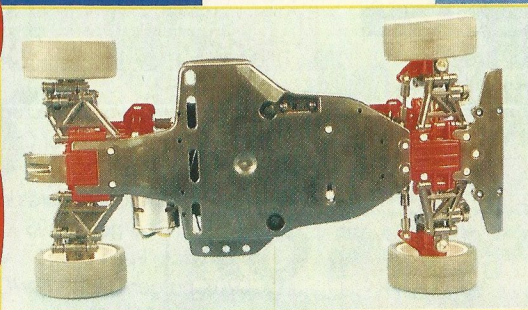
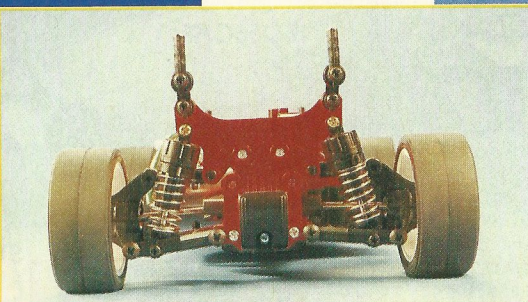
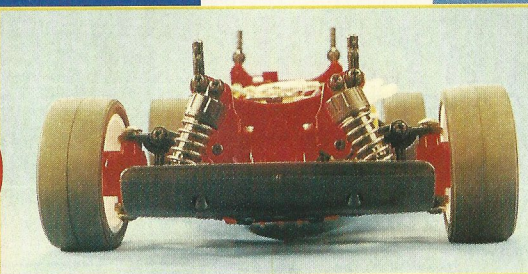


Callibra



After what seems an eternity Tamiya have release their latest 4WD D.T.M. Touring Car. You may recall we said in an earlier issue

Tamiya had gone one better than everybody else and also displayed the real car - (okay to stop any irritating letters Paul's Model Art had Rosberg's factory backed 1995 car!)

Alongside the real car - no on the bonnet was Tamiya 's 1/10th version which looked absolutely stunning. Somehow Tamiya have the knack of capturing the accuracy to the utmost and both their 1/8th TGX and 1/10th electric bodies are superb. The by now obligatory TA02 type chassis first used in the

Alfa Romeo kit is the basis for construction and the normal 4WD components are added to this to provide a rigid but inexpensive solution to the handling required for these vehicles. The usual moulded suspension brackets are included but Tamiya have recently introduced

some FRP versions giving a much greater choice of suspension settings. Also on the 'Hop Up' list are anti roll bars which in conjunction with the various spring sets available let you play to your hearts content in finding a suitable set up for every racing circuit in the World! Judging by the antics of some drivers, first you need to master actually controlling the things.

In the kit

A mechanical speed controller and a standard 540 motor are more than adequate to obtain these skills but I'm sure most buyers will soon be fitting the Actopower Touring motor to boost the performance. We've said it many times before, but remember that metal ballraces are more important than a motor

change to give your car a healthy and long life.

The tyres are of the slick pattern with a newly moulded set of wheels which offer yet another twist to Eurocup Competitors looking for another advantage - the offset is slightly different to previous Tamiya wheels which again could be useful in the set up department.

So finally on to finishing the body.

A little time spent studying the colours and the lay of the decals proved time well spent. Unlike earlier D.T.M. nightmares (the D2 Mercedes) this is a straightforward white and black spray job with decals that go on remarkably easily giving a fantastic result. The only area you'll have to spend a little time on is the front grill area which needs careful application to get the correct fit.

Try gently warming the decal with a hairdryer on a low setting and sprinkling a couple of droplets of water on the area to be covered on the body before applying the decal. From our photos you will see the effect of this stunning car.

Only downside is that Tamiya do not supply an interior so it's a case of using a previous model's interior or purchasing a new one. The

alternative is to 'smoke' the windows and leave the driver out. Remember for Eurocup that's illegal and I personally feel that for realism it's worth splashing out on a cockpit set.

Model complete so I'm off to give it a test run at one of those nearby retail park places that never seem to have people in them at the hour we get these review models finished!

With the Tamiya Eurocup kicking off to a great start at Basildon the race is on to see who will be the 1995 champion. The New Calibra may well help in that battle...

that virtually every model car manufacturer showing at the Nuremberg Toy Fair had a Callibra on display. Last year it was Alfa's 155 showing how fashionable it is to produce a model of a championship winning car. On their stand in Nuremberg

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