

The Hemi V8 supercharged wired and ready to go!

**T**he Parma Hemi Coupe is an unusual kit. It represents a distinctly American car culture - the street rod - and as such may have only a limited appeal in the UK. If, like us, you love Americana and V8 engines this car will win your hearts. If the monstrous V8 does nothing for you OK - but boy are you missing out!

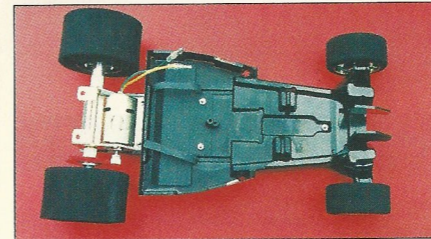
### Kitting out

The kit is very straightforward and reminded us of the Mardave range. It has the same sort of rugged simplicity. The central fibreglass chassis is notched to give some 'give' in the right places. The front end uses sliding pillar suspension with coil springs. At the rear we find a ball differential but no suspension other than that provided by the huge foam tyres. We found the fit of some components needed some work with files and emery paper and for this reason we would not recommend this as a first R/C model to a com-

plete modelling novice. We fitted an Adspec Sport 27 MHz radio with matching steering servo and the unusual CPR unit. This unit combines the radio receiver and electronic speed controller in one box. The resulting unit is a little bulky but the motor mount provided a stable mounting point under the ample 'trunk' of the Hemi. We installed a standard Johnson 540 motor and a 19 tooth pinion. The motor mount needed some work with a file to gain sufficient clearance for this pinion although a 14 tooth fitted fine. With the absence of rear suspension some tyre additive might help if you are going to put a stock or modified motor on board. Our colleague at Military in Scale magazine, Spencer Pollard, was once more prevailed upon to play with his airbrush to detail the Hemi V8 whilst we got on and applied the Pactra Metallic blue to the Lexan parts. Spencer also used the optional Parma V8 wiring kit to good effect. The V8 is held in place with servo tape and the body and grill are simply held in place with Velcro. We added decals from a Parma decal sheet and the 'bits box' to provide that cool blue cruiser look. The R/C Neon strips and license plates are the icing on the cake. Varad do not have a UK distributor as we



The V8 dominates the view of the Coupe from any angle. The 'Chrome' firewall was created using Pro Mark stickers intended for R/C Model Jets.



With the Lexan undertray in place the chassis is now rolling. The Servo Mount is a simple combination of plastic brackets and servo tape.

went to press so use the details in the November Race Car to contact them direct. The neon parts are available in Violet, Orange and Red as well as the cool blue used here. Watch out for our lowrider Tamiya Ford F150 appearing very soon with more neon.

### Driving impressions?

Er, it drives! The performance is lively but hey, this is a car to cruise with and to admire not to attempt the fastest lap around your nearest circuit! Available in the UK from most model shops the Hemi gets a thumbs up from the Race Car petrolheads. Our thanks to Parma International for the review model. **RRCI**

The R/C Neon side panels and license plates add a real 'Saturday night Cruise' cool to the finished Rod.



The rear end features these huge foam 'doughnuts'.

### Quick Spec

1:10th scale electric R/C model of a Street Hot Rod. Detailed plastic V8 engine and Lexan body parts. Requires motor, servo, speed controller, Lexan and enamel paint, and 2 channel radio to complete.

### Testers Kit

Adspec Sport 27 MHz Radio including the CPR, combined Receiver/electronic speed controller and matching Adspec steering servo.  
Various 7.2 v 1400 cell packs.  
Standard Johnson 540 Motor with 19 tooth pinion  
Decals from Parma and the 'bits box'  
Paint by Pollard

### Likes:

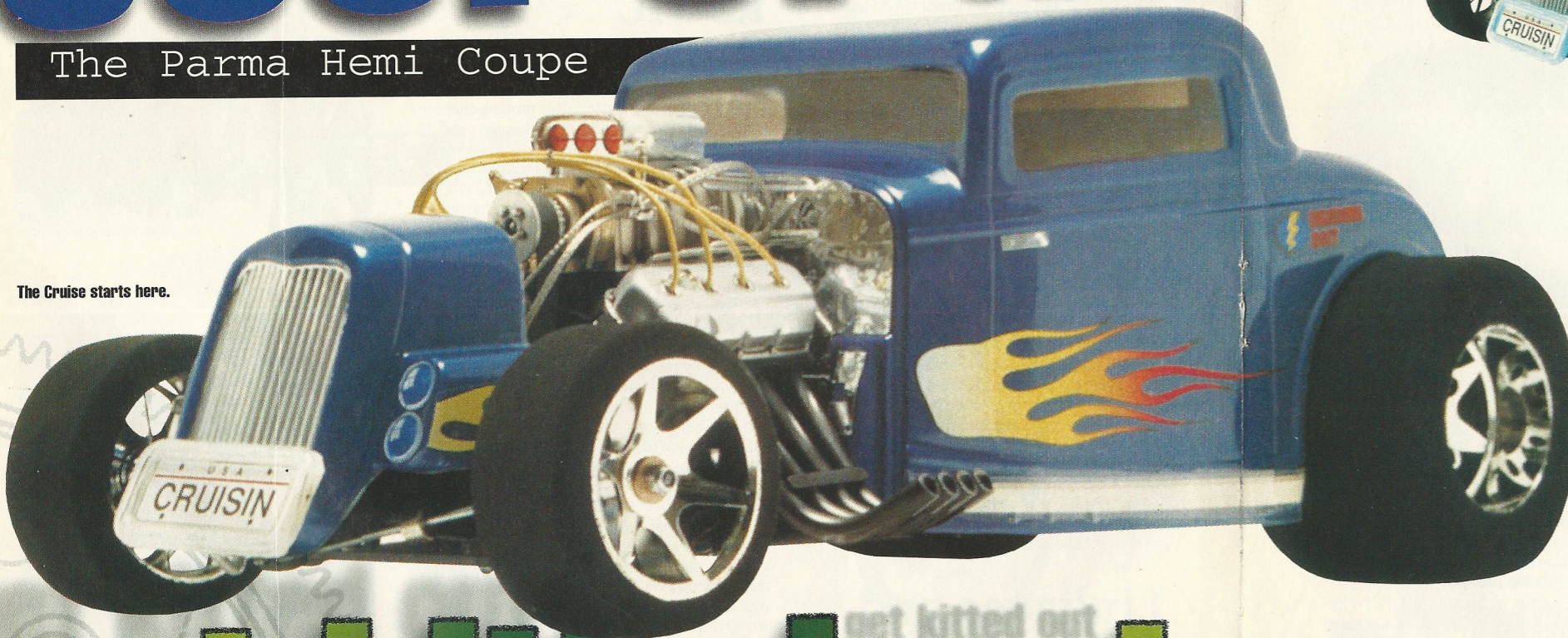
Seriously cool looks  
Detailed Hemi V8

### Dislikes

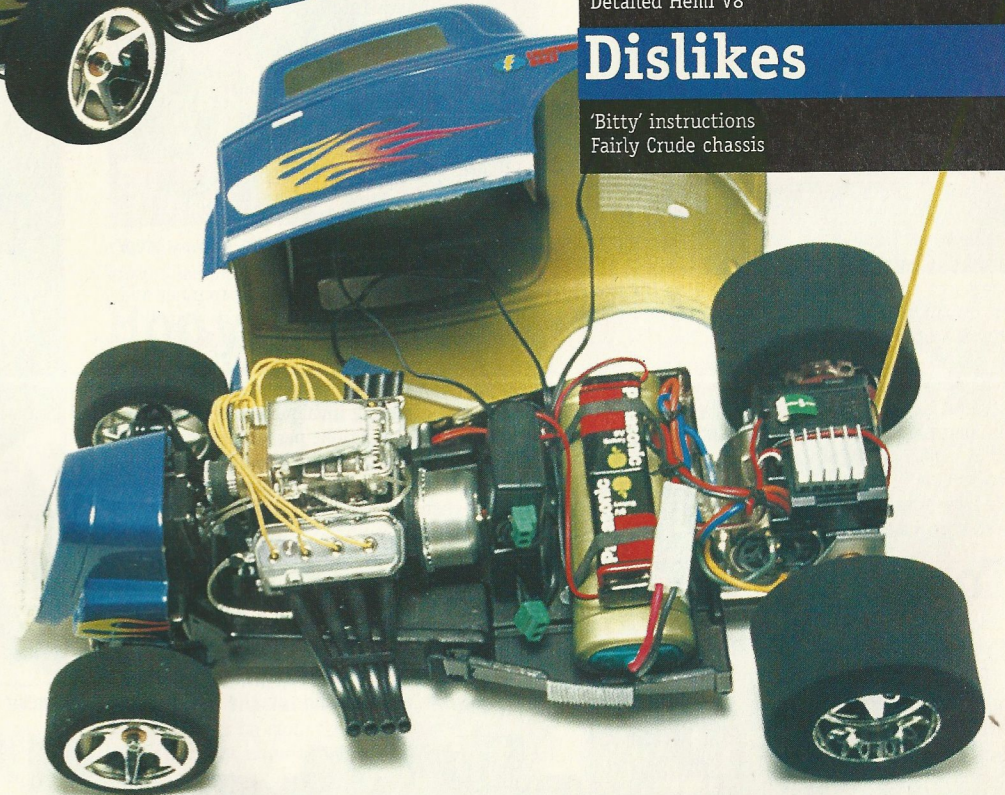
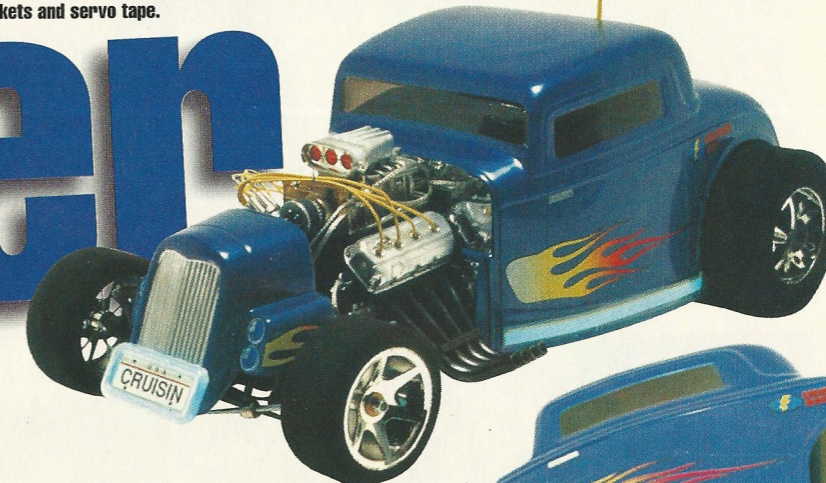
'Bitty' instructions  
Fairly Crude chassis

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The Parma Hemi Coupe



The Cruise starts here.



Fitting the R/C Neon is simple. The Coupe's body being in two pieces complicates matters a little. The high voltage driver - the black box - and a small 9 volt battery are sufficient to drive a pair of neon strips. On a normal one piece shell these can be fixed to the roof with Velcro.

# get kitted out