

YANKEE CROSS CONTROL 1/6 SCALE CAR

PAUL LEACH puts Yankee's new 1/6 scale off roader through its paces

The new Cross Control 1/6 scale car from the French manufacturer Yankee, can be summed up in one word, "fun". Although in France the car is being used for serious racing (over 3000 already sold), we would see the British market being for those who want to use the car simply for fun.

The car measures about twenty eight inches in length, and weighs in at around 8 kg. The heart of the car is a specially designed and built 22 cc Kawasaki two stroke motor, which in standard form produces a healthy 1.8 BHP, and 12000 RPM. This can be upgraded to a staggering 4 BHP with the addition of a simple tune up kit. Drive is via a centrifugal clutch, and differential to the rear wheels, suspension is wishbone all round, with massive coil springs over oil filled claspers to keep things under control.

The car comes completely assembled, including a set of Multiplex Modular radio equipment, with large ball raced servos, nicads and charger.

Starting the engine is simple, press down the choke, pull the starter cord and away she goes. The car runs for about 1 hour on a tank full of fuel, and with about ten tank fulls to the gallon of two star petrol, this represents an average running cost

of about "18p per hour!"

Having driven other large scale cars before, the most surprising thing that hits you is how lively, and how good the handling is. Surprisingly rough terrain, and things like streams and jumps are coped with easily, the suspension working extremely well. The standard motor provides plenty of power, and acceleration is very good, with a more than adequate top speed for most people, although with the addition of the

tune up parts, the car becomes a fearsome machine, not for the faint hearted. The Modelstyle demonstration car has now had about twelve hours running, and no problems have so far arisen.

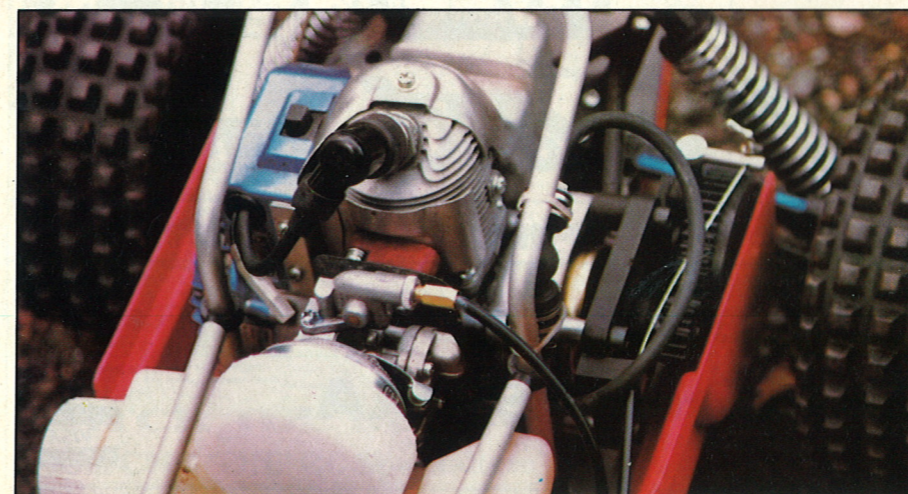
If you are looking for something to give you hours of fun, with very little maintenance and equipment, then this is the car for you.

The Cross Control is available from Modelstyle, Ross on Wye (0989 66933).



Above, Paul Leach puts the Yankee down, it was an hour before the car was touched again and that was to switch it off.

Below, huge twin shocks and a sturdy steel chassis make certain that the Yankee remains under safe control whatever the terrain.



Left, Kawasaki's 23cc engine was specially developed for this car and can be tuned for as little as £45.00 to give just under 4 bhp.

