

Bust some Clods with Tamiya's latest Quick Drive

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The latest Quick Drive to enter the Tamiya range is based on their 1:10th scale big wheeled Clodbuster. The big boys little brother comes in 1:14th scale and as the QD label identifies is ready to run.

When you open the usual Tamiya professionalism hits you straight away, the box is full of neatly displayed colours and compartments that any ten year old couldn't resist - in fact we couldn't resist having a go straight away either!

There is some minor work to be done before you drive off. This consists of bolting the bodyshell on, this is done with a single bolt using the supplied spanner and takes two minutes. Applying the rear guard, this snaps into place in seconds. Fitting the batteries into the under body

compartment - around one minute. Finally the stickers need putting on and a nine volt battery placed in the handset. It's then a case of a

quick charge up (around 5 hrs) and you are ready for your first lap of the living room. The car has two settings for different speeds, the high

setting gives a good top speed but reduces running time, the low setting gives greater acceleration and a longer running time but of course less speed.

The chassis of the car is the same as that used on the QD Midnight Pumpkin, there are a few subtle changes but the most noticeable is that many of the parts are moulded in bright red - no chance of losing this car in the dark. The wheels and tyres are standard units as is the light and shapely hand control which

features a pistol grip/trigger configuration.

Running time of the car can be as much as thirty minutes, this was tested on short grass and concrete, although this would be reduced if the surface used

Bright red chunky mouldings are really in keeping with the monster truck image.



was too power sapping.

The QD Clodbuster offers an opening into RC with simple construction and good reliability at a competitive price, our view - an excellent starter for the younger racer.

