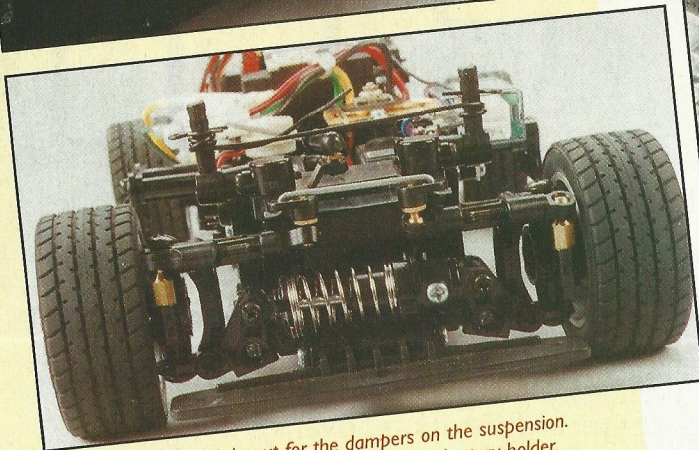
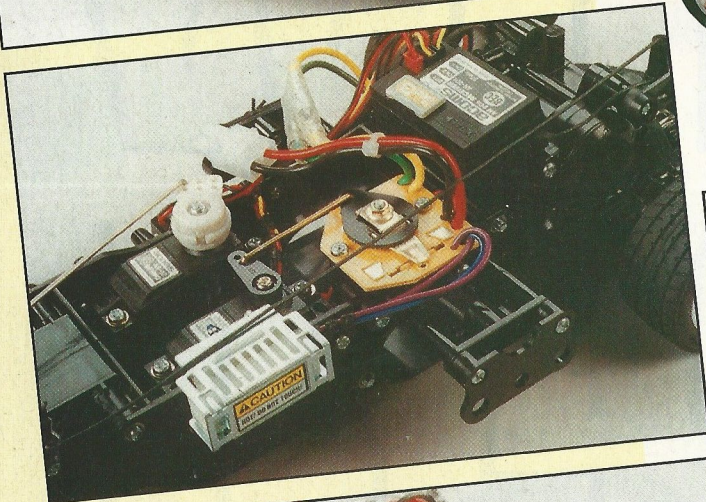
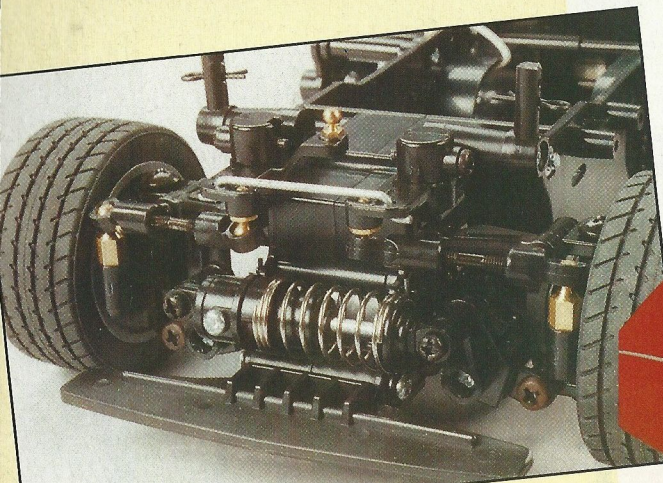


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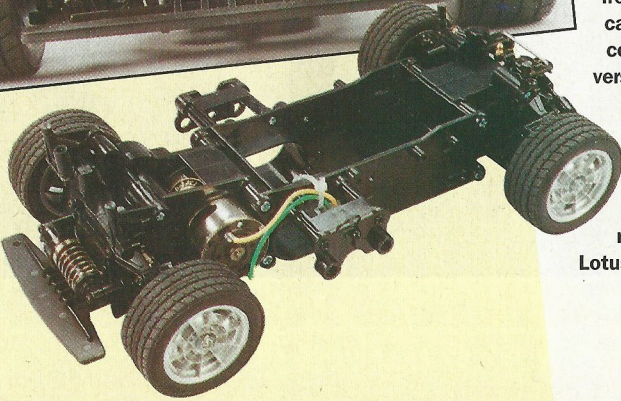
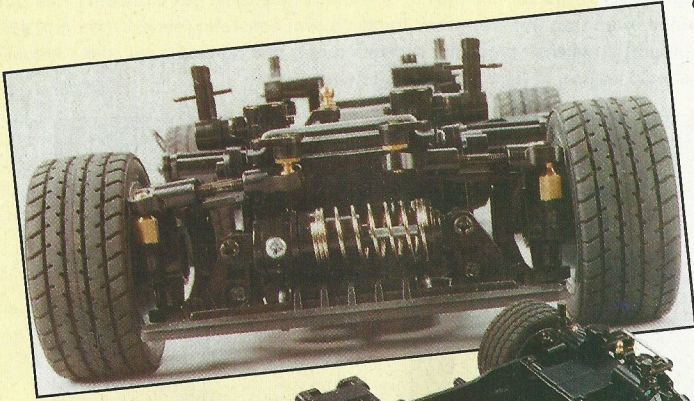
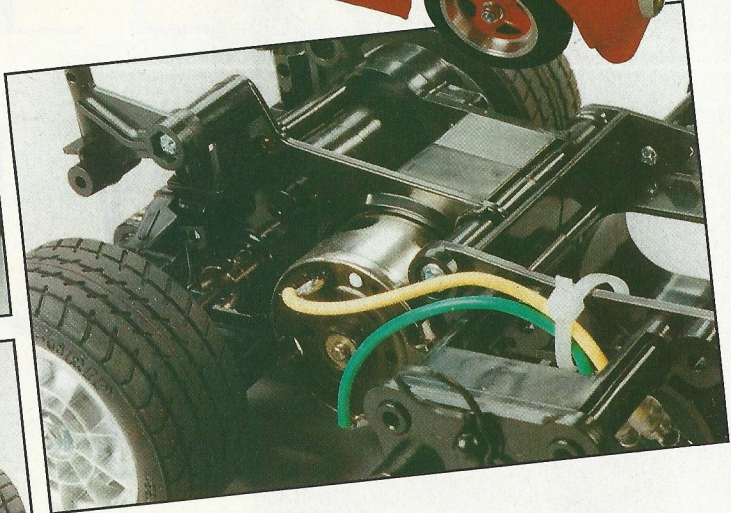
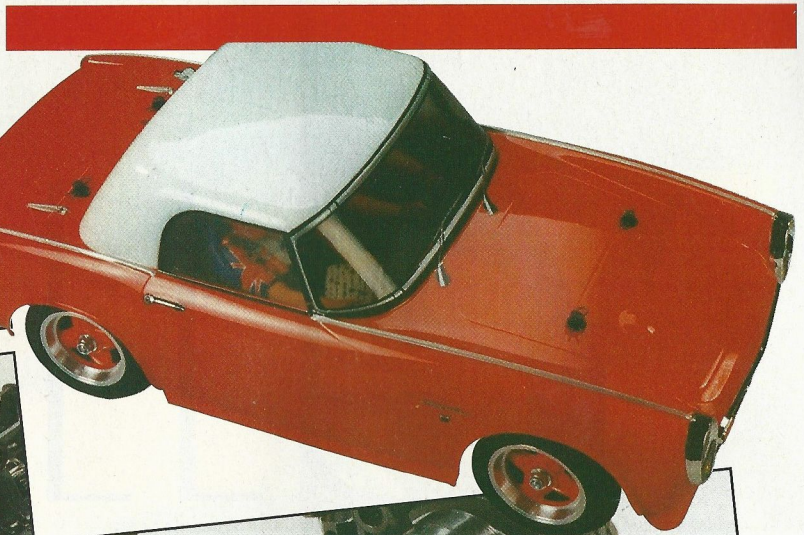
Following hot on the heels of Tamiya's last release in the M Chassis series comes another retro classic - the Honda S800. The mini and the beetle may be European generic classics, but in Japan the name of Honda is equally respected for its innovative designs.

The current breed of Honda road cars may seem a little bland, but their early creations in the car and particularly motorcycle field set standards that others tried to imitate. Knowing that Tamiya's own domestic market buys a major proportion of their products, it seemed only natural that a Japanese model should feature in their M Chassis releases.





Top; Mono shock layout for the dampers on the suspension.
 Chassis; Showing the speed controller and battery holder.
 Above; Neat suspension is ideal for racing outside the house or on special tracks.



Based on the M02 chassis configuration (first seen on the Fiat Abarth), it's a combination of wheels, tyres and the bodyshell that effect the changes.

Rear motor position as in the real car can be changed to front location if you really want a car that's easily set up and fun to drive. If you look at the leading performers in this year's Eurocup M Chassis class, the Alpine in front drive form is the car to beat. The larger diameter 60D tyres give a slightly higher overall gear ratio which means more straight line speed. Coupled with the high manoeuvrability of the FWD set up it gives a measurable advantage. You can do the same with the Honda. The two seater coupe bodyshell can be finished in any colour you like. We didn't particularly like the box illustration of yellow, so we painted ours in the more sedate red and white. Various chrome coloured parts are included together with racing stickers to replicate a competition version. Our road version dispensed with these, but we did apply various trim strips, door handles, windscreen wipers etc.

One major expense was the addition of the four spoke aluminium wheels from the Tamiya hop up options range. These wheels really do make the finishing touch, their pre-coloured red insets complementing the body colour scheme perfectly. Before we found an interior from Tamiya's old Porsche 959 rally car, we had coated the window area with the excellent PS31 smoke effect paint. However, to complete the effect and make the Honda different from the rest, fitted the interior anyway. If you look carefully you can see our very British duo ready for action. No letters please concerning the left hand sited driver! Honda did make LHD export versions!

As is usual with this M Chassis range from Tamiya, the model comes complete with motor and mechanical speed controller. Virtually any 2 channel radio can be installed. If you're new to radio controlled cars you will also need a battery and charger. Our overall opinion is yet another interesting release in this popular Tamiya series. How about a Lotus Elan or Marcos in the future?

