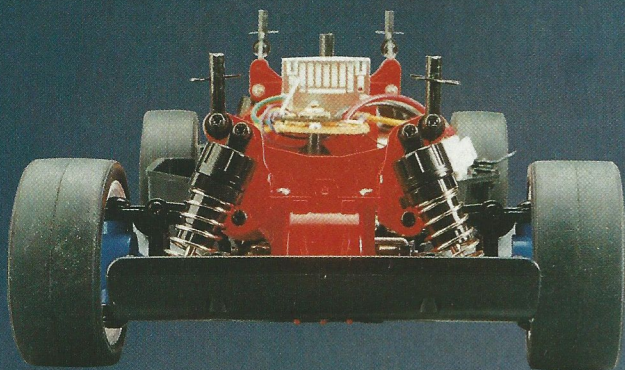
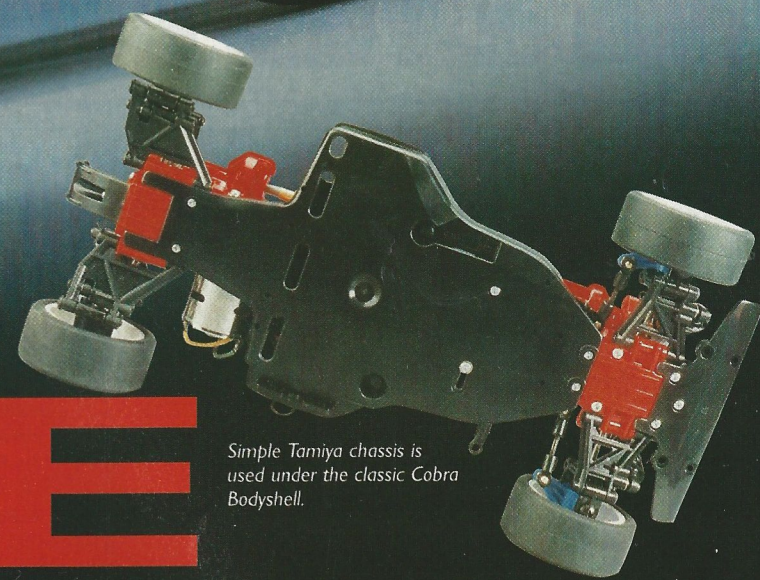


# B R U T E

Here's a release from Tamiya that isn't just another Touring Car, this time it's an American Classic...



# F O R C E



Simple Tamiya chassis is used under the classic Cobra Bodyshell.

**T**he recent spate of releases from Tamiya with new Touring and Saloon Car models has surely kept the most ardent race fan happy. Fortunately for us here in the U.K, the subjects chosen have been quite interesting too - ie. BMW 318i and Porsche.

The latest package to arrive is a **FORD MUSTANG COBRA-R.**

The box art is stunning and we quickly delved into the box to see

whether it was a paint job we could do, or would we need to find a specialist.

Should have known the answer really - those clever Tamiya designers have made it a simple two colour paint scheme coupled with around three hours work cutting out and sticking on the decals - including some very smart chrome effect numbers.

Enthusiasts that follow I.M.S.A. racing in the U.S. will know straight away about this model's history.

Prepared by Ford's Special Vehicle Race Team, the Mustang is a street legal racing car. Powered by a 5.8 litre engine, it pushes out around 300 HP. Only 250 real cars were produced and most have taken to the race tracks in the U.S.

Underneath this stunning bodyshell you will find the normal TA02 chassis set up found on other Tamiya 4WD touring cars.

Permanent 4WD shaft driven mechanics transmit sufficient power from the standard 540 motor for the

car to be as competitive as its many stablemates in the scale Saloon Class. However, as it is not a Touring Car or a Saloon competition, appearances even in Tamiya's own Eurocup Series are somewhat limited. However, its just a beautifully finished 'Americana' muscle machine that you're looking for, then this Mustang will certainly fit the bill. Now I know why - it looks great!

Available from all good model shops now priced around £130 for the kit.



## Tech Spec - Mustang Cobra

### Dimensions

**Length** 454mm  
**Width** 186mm  
**Height** 132mm  
**Wheelbase** 260mm  
**Weight** 1530gms  
**Ground Clearance** 10mm (or less if you want it to look right!)

### Hop Up Options

**Loads** - but try these practical suggestions:  
**53167** - Ballrace set  
**53172** - Universal shaft set  
**53189** - Stabiliser set  
**53200** - Front one way differential set  
**53152** - Hard propshaft  
**53153** - Acto power touring motor  
**53145** - Front rubber bumper

### We liked

- Simple masking to achieve professional finish
- Highly detailed body parts
- Fantastic three sheet decal set
- Ease of assembly
- Four language instructions
- Motor and speed control included
- Stunning appearance

### We didn't like

- Plastic and bronze bearings
  - Wheel locator pins (all in the Hoover)
  - Resistor mount (we forgot and had to remove gear box)
  - Front overhang of body
- Also Requires two channel radio, 7.2v nicad and charger. Blue and white polycarbonate paint. Patience!