

Blitzer Beetle

Tamiya's latest releases are the Blitzer Beetle and Dyna Blaster in 1:10, RCMC takes a closer look



The Blitzer Beetle uses the Stadium Blitzer chassis which is well proven as a tough performer.

The name 'Buggy' is associated nowadays with off road 1:10 electric car racing. This name almost certainly came about from the company that started off road - Tamiya. One of their first cars was the 'Sand Scorcher' which was an off road chassis (Rough Rider) with a VW Beetle shell balanced on top, the car was based on the Baja 500 real race cars and being a Beetle was soon nicknamed a 'Bug' and therefore 'Buggy' In all respects Tamiya have a lot to answer for!

Since those early days time and evolution have taken RC cars to new heights, but still there is apart from the racing scene a continual flow of newcomers to the hobby and that is where the Blitzer Beetle is aimed.

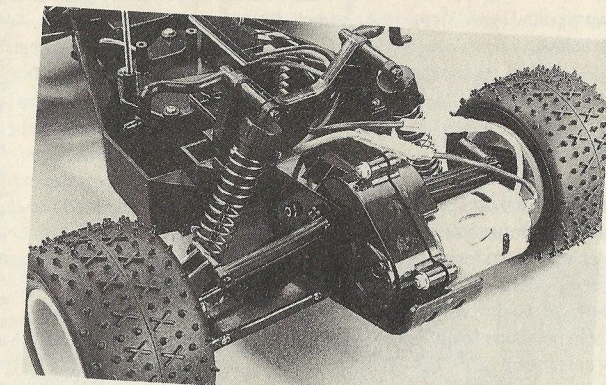
The Tamiya Sand Scorcher was updated to the Monster Beetle because the public wanted it - Beetles are fun and look great on the track, and the Monster Beetle was an outstanding success. The Blitzer Beetle is now the latest in the Tamiya Beetle dynasty, and with its compact design and proven chassis will surely infuse a whole new bunch of potential RC'ers to take up the challenge.

Based around

The Blitzer Beetle is not all new, the chassis is the one already seen from the Stadium Blitzer. This is a good tough design that is quick to build up and will give long reliable use. A plastic tub holds all the important bits in place including the electrics. To the rear the gearbox which contains a geared diff and plastic bearings is bolted directly to the chassis and the suspension hangs from all corners via oil filled plastic dampers. A

standard 540 motor is included as is a three step speed controller, we replaced this with a Tamiya CPR unit which is an electronic speedo/receiver unit. New are a set of moulded body mounts that keep the Beetle body in place.

Up on top and the most important part! is the Beetle body. Still in the same shape as ever the body has however gone under a face lift - with the material. The old Tamiya Beetle bodies were way ahead of their time



but were fragile. One wrong move or contact with a hard object and the body would suffer. Blitzer Beetle now has a new plastic that is positively rubbery to feel. It will flex and move and will last a long time. Some of the older parts are still included like the front moulding, sun roof and headlights etc. and when built up it looks just as a Beetle should.

We felt the finish on the plastic was really very good and didn't paint our car, just a quick polish with 'Mer'

