the kit though are the plastic Hemi engine and the lexan body mouldings.

Great Looker

The real beauty of the kit is the overall look once finished, this is achieved with the crisply moulded shell and the engine kit. The body is held to the chassis with strips of Velcro, the rear of the body needs to be cut out and separated from the grill moulding at the front. This moulding forms the nose of the car and also hides the servo that is cleverly mounted in an upright position. To finish the effect, the Hemi plastic engine needs to be built and painted, this takes a little time but is real fun - remember building all these plastic kits as a kid! Our version was also fitted with the optional wiring kit, this makes the engine that little bit more realistic and is available from Parma.

What this kit is all about is having fun with something that looks like a real car and is also something different, the building is half the pleasure and gives a good chance to try out a classy paint job and the finished car is simply a winner.

If you fancy something that's purely for fun, the Hemi Coupe's for you!

Main shot shows the Hemi kit fitted with Parma Willys '41 bodysell and the standard kit. Wiring kit is also available for the engine. Kit is priced around the £95.00 and comes on half-raced.