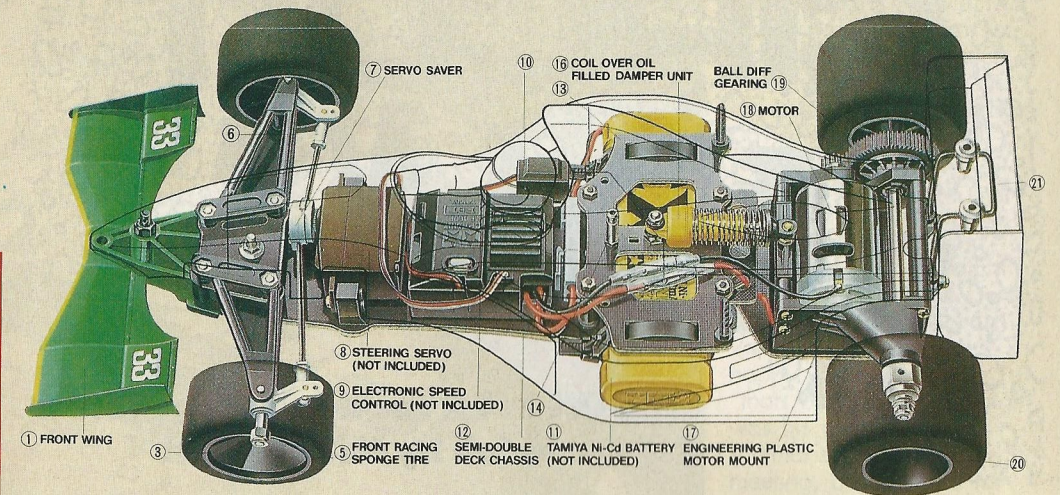
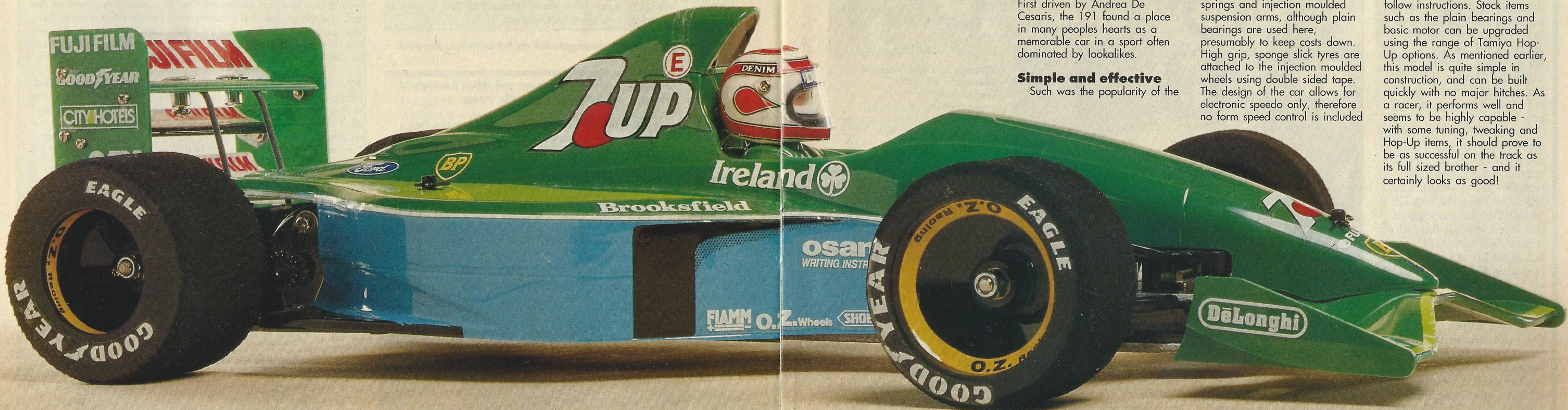


JORDAN 191

The latest 1:10 Formula 1 offering from Tamiya faithfully reproduces the good looks of the full sized green machine - RCMC builds and tests



Around ten years ago, a new force in motor racing was born. This new force immediately started making major league inroads into the Formula 3 and Formula 3000, and by the start of the 1990 season, the team announced its intention to enter the prestigious world of Formula 1, beginning in 1991. The team was Eddie Jordan Racing, and the car was the Jordan 191. Considered by many to be the most aesthetically pleasing machine seen in the '91 season, if not for years, the Jordan 191 achieved instant success by scoring Championship points very early on in its career. First driven by Andrea De Cesaris, the 191 found a place in many peoples hearts as a memorable car in a sport often dominated by lookalikes.

Simple and effective

Such was the popularity of the

Jordan 191, Tamiya decided to produce a model of it. The model is in the standard 1:10 scale, and it definitely captures the lines of the original. It is one of Tamiya's simplest designs, featuring a 2.5mm thick, FRP double-deck chassis with the motor pod in engineering quality plastic mounted on an FRP T plate. The rear suspension employs a single "coil over oil" CVA damper unit, utilising the three point system for maximum stability and handling. A stock motor is included with the kit, delivering its power via a ball type diff and steel axle mounted on ball races, also included in the kit. The front end uses coil springs and injection moulded suspension arms, although plain bearings are used here, presumably to keep costs down. High grip, sponge slick tyres are attached to the injection moulded wheels using double sided tape. The design of the car allows for electronic speed only, therefore no form speed control is included

in the box. The distinctive front wing is injection moulded in Jordan green, and is strong enough to serve as a bumper. The body shell takes the form of the usual clear polycarbonate vacform moulding, with quite a complex triple deck rear wing, also in polycarbonate. We sprayed our model, from the inside of course, with Parma Custom Colour Green, which straight from the bottle is a very close match for the pre-coloured front wing.

Racing upgrades

The model, as always with Tamiya products is presented beautifully, with clear, easy to follow instructions. Stock items such as the plain bearings and basic motor can be upgraded using the range of Tamiya Hop-Up options. As mentioned earlier, this model is quite simple in construction, and can be built quickly with no major hitches. As a racer, it performs well and seems to be highly capable - with some tuning, tweaking and Hop-Up items, it should prove to be as successful on the track as its full sized brother - and it certainly looks as good!