

Mighty McLaren



The McLaren MP4/7 is the latest subject to be included in the Tamiya F1 Line-Up

Tamiya's Formula One cars have a lot going for them. They are very simple in construction, reasonably priced and when they are completed they look as they should – the real thing.

Racing for these cars has, up to now been limited and that is a real shame. Imagine ten of these cars, Williams, Lotus', Ferraris, Benetton and Jordans on the grid, all with shiny bodies and fresh black tyres adorned with the Goodyear logo. The lights turn green, the wheels spin and they're off! Racing these lookalikes would be real fun and

with the introduction of the Euro Cup it is now a reality. (See Panel).

Latest Edition

The latest car in the series is the McLaren MP4/6, and unlike other kit reviews this car is not just re-bodied version, but has a number of chassis detail changes. Although none of the changes are drastic the chassis is slimmer and a little more streamlined, the rear damper mount has changed and the servo position is slightly different. All these small changes have been thoroughly tested at the Tamiya

test track next to the factory and all have been made to improve handling.

In the kit you get two ballraces for the steel axle but none for the front the wheels, no speed controller is included because the car will need an electronic type because of the lack of room.

Build Up

Building the car really couldn't be easier, the chassis is simple and all the screws and parts fit perfectly leaving no hard work for the builder. A new McLaren shaped front wing has been moulded and this fits tightly to the lexan

moulded shell, which as can be seen captures the lines of the World Championship winning car very well.

A driver figure is moulded into the shell and a separately moulded driver helmet complete with stickers adds the finishing touch.

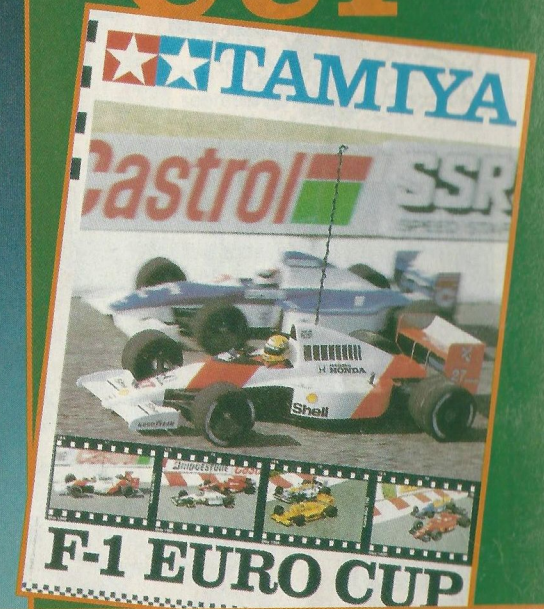
Decals in the kit are of the car as raced in the German GP last year where the car ran 'McLaren' logos on the sides and wing.

Performance of the cars can be improved with a number of Hop-Up Option parts. These are a range made by Tamiya that are extra to the kit. They

include a lightweight rear axle, alloy motor mount, 0.4 pinions and spurs, rubber tyre boots and titanium screws. Tamiya also manufacture modified motors and 1400 SCR cells that would really make the lightweight cars move!

In general the new kit is a neater version of the old chassis with a redistribution of the weight to make the car handle sharper, the new body is crisply moulded and slim and will work very well, how many more cars are to come we don't know, but more there will be.....

F-1 EURO CUP



The Tamiya Euro Cup has a set of rules to keep the cars as standard as possible, only kit items and Hop-Up options are allowed and this will keep the racing close and fair. It is the ideal place to start racing and it will surely attract new racers and regular drivers alike.

The top prize is a trip to Japan and that should get the entries flowing!

The first meeting is June 7th at Tibshelf and the second on June 28th at Aldershot at the ASP Model Cars Rally.

For full rules and entry forms write to; Euro Cup, 13-15a Old High St, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP1 3AD.