

The Bullhead bodyshell is moulded in hard plastic and is finished off with lots of bolted on chrome look parts.

It's not often that when I take the latest review model down to the photography studio, through the RCMC offices that anyone bats an eyelid, the staff have seen almost all the model car world has to offer and it's an everyday occurrence to see me on my way to the studio. But when the Bullhead was being carried through it was quite a different matter.

This probably had something to do with the Bullhead being so big! It can't be missed!

The car or truck as it should be called is 480mm long, 380mm wide and 330mm high and weighs in at around 56lbs. The tyres are an enormous 155mm in diameter and the car has around 50mm of ground clearance, so you'll understand this model is certainly not going to be missed.

Four by four by four

The kit is adorned with the logo 4X4X4, this I presume refers to the car having four wheels, four wheel drive and four wheel steering. What the car also has is two electric 540 motors and an electrical circuit that gives a setting for "economic" and "power", thus enabling the car to have more speed and less running time or less speed and a very long running time, this setting also gives the car more acceleration and pulling power for climbing over obstacles.

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There's no hiding the fact that the Bullhead is heavily based on the original Tamiya giant the Clodbuster, and many of the parts are the same, but there are a number of changes other than the new bodyshell.

Starting from the bottom up, firstly the wheels are now chrome plated to give an alloy appearance. Also receiving the chrome treatment are the suspension "A" arms (these also appear to have been strengthened). Some of the suspension parts are also now moulded in a new yellow plastic as are the front and rear bumpers, this seems to be a new rubbery plastic capable of taking hard knocks.

One of the main changes involves the tub chassis, this on the Clodbuster had a few weak points which have now been strengthened by means of a new moulding tool, also the tub is now red as apposed to black, maybe this is also a change to help strength but is probably just



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cosmetic (we think it looks better in red).

Time to Build

The Bullhead takes around five hours to build including the painting of the bodyshell, this was I should stress, an experienced model car builder and the complexity of the kit may cause a few problems for a first time builder.

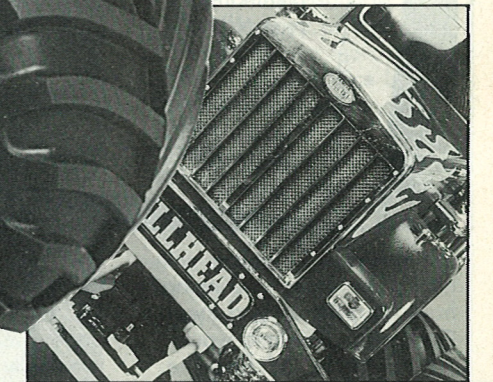
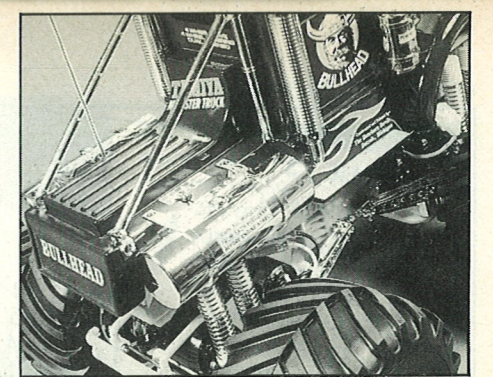
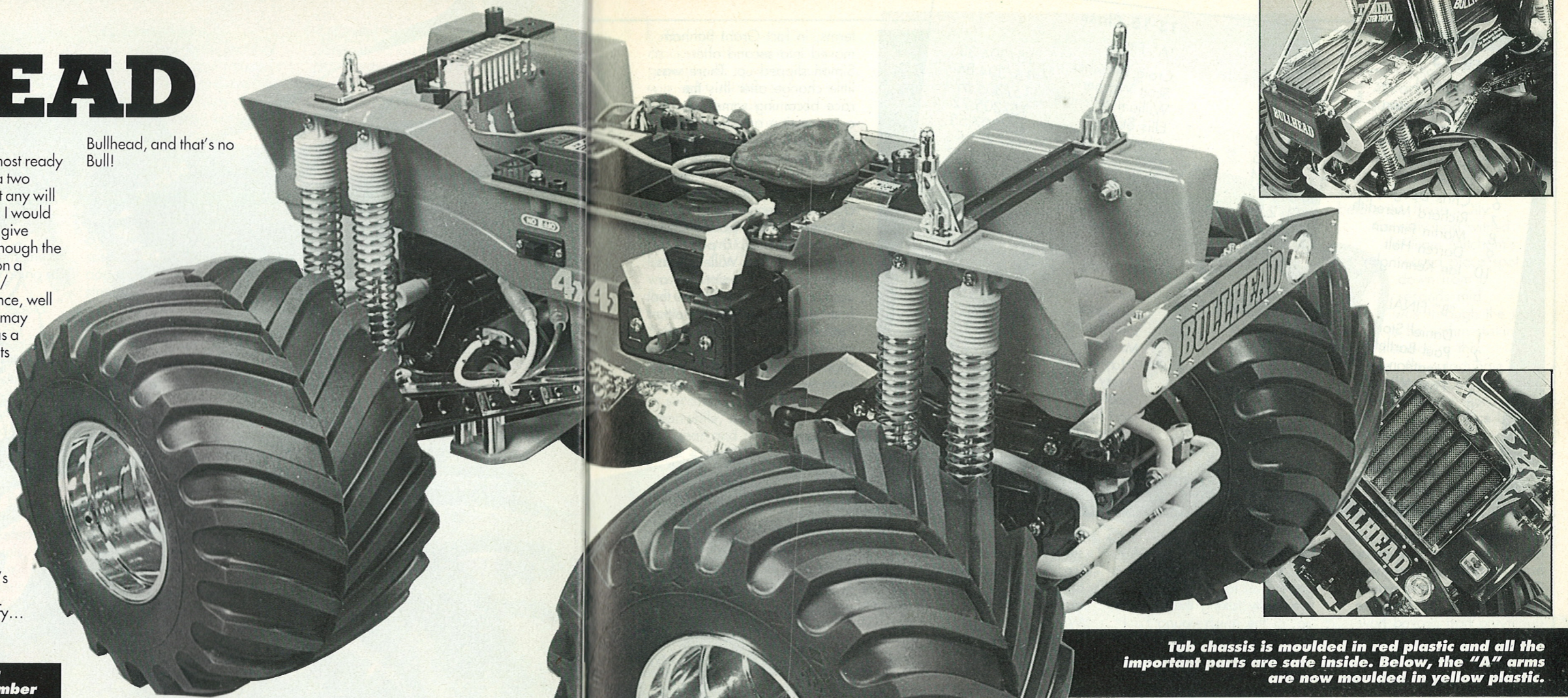
The new bodyshell is based on the American Super Trucks that cross the country at high speed, the shell is formed in hard plastic and has a large amount of plastic chrome parts that bolt on, although how long they'll stay on if the truck rolls over I'm not sure. The bodyshell needs to be painted in an enamel paint so that the plastic is not damaged (don't use car aerosols as they melt the body), once this is done the decals can be fitted and the model looks great!

Fun Time

So your Bullhead's almost ready to roll, all you need is a two channel radio - almost any will fit, and a battery pack. I would advise an SCE pack to give extra running time, although the car still performs well on a standard Tamiya pack/

As for the performance, well it's hard to describe. It may not accelerate as fast as a 1:10th buggy, but for its size it seems to pull away at a high rate of knots, also the handling is quite good, the only bad points being that the car tends to roll on grass if pushed too hard and the steering lock is a bit limited. Well, as I've said, the car causes a stir wherever it goes and it's a real crowd catcher. As the ads say, It's Beefy... It's Monsterous... It's

Bullhead, and that's no Bull!



Below, Bullhead has two shocks per wheel, four wheel drive and four wheel steering - and a number of other assets.

Tub chassis is moulded in red plastic and all the important parts are safe inside. Below, the "A" arms are now moulded in yellow plastic.

