

KIT REVIEW

Rallying has always been thought of as the test ground for new concepts in motoring that may in the future be developed and incorporated into production cars.

The "rally car image" is important in that it sells cars - if you can market a vehicle that has been developed from a full blown racer, you are onto a winner. Audi and Ford have proved this with their Quattros and Cosworths, and for years Lancia have used international rallying experience to back up their products.

The Delta rally cars just get meaner and meaner, with their ultra



Any time, Any place,

bulging wheel arches, frowning headlight arrangement and barking exhaust note.

Models

Kits of these cars have been available for quite some time, but now Tamiya have produced possibly the definitive model - and it's radio control!

A very important part of Tamiya's philosophy is their dedication to scale. There have been RC models of Deltas from various manufacturers, but not always exactly to scale and therefore not conveying the feel of the original. The new Tamiya model puts this right, using the latest blow moulding technology to form the muscular curves of the Lancia in clear lexan.

A full sticker set carrying the stripy colour scheme and sponsors' names is provided, and needless to say, it is beautifully printed. For a neat result, trim each marking as close to the printed area as possible, and try not to leave any ragged edges. The front grill takes the form of a single injection moulded item, which looks good if painted carefully.

Included in this kit is a recent addition to Tamiya saloon car models - a vac-formed interior "tray" with two injection moulded heads for the driver and navigator. Once painted, assembled, and stickers applied the insert looks good, even in close up! Painting is straightforward as it is overall white. The spraying is further eased by the integrally moulded exterior polythene masking film, which can be peeled off prior to sticker application.

Chassis

The chassis is the now very familiar plastic tub which started life in the Manta Ray, evolving gradually into the current saloon and rally car unit.

Suspension arms are from the

Ford Escort Cosworth, wheels are nicely detailed carrying chunky tyres - interchangeable with slicks if your are racing on a track. As with all Tamiya RC cars (even the QD range), you can fully upgrade the bearings, motor, chassis, shocks, diffs etc to racing spec with Tamiya Hop Up parts.

Tamiya's Lancia takes the original 'Angry' look of the Delta and captures it in miniature.



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Tamiya 1:10 scale RC Lancia Delta HF Integrale

Technical;

Full time 4WD, ball diff at rear, geared diff at front, driving through longitudinal shaft.

Fully independant wishbone suspension, coil over oil adjustable dampers, injection moulded ABS wheels, chunky rally tyres.

540 motor and mechanical speed controller included.

Accurate and detailed lexan body shell. Full Martini sticker set, detailed interior insert.



Tamiya's latest Formula One release is the 1992 Benetton B192. This latest kit in the Formula One series uses the same chassis design as the previous cars. This consists of a GRP chassis, simple solid rear axle with rear suspension via an oil filled damper and flexi T-piece. The front of the car has moulded suspension arms that contain the axles which have a small amount of suspension movement via a small coil spring.

Main changes on the Benetton kit are that Tamiya are getting better at making the bolt-on bits. The front wing on the real car is a strange

BENETTON B192



The Benetton body parts set will be available separately.

affair sitting high up in the latest real F1 style. Tamiya have moulded this (pre coloured) so that it models the real item almost exactly.

At the back of the car the rear wing is now also moulded in one piece. This replaces the old style of wing that was a lexan moulding and piano wire mount.

These new mouldings make the latest Tamiya F1 kit one of the toughest and best yet.

If you fancy a go at the F1 Eurocup this will be high on your shopping list.



Fancy footwork!

Also to be released soon from Tamiya is this Footwork Formula One car. Again as with the Benetton the rear wing is moulded and much tougher than the original lexan system. A smart sticker set sets the Footwork off nicely after just a quick coat of white. Keep reading for more Tamiya F1 releases...

