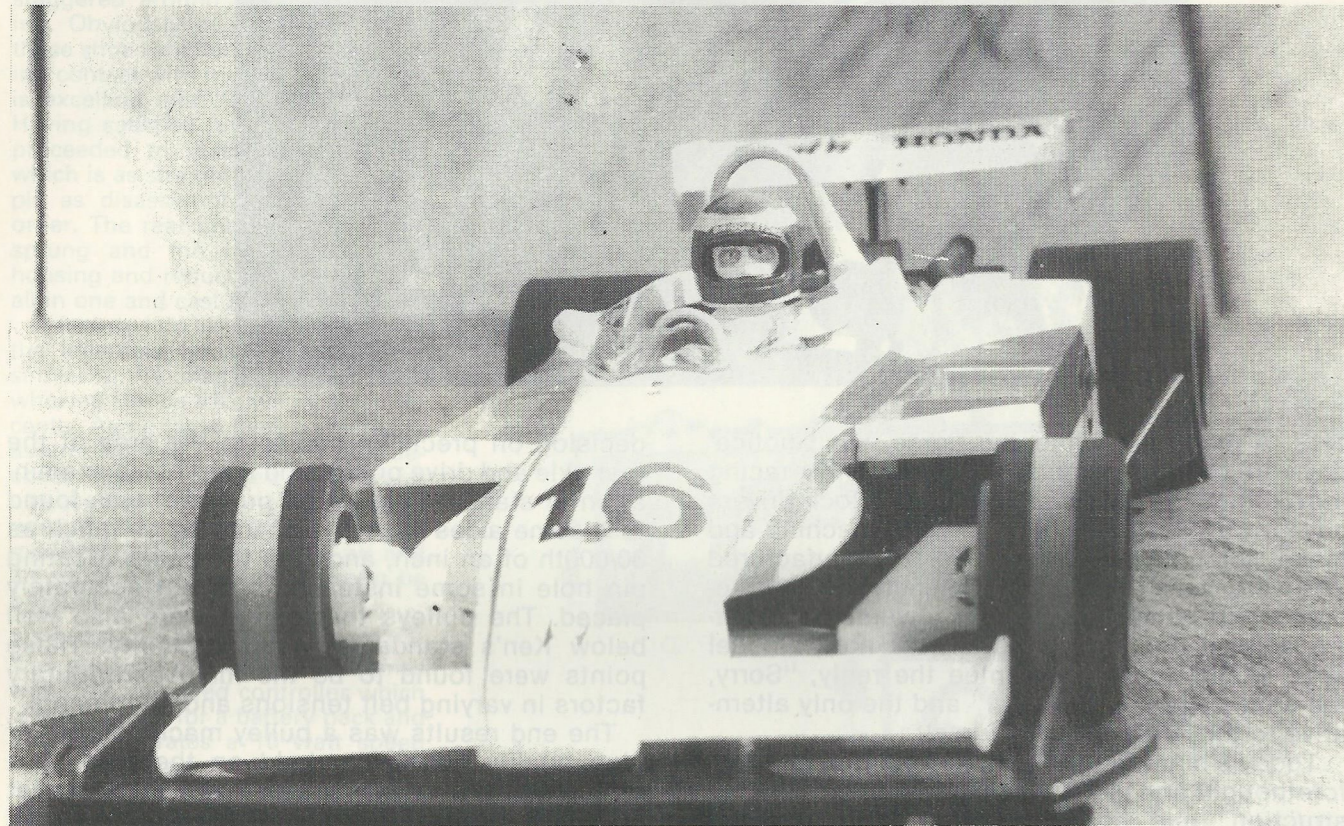


TAMIYA 1/10TH HONDA F2 COMPETITION SPECIAL



IN TRUE Tamiya tradition, here is a fully detailed scale model of the Ralt Honda, campaigned so successfully throughout the 1981 season by the European based team.

The model version features newly moulded parts and a larger drive motor than in previous F2 models.

CHASSIS

A lightweight 2mm thick contoured FRP chassis carries the plastic injected radio mechanism deck and motor pod.

STEERING ASSEMBLY

The neat moulded units found on other CS models, i.e. Golf, Williams etc., are used and feature castor or around seven degrees. A transverse servo is fitted on tape and standard arrangement is for a 'looped' section in the track rod to act as servo saver. Whilst it works adequately you may prefer to fit one of the commercially available shaft mounted servo savers.

REAR DRIVE

A metal motor pod is fitted and carries the Mabuchi 540S motor which drives the rear wheels through a newly designed three bevel gear nylon differential. An alternative fixed gear is provided in the kit if desired. (We fitted it in the manner indicated in the instructions so that the rear tyres could be ground at a later stage).

SPEED CONTROLLER

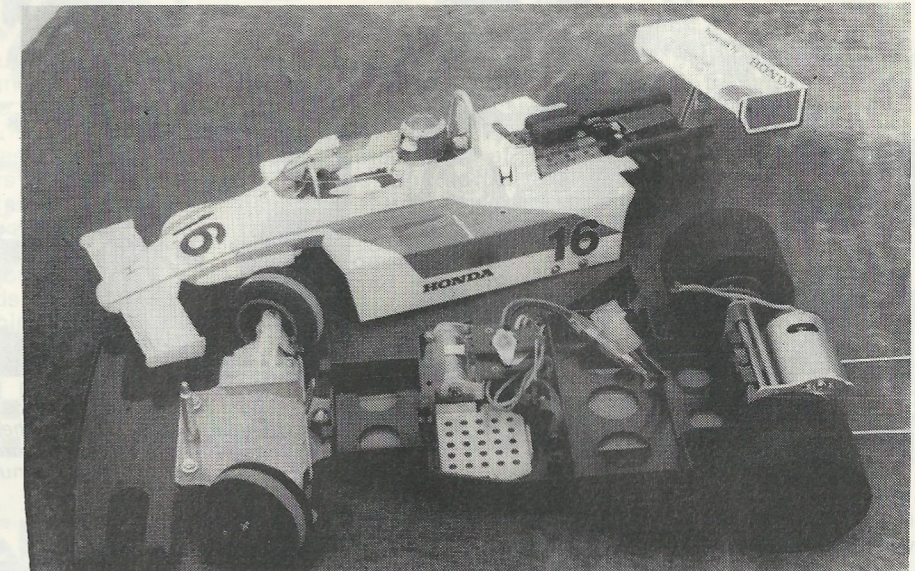
The well tried and tested mechanical resistor type controller is fitted giving progressive forward and reverse speeds and braking. A 6 volt battery drive pack is the preferred unit in Japan but we tried the 7.2 volt pack for extra speed!

WHEELS AND TYRES

The unusual 'Diplo' tyres are fitted to the ballraced front wheels. Remember that in Japan these cars race on fine asphalt surfaces and these tyres were developed for straight line stability, coupled with high speed cornering capability. With another set of wheels the popular molded 'rain pattern' tyres can be used. These are the type for a scale finish 'concours' look. The rear tyres are medium grade but again a wide range of alternative compounds and sizes are available. Both front and rear tyres need to be glued to the wheels and a small tube of contact glue is supplied.

RADIO EQUIPMENT

Conventional two channel equipment is required and retains the oriental practice of fitting a receiver nicad pack. You can omit if desired by using a couple of diodes or a voltage regulator. Similarly, if using the 6 volt drive battery you can tap off that. Servos are secured with double sided tape (supplied too!). Our Acorns AP 227 fitted with no difficulty.



The Honda package, body & chassis.

BODYSHELL

Here Tamiya excels. The injection moulded body is light, strong and accurate in every detail including the powerful Honda engine detailing. Rear aerofoil is securely fitted via an aluminium mount and a driver figure is included, sitting neatly between the front and rear rollover bars. A full set of vinyl stickers is provided to finish the bodyshell.

CONCLUSION

Keenly priced, this kit represents excellent value for money. This fact is borne out as soon as you open the box, for it is packed full of the usual well engineered parts. This kit will satisfy not only the beginner but the advanced driver who enjoys a competitive drive. Events at outdoor smooth asphalt circuits would enhance the cars potential as up to now 1/10th scale racing cars have not been well catered for.

Now if only Riko had a circuit like the Tamiya factory in Japan ...

SPECIFICATION

Scale	1/10th
Length	438mm
Width	92mm
Height	100mm
Wheelbase	240mm
Front tyre width & diameter	25/48mm
Rear tyre width & diameter	40/62mm
All equipped weight ready to run	1200 gms
Chassis	2mm FRP and injected radio tray
Speed controller	Forward/reverse stepless with variable braking
Motor	Mabuchi 540S
Bodyshell	Injection moulded styrene
Manufacturer	Tamiya Model Co., Oshika, Japan.
Importers	Richard Kohnstam Ltd, Hemel Hempstead.
Availability	From all good model shops.

Two Ralts - 420R and the Honda - both Formula II cars.

