



Imagine slipping behind the wheel of a Mercedes 190E Evolution, with over two hundred brake horsepower under your right foot. Putting the key into the ignition, starting her up and listening to the roar of the engine. Putting it into gear and going for a brisk drive through the countryside on a nice warm summers' day. Unfortunately, that is about as near as most of us get to one, unless you happen to have the odd thirty-five grand lying about. Even then they are only made to order, and are available in left-hand drive only. What with insurance premiums going through the roof and the likelihood of it being stolen, it's not worth it — honest!

However, Tamiya have come charging to the rescue of we poor impoverished mortals with

their latest release, the AMG Mercedes Evolution II as raced in the German Touring Car series by Karl Ludwig. Costing less than your yearly road fund licence (car tax), it is sure to prove a winner, particularly as Christmas is only just around the corner. It has the same mechanical base as the Toyota Celica GT-4 and the Nissan Skyline GT-R, both of which in turn have a lot in common with the Manta Ray, so spares shouldn't be a problem. The actual building of the car only took an evenings work, a bit of modelling experience obviously helps. Tamiya's instructions as usual are clear, concise and relatively fool-proof. You might consider getting the ballrace set at the outset, as it is easier to fit them when assembling the car, rather than

having to strip the car down at a later date. The job that takes the most time is the painting of the bodyshell and driver/cockpit detail and sticking the decals on. A bit of patience is what is required here, which is in short supply when you are itching to take your new car out for a spin! Allow yourself a couple of evenings to get it all painted properly as the end result will be worth it. Even if you do not race it, you can put it on your mantelpiece and it will be an interesting conversation piece.



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# MERCEDES - BENZ 190E

## Evolution II AMG

