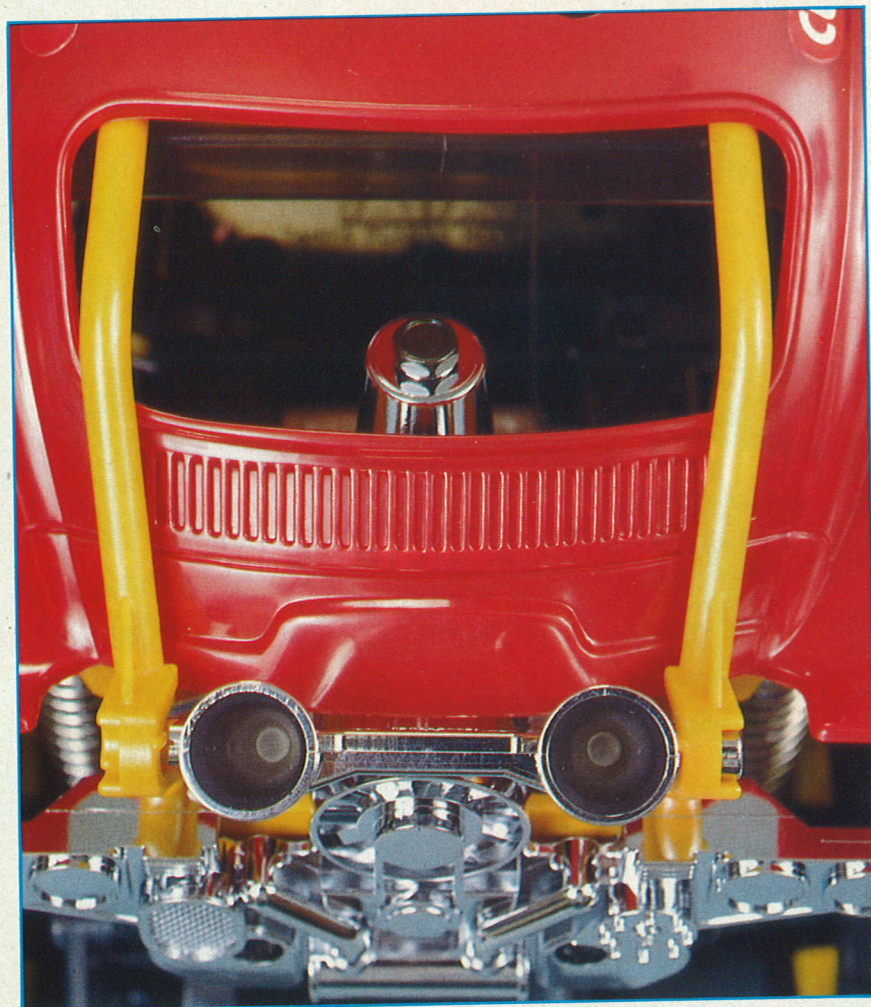




If you want to have fun in a hurry - Tamiya have the answer.



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Let's face it having fun is what playing with model cars is all about, and Tamiya with their massive range of RC cars have the fun market well wrapped up! Their latest edition is not for the racer but for the beginner, in the form of a new QD model based loosely on the Monster Beetle.

The car comes in an enormous box in the usual Tamiya style, with excellent graphics and presentation, on opening the box the chassis takes up half the space and the bodyshell the other half.

Hiding in the bottom of the box is a small packet containing the bodyshell fixing bolt and a selection of decals for the body, a box spanner is also supplied to make life easy.

All that needs to be done is for the bodyshell to be bolted to the chassis and the stickers applied, then armed with a Tamiya "T5" charger and battery pack, power can be installed into the model ready for a five hour charge cycle.

Silly Comments!

The Radio Control Model Cars Monster Beetle was handed over to a complete beginner for assembly and its first run. This caused a few unusual comments which were certainly not expected. The assembly caused no problems at all, this is the norm with Tamiya as the instructions are fool proof, but once ready for the off one problem did stop the test driver

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from making a start, the problem being that the instructions didn't say how to blow up the tyres! Once it was explained

that the tyres were meant to be like that because the model was very light and only needed only a small

amount of pressure in the tyres to keep the car off the ground, it was out to the garden for a first run. The QD Beetle is not going to break any land speed records, but when fully charged and in low gear thinks nothing of pulling wheelies under hard acceleration. The car is easy to drive and with its steer wheel transmitter left and right co-ordination is soon accomplished.

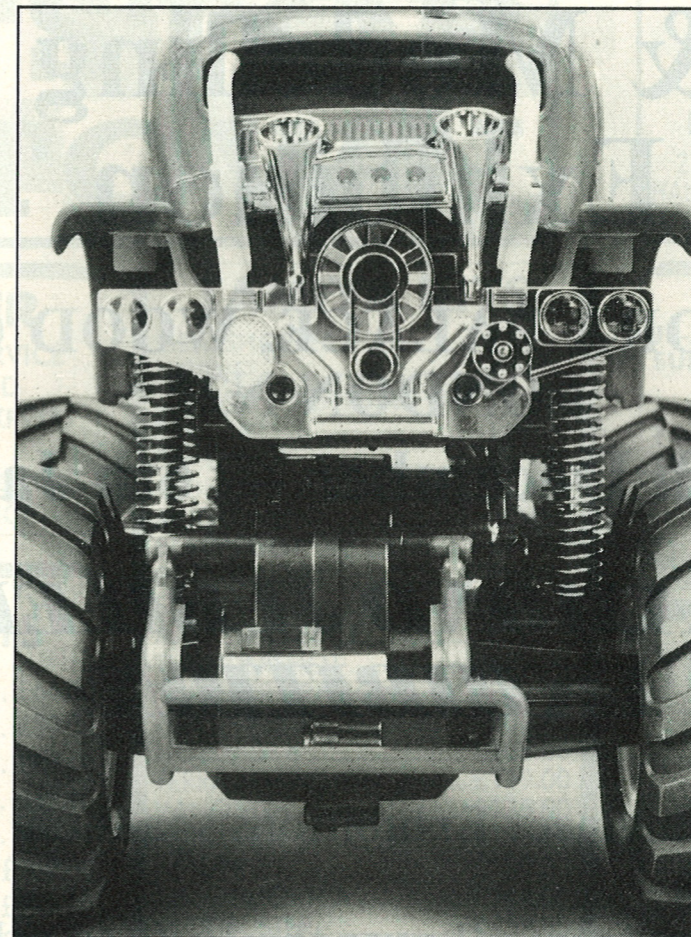
Two Speed Running

The Monster Beetle as with the other QD cars from Tamiya has a two speed setting, this changes the gear ratio and gives greater speed at the cost of running time or less speed and longer duration. This setting should also be used in accordance to the surface the car is to be run on, ie. Long grass - low speed and tarmac - high speed.

Round Up

This latest car from Tamiya may seem a long way off the latest off road racer, but it should

be remembered that everyone has to start somewhere and most people start with a Tamiya kit. The Beetle is very reliable and should give good service and fun hopefully resulting in a further purchase and more people taking up the best hobby in the World, RC car racing. Available from all Tamiya stockists and Beatties.



Loads of chrome parts at the rear. Below: The underside of the QD showing battery installation.

