

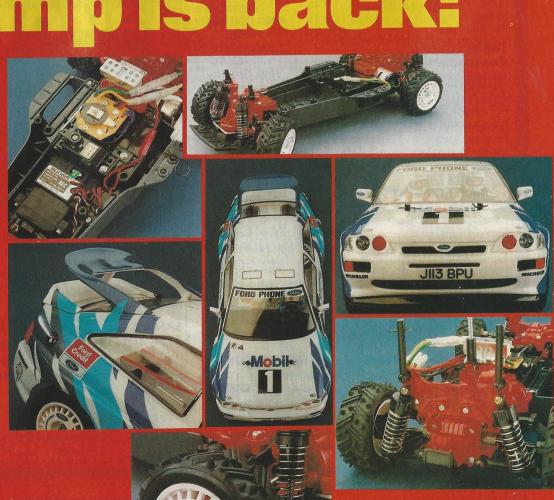
The With loads of ground clearance, a super body and excellent performance the new Tamiya Escort Cosworth is here!

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Cosworth is proof that
giant Tamiya Company car
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 - ever 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.

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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 handing easy on the driver with a tendency to understeer at all

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



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

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