

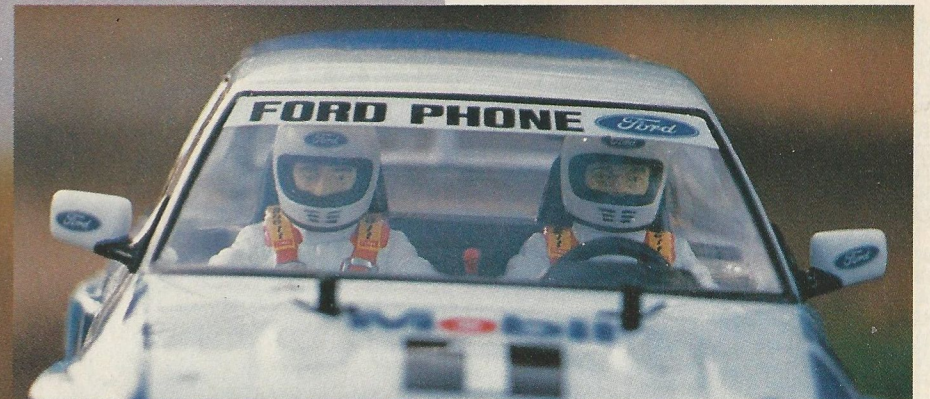
# TAMIYA FORD ESCORT RS COSWORTH

The International Rally scene is soon to be set alight with the return of the most famous name ever — the Ford Escort RS. In the 70s and early 80s, the Escort RS swept all before it, being totally dominant until Audi stepped in with the Quattro. The new Ford Escort RS has 4 wheel drive and promises to be as successful as its predecessor. The original twin cam Escort was produced by using parts available from the Lotus Cortina, and Tamiya take the same route by mixing and matching from their cavernous parts catalogue to produce the rolling chassis, in much the same way

as their previous scale cars, the Celica and Mercedes 190E. Using the Manta Ray chassis with plastic shockers and plain bearings, the price is kept down whilst still allowing a good performance, although the installation of

bearings is recommended at the construction stage, to avoid having to strip the car down later. With quite respectable suspension travel, and larger diameter tyres, very nicely moulded in a pattern quite suited to off-road, the RS isn't confined to tarmac so should be practical for restrained off-road driving.

I say restrained off-road driving, because the beautiful shell is what really makes this model! To paint the interior and shell, then apply the decals, took twice as long as the chassis build but was well worth the effort in that it is so impressively realistic that it can be as striking on the mantelpiece as on the road. Tamiya have beaten Ford inasmuch as the competition version of the full size car is not yet eligible for use, whilst you can get yours now! Available from Tamiya stockists and distributed by Richard Kohnstam Ltd.



Return of a Legend!

