



The champ is back!

With loads of ground clearance, a super body and excellent performance the new Tamiya Escort Cosworth is here!

The Tamiya Escort Cosworth is proof that giant Tamiya Company can be influenced by Europe.

At the last Nuremberg Toy Fair Tamiya executives and the European Tamiya agents gathered for their annual meeting and discussion. The Euro agents told Tamiya that they need products more in-tune with their market and this did not include endless Japanese saloon cars.

The result is a series of rally cars starting with the new Escort Cosworth - based on the car Ford lies its hopes for World Rally success.

Specific specification

Also asked for in the specification was a change from the old Celica set-up where the car had limited ground clearance to a new formula. The new car has bigger wheels and longer suspension throw due to longer dampers. This makes the car



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usable on almost any surface - even the roughest ground.

The car is based around the well tested and proved Manta Ray/Top Force cars. A plastic tub chassis holds the gearboxes and internals including the mechanical speed controller. Short suspension arms and tiny dogbone driveshafts are fitted to the chassis and are controlled by oil filled dampers and adjustable springing. A standard motor is supplied and although just one pinion is given the car will accept different ratios.

The chassis comes with plastic bearings throughout and these can be updated with the Tamiya ballrace set if required - this is advisable if a hotter motor is fitted. The power is delivered through a 50/50 split with one ball and one geared differential. This makes the handling easy on the driver with a tendency to understeer at all times.

Detail touches

Some of the best RC detail can also be found on the Escort. The body shell is lexan and is moulded using a three piece mould, this gives a very slight moulding line but allows the car to follow the lines of the real thing. A moulded plastic spoiler and wing mirrors finish off the outside with only a coat of white and the decals needing to be applied for a good finish. A cockpit area is also so given that gives the builder the chance to make the model more scale like. The pictures show a standard built car but with a little time and a few extras imagine what could be done.....fire extinguishers, maps etc.....

Overall this is a kit aimed at Europe, so far we like it, the shops like it, Ford like it and have placed a large order and we think you will like it too!

Available now at your local Tamiya dealer.



Top; Driver figure detail is really good - two guys are installed in the left hand drive car.