

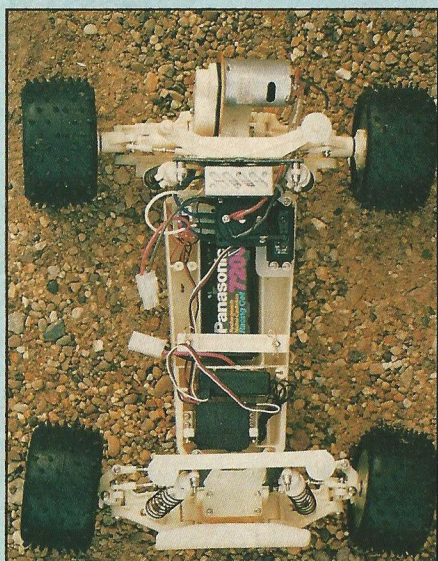
The Traxxas Hawk is an entry level, 1/10 scale electric powered monster truck. Traxxas recently made a name for themselves when one of their top competition off road racers, the TRX-1 made the A-main at the World Championships in Detroit. Therefore the pedigree and quality of design of the Hawk are not in question.

Building the Hawk provided no major problems, and after a simple, small modification here and there, it went together quite well. All of the mouldings seem to be of good quality and appear to be strong enough for the rigours of off road monster truck 'racing'.

Underneath the polycarbonate bodyshell is a plastic moulded 'bathtub' style chassis, into which the radio gear

This entry level monster machine is reviewed by Robert Hopkins.

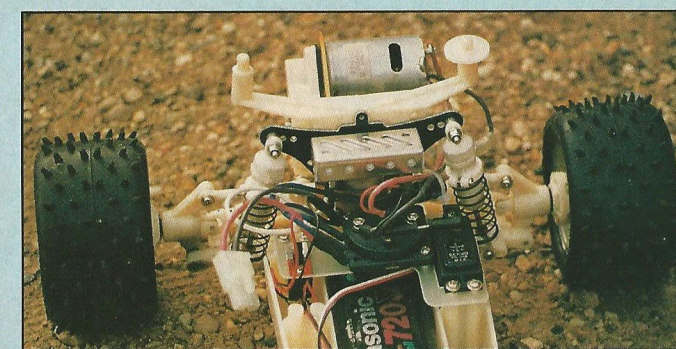
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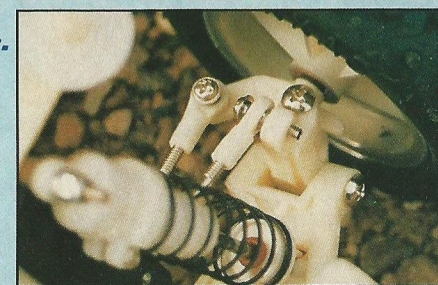
Everything but the body shell. Notice how the batteries are placed down the centre line of the car.

is placed. A standard 'wiper board' type speed controller is supplied to control power from your chosen 7.2 volt battery, to the 540 motor, which sits high above the rear wheels.

Each wheel is supported by an oil filled, coil over spring shock absorber. These units are not the best we have ever seen, but again, they should be good enough for this type of beginners model. The gearbox houses a geared differential which, if built correctly, is super smooth. Power is transmitted to the rear wheels via plastic universal jointed, telescopic driveshafts. This is an excellent idea for such a vehicle, as they are less likely to fail than 'dog bone'

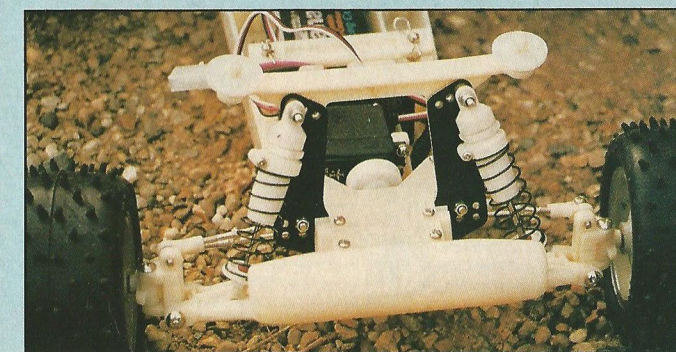


Mechanical speed controller.



Substantial balljoints are used throughout the kit.

Front plastic shock absorbers and shock tower.



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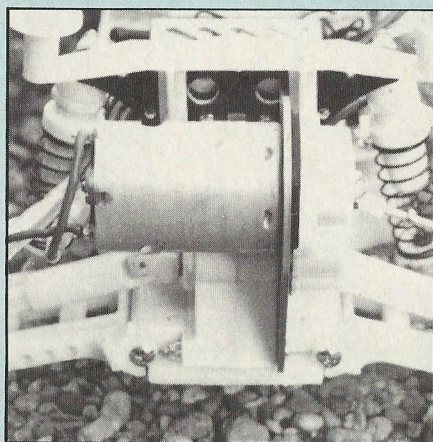
style driveshafts, which have been known to fall out after heavy landings.

The rubber pin spike tyres provide enough grip for most surfaces, certainly grass, although they will wear out quickly on tarmac surfaces. The 'chrome' style wheels set the truck off nicely and give it that extra touch of class.

All in all the Traxxas Hawk is a good entry level truck. It lacks some of the refinement of build quality of other kits, but then again it is very reasonably priced.

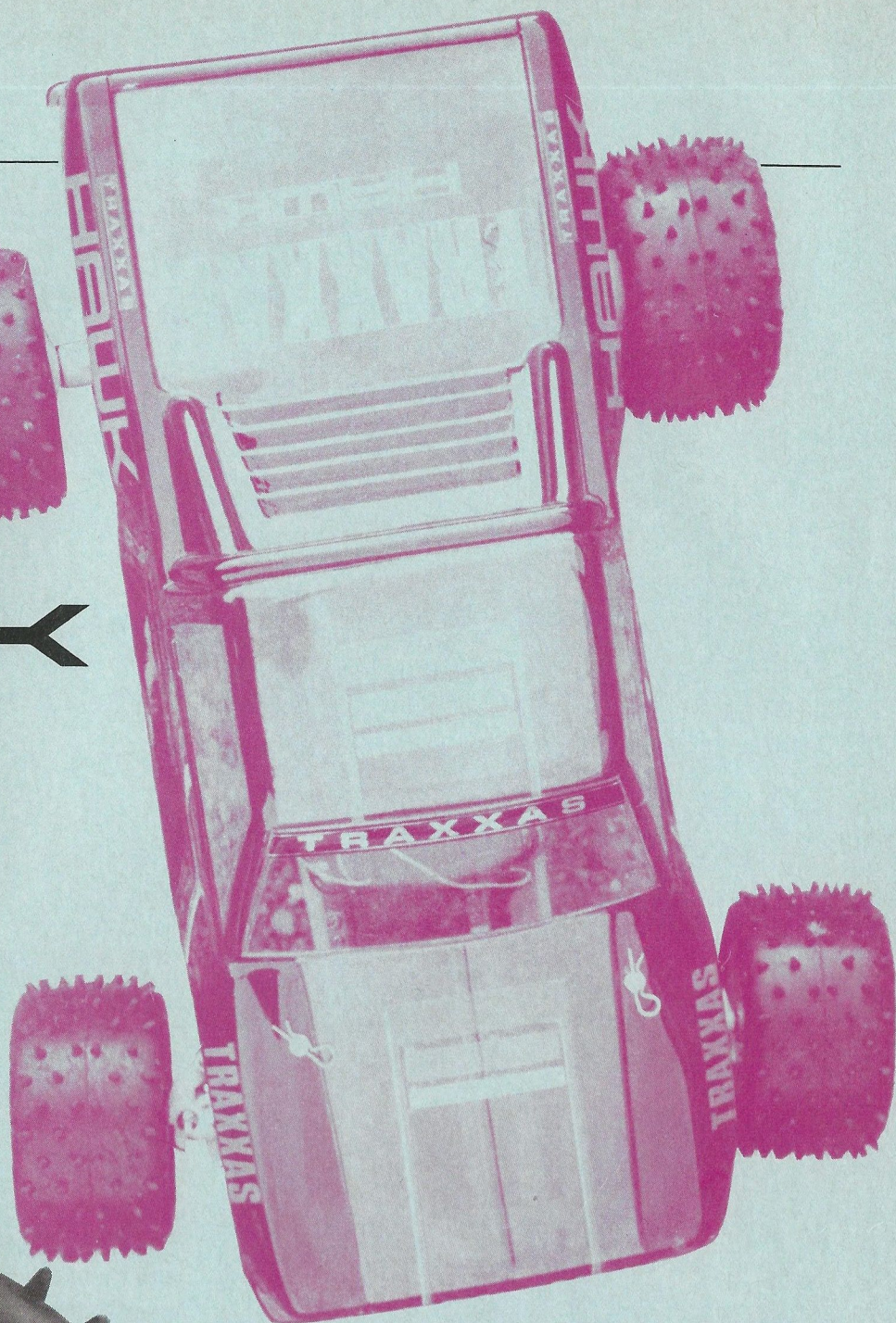
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① The 540 motor sits very high above the rear wheels.

② Chrome type wheels and pin spike rubber tyres provide plenty of grip.



③ UJ telescopic driveshafts are an excellent feature of the Hawk.

