



#### **ENJOY RADIO CONTROL**

A great number of people today are enjoycitement in the precise mechanism and excellent maneuverability of these models. crease their performance and, furthermore, organize races and competition. All of these categories offer limitless enjoyment to the fans. The reliable radio control unit, which was once a very expensive gadget, has come to be within a reasonics has advanced. Also new car and airplane kits are coming on the market one after another in increasingly refined form. are becoming more popular among not only novices but also skilled modelers because of high performance in spite of their easy handling. Many enthusiasts are attracted by the exciting operation and realistic make up of radio controlled electric

This quide book is compiled to focus on the fundamental knowledge of the radio controlled electric model cars, on hints of asniques, and on racing, with our hope that the book can be instructional and help you enjoy the sport as well.

# 1. RADIO CONTROLLED

Radio controlled models are nothing but models remotely controlled by radio sigbig enough to mount radio control units can be converted for radio control. Radio kinds of power units: there are ones with with steam engines, and ones with no nower units like sailboats and oliders. There are airplanes, helicopters, gliders, racing cars, buggies, tanks, boats and some others, each of which has many

However, as for the radio control units. most of them in use today are fundamentally the same; they are the digital proportional type, although their capability varies

# 2. RADIO CONTROLLED

ELECTRIC CAR The ideal radio control vehicle for a novice modeler to start with is the electric car. And yet hecause of their high performance, a number of adept modellers organize races of the electric car in many places. In fact, throughout the world the radio control electric car has the largest number of enones of 1/8 in scale to the smaller 1/24. The one most abundant car type and most intensively manufactured by makers is 1/12 scal-

In the case of 1/8 scale, there are less variety of car styles and races are less frequently held. As for 1/20 and 1/24 scale, many kinds are seen on the market and spare plastic bodies of the sizes are also available at the market for variety's sake. However, most of them are of toy quality. It is not easy to assemble and adjust full-fledged models of the small size which are difficult to work on, 1/12 scale cars are most suitable for a modeler whose intention is to enjoy full to time to participate in official competition. For the present, most radio controlled electric cars are scaled after real racing cars. Some off-the-road buggies in 1/12 scale have been put on the market, and the variety of electric cars seems to be widening all the time.

# DIFFERENCE BETWEEN

MODELS AND TOYS There are many radio controlled toys sold on the market these days. The characteristic of toy products is inferior in capability to models: for instance, they can turn only in one direction or run very slowly. Of sive factor is that the toy is always sold in the completed form, while the model is matter how little the assembly may be. So of the assembler. Also, they are able to be available on the market. This is another

RADIO CONTROL SYSTEM When you have bought a model, a radio control system designated for the model should be purchased separately which Most predominant radio control systems on the market today are the digital proportional type. In short, they are called a

tanks, a two channel digital proportional 1. MAKE UP AND OPERATION OF DIGITAL PROPOTIONAL The digital proportional radio control sys-

system is used.

Battery level meter

tem consists of a transmitter which is to be operated by a modeler, and a receiver and servos which are mounted into the model. and power supplies for the units. A transmitter functions as control box, fitted with operating sticks and trim levers for fine adjustment. When the transmitter is in operation, it emits signals by means of radio waves. The signals are accepted by a reof period according to the signals given. The mechanical movements are put out from a serve horn to a model unit to be controlled. Thus, the whole model can be manipulated. The word "proportional" of "digcontrolled in proportion to the degree that rotates quickly and the servo horn moves quickly. When the movement of the stick is yo horn will also stop halfway. In other words, you can control a model car at will quickly or slowly, to full range of throw or hooked up to be transmitted to, for interistic of movement has made the digital cipal type in use today.

2. THE NUMBER OF CHANNELS -THE NUMBER OF

CONTROL OPERATIONS The number of channels of the radio control system indicates the number of



operations to be controlled at a time. A four channel digital proportional system will employ four servos to control four different types of action. The radio controlled electric car is basically designed to be controlled in two ways, speed control and steering



trol system is to be employed. In the present market, radio control systems are available with up to seven channels. The two channel type, though the most fundamental, is enough to control cars, tanks, boats, and oldiers, except qas powered

model airplane (which usually require over three channels).

3. ABOUT RADIO FREQUENCIES-STATUTORY BANDS

Radio xwes are used very widely in the society and are very important for medical emergency, police and military, let atona radio and Y broadcastings. If they are should be interfered with, obvious wares should be interfered with, obvious wares should be interfered with, obvious control of the property of the should be interfered with, obvious collections are regulated to be handled by qualified personnel for the purpose of avoiding disorder. Thus a number of frequency ranges are designated for model ranges than the allocated ones should not be used under any circumstance.



4. FREQUENCY BANDS
This phrase "frequency band" is used to de

note the frequencies of ratio wees. Are ceiver of the radio centrel system will accept signals emitted even from another cept signals emitted to be put in metion. In other words, radio control systems on the same frequency will respond to each other, thus causing them to system and control many models. Hence, it is recommended to employ radio control systems with dispersed frequency bands can control many models.

# SAFETY, REGULATIONS

Some radio controlled models of airplanes, racing cars and boats powered by gas engines can achieve speeds of over 100 km/, it can cause serious trouble if they should lose control in the midst of operation; it might involve personal injury. Even electric radio controlled cars can attain speeds of 30 km/h. Be sure to abide by the rules stated below and be careful not to endanger or to endanger to the careful on to endanger or to endanger to the careful on to endanger or to endanger to the careful on to endanger or to endanger to the careful on to endanger or to endanger to the careful on to endanger or to endanger to the careful on to endanger or to endanger to the careful on to endanger or to endanger to the careful on to endanger or to endanger to the careful on the careful or to endanger or to endanger to the careful or to endanger or to endanger to the careful or to endanger or to endanger to the careful or to endanger or to endanger to the careful or to endanger or to endanger to the careful or to endanger or to endanger to the careful or to endanger or the careful or the careful or to endanger or the careful or the caref

id below and be careful not to endanger or annoy others:

\*Do not use the streets for running model cars.

model cars.

Do not operate near children or in crowds.

\*Inspect your transmitter, receiver and models prior to operation.





#### RADIO INTERFERENCE IS DANGEROUS Signal waves of radio control systems

sometimes reach about 2 killometers in the All models will be interfered with so long as frequency-bands are the same.



ground. When there is another person operating a radio control unit, compare the frequency of your radio control unit with his. Avoid the possibility of interference; operating radio control units of the same frequency will inevitably result in interference and get your model out of control. In such a case use an alternate frequency if possible. In radio controlled models, the fixed frequencies are used commonly among cars, airplanes, boats, and any other kind of model. So radio interference will occur so long as the same frequency is used regardless of the difference of types of models. Radio signals from other types of models radio control units will interfere with your radio control units will interfere with your radio control model.

### FERENCE

A device called a "monitor" can be used for detecting radio interference. There is an other simple way: get your transmitter away from the model at some distance, and watch response of your servois. If the Servois move strangely, interference can possibly be recognized. While operating your models, if you recognize any sign of interference stop running and check the cause.

#### 6. POWER SOURCE

Two different batteries are necessary for the didic controlled electric car: one is for operating the radio control system and the other is for driving the car motor. For the radio control unit, about 12 "A4" (UM3) size dry batteries are used in most cases and for powering the motor generally batteries of 3 different types can be used.



AN ELECTRIC SOURCE FOR POWERING CARS Either dry batteries or nickel-cadmium bat-

sines can be used for the power source of condition controlled electric cars. There are hen types of nicked-cadmium batteries come is a package byte and the other is an individual cardinary of the condition of

Bettery for power unit (one of the following to be used) 4 °C" (UM 2) Ni-Cd Bettery 4 °C" (UM 2) Dry Cell





SOURCE IS A NICKEL CADMIUM BATTERY PACK

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# TOOLS AND GLUE Not many tools are required to long as you

assemble a kit as is. The necessary tools are illustrated below. Tools especially in need are included in the kit, or at least an explanation about tools is given.



ers (radio type and ordinary types), screwdrivers (big and small), diagonal cutting pliers, files, vinyl tape, awls, oiter, glues, cutter, liquid threadlock, box drivers for 3 mm for 4 mm nuts.













Be careful when using instant glue, since

the eye or on the skin. LIQUID THREADLOCK

#### Synthetic rubber cement can be used for locking bolts and nuts but "liquid thread-

from getting loose. It is a must to oil the gearbox, shaft, and

#### bearing. When oil is insufficient, it causes

trouble such as seizure of shafts. Spray type oilers are also available on the market today which are very handy for upkeep of radio controlled model cars.

#### • FINISHING

Any plastic paint can be used. Spray type paints are convenient for finishing larger like doll face features, paints for brush application are available

#### PLA-PLATE, POLYSTYRENE SHEETS, PLASTIC PUTTY

Pla-plate is plastic sheet of the same material as plastic kits. It can be expediently used for creating your own designed wing and small cracks which are often found after remodelling kits. Several kinds of plastic putty are sold at the market.

#### ADVICE ON SELECTING KITS

The production of plastic model kits is concentrated on the 1/12 scale line by the manufacturers, consequently the products of this size are most abundant in variety. a good advisor in building and radio controlling techniques, one which may organize racing and practice gatherings. Generally speaking, a good store means a very reliable retail store which helps you enjoy radio control. Advice from experienced way of purchasing kits after asking anything you like to know, and studying contents and performance of the kits by yourself

#### ASSEMBLY KITS AND COMPLETED MODELS

There are assembly kits on the market which you build up parts into a model by yourself and you buy a radio control unit separately and install it into the model,





completed or semi-completed models may be more economical, since in most cases from the beginning. At the same time they have such limitations as difficulty of disassembling, repairing, or transferring the

# The assembly kit consists of numerous parts and accessories. So it is recommend-

radio control units into another model. So assembly kits can be recommended for enjoying radio controlling in a real sense. It is not a hard task to assemble kits, either,

#### READINESS OF PARTS AND COMPONENTS

Select model, the parts of which are easy to obtain. Tires and gears can wear out; even a speed control switch is an expendable component in a sense. Bodies and chassis may have to be replaced after some collisions. In such a case, your models can For the Tamiya models, such components erful motor are provided to be applied for improving model performance according to a modeler's controlling skill. Spare parts and accessories are easy to buy at model

#### HOW TO SELECT A RADIO CONTROL SYSTEM

The price range of radio control systems on the market is very wide. Any two or more channel proportional type can be used. for gas powered models. It is recommendplus capability for a modeler who has an intention of handling gas engine models. In any event a thorough checkup and consulnel proportional unit can control most kinds of models like gas powered cars and boats, sailboats and gliders, except most

# HOW TO CHOOSE

There are two kinds of model car bodies clear bodies and hard bodies. The clear bodies are made of polyvinyl chloride or polycarbonate, featuring lightness in. Howsimple molds, they are inferior to hard bodies in finish of lifelikeness and detailings, while hard bodies (plastic bodies) offer much more sense of precision scale jection forming from exquisitely made

#### POINTS IN PURCHASING

a store attendant at the purchasing point. Also read through the assembly pamphlet to see how difficult or easy it is and ask a question, if any. Also you might as well inquire about the technical guidance and





Speed race, gymkhana, drag race, and rally are the ways you can enjoy radio controlled cars. They are roughly classified into two and drag races, a number of cars start at a time to beat each other in time elapsed; and in gymkhana and rally, cars start one by one to compete against time. The Tamiva radio controlled electric cars will produce various speeds according to the kind of bat-



do a number of different racing events, depending upon the size of area. large or

#### IN LARGE SPACES

If a large open space is available, enjoy speed racing (heat racing). The road course (winding course like a circuit) and this kind of competition, the first to complete a certain number of laps is the winner. in which two cars start at the same time from opposite positions on the course, the one which catches up with the other being the winner. If it is difficult to make a road



course for only one car, it is recommended to enjoy high-speed gymkhana. Set a anything like that. The winner is determined by the time required to complete the

#### course. IN LONG NARROW SPACES



If the space is long but narrow, you can enjoy drag racing or slalom racing. In the drag race the object is to couer a long straight way distance as quickly as possible. Since this is a simple race, maintenance of your car to attain high performance is of great importance. It may be fun to make a slope of gear ratio. The slatom race is an interesting variation of the drag race. Here cars start one by one and race against time through a number of pairs of empty bottles placed in various positions on the course so that they must take a serpentine zigzag

#### path. Tamiya's radio controlled car will need a course only about one meter wide IN SMALL SPACES

You can enjoy Tamiya's radio controlled can even in a space only about 2 meters Technical gymkhana



square. If the space is limited, it is recommended to race technical ovmkhana. Make a course with many curves which need good control technique. The winner is determined by the lowest time required to run the course. Garaging gymkhana, backing gymkhana, etc., may be a lot of fun. too.

#### RALL VING

In rally, the car which runs the course in the closest time to a certain fixed time is the winner. The same timing method as the rally can be employed to determine winners of other games. It is recommended to fix a target time after a few timings of trial runs along the course. Various rules can be established: for example, the penalty system is adopted for a time required over the target time, or in both cases of over or short of the target time. By changing a duration of a target time or conditions of a course.

#### the game may be made more enjoyable. HOW TO PLAY WITH RADIO CONTROLLED BUGGIES

An off-the-road buggy race has a quite ex-

citing fascination, a different pleasure than racing cars. Compete over a dirt course and a cross country race to enjoy powerful driv-



#### DIRT SPEED RACES

Dirt speed races can be done in flat and vast places such as a playground or a park. The course can be made in a simple oval course or a more complicated track with hairpin curves and figure "\$" curves. You have to he careful since the surface of a dirt course is slippery. Advanced techniques of control are called for, but it is interesting.

#### **OBSTACLE RACES**

In a place which does not have a very large open space, make an obstacle course. Utilize dents and humps on the ground. Along a curving course with ups and downs, a car will run in an unexpected direction and it is interesting by spreading sand and pebbles.



#### SPECTACULAR JUMPS Thrilling jumps are another way of putting

on a show with a hungy. Have take-off planks in your course. However, do not make it too high. Build a fairly long straight way before the plank to provide an ap-Do not run the model car in the following



face, since the suspension system of the car may be damaged; or in a grass covered in the car; also, not in a crowd of people or nearby children.

HOW TO FNJOY RIC TANKS Tamiya model tanks are powerful enough to force their way over rough terrains and to surmount obstacles. They will offer you the widest diversity of enjoyment. You are challenged to create various ways of racing with the Tamiya radio controlled tanks which can be made to move right and left do gradual and pivot turns and, of course go forwards and backwards.

#### ON LEVEL PLACES

The simplest slalom games can be enjoyed. Use empty bottles for pylons and run your tanks in the same way as your radio controlled cars. The first to complete the course is the winner. If a bottle is knocked down, one point is deducted from your marks. You can make the racing more interesting by adding some slopes to the course.

#### IN ROUGH PLACES

course.

It will be more fun for you to race the powerful tanks on a rugged surface. Obstacles such as houlders, steen slones and trenches, can be made as part of the course. A rule could be made to lose marks when a vehicle goes off course or runs backwards. When a tank stalls on the course during a race, the driver is disqualified. The winner is determined by measuring the time taken to complete the



#### **DIRT GYMKHANA**

to a small place or when there is only one car make a cymkhana course with emoty bottles and drive a car through the pylons. By changing the arrangement of the botties, a backward course may be made. Comnete for time one-on-one.

#### HILL CLIMB It is a slope ascending race. Any one which

arrives at the top of a mound or a slope is the winner. Or you can contend for ranking by how far you can reach on the up-slope in a fixed time. A decisive factor can be the selection of a high gear or low gear combination, and to take a straight way or a zigzag path.

#### DRIVING TECHNIQUE

#### HOW TO IMPROVE DRIVING TECHNIQUES

You cannot make yourself a skilled driver just by running a car at will. Make a course using things like empty cans as pylons.

#### **BASIC TRAINING OVAL COURSE 1**

This is the simplest course using two cans It looks simple at first sight to drive a car along, but it will require some practice to achieve sharp and rigid turns making with the pylons as vertexes of the curves. Practice both ways, clockwise and counter-





**OVAL COURSE 2** Have two or three pairs of pylons forming gates and run your car through them as accurately as possible. You will find it much harder than the oval course No. 1. For the





tice in both rotations, clockwise and coun-ROAD COURSE

When finishing course No. 1 and No. 2 steps, you must have mastered the basic driving techniques. Now you should proceed to complex course. Build a road course with the pylons, from basic figure "T" and "L" courses to more complicated circuits, assortment of figure "L" and hairpin curves, high speed course and slaloms.





#### WHERE TO LOOK AT WHEN DRIVING

When you drive a car, it is an important point where you keep your eye upon. Suppose the ovals described are in the field of vision. Put your point of sight on the forward part of the area of vision with a car placed at the rear. The car moves at a rate of 8.3 meters per second when the hourly speed is 30 km/h. With your point of sight on the car itself, you cannot keep clear of





#### CORNERING **TECHNIQUES**

No particular skill is required for driving a car just straight, and the drag speed is limited by the car's own inherent performance capability. However, at curves, your finesse of taking corners affects the result even among cars of the same performance. Especially in speed races, the cornering technique is one of the decisive factors. After hecoming accustomed to the car, try to practice smooth, speedy and stable corner-

#### THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF SLOW-IN AND FAST-OUT

Slow-In and Fast-Out" is a polden rule in speed controlling at curves. And "Out-In-Out" instructs how to steer a car. Briefly you should control speed in "Slow-In and Fast-Out" manner and steer a car in "Out-In-Out" way



#### WHAT'S "SLOW-IN AND FAST-OUT?

Decelerating when entering into a curve and picking up the speed after a vertex of tering hends without reducing speed, the car is forced to slow down before finishing corners to lose speed and stability. In the worst cases, the car might spin or run off the course. It also gets the car moving too late to pick up speed. As a result "Slow-In and Fast-Out" is the fastest way to take cor-



# WHAT'S "OUT-IN-OUT"

It is, as illustrated below, a way of turning curves from the outside line of a course into the inside line to which the car will come closest at the vertexes (crimping points) and finishing the cornering approaching back to the outside line, thus making the longest possible turning radius. By utilizing the full width of the course, the car will make an easier turn than the actual curve.

So the car may be allowed to run through it faster. As a matter of fact, however, it seems more advantageous to set the crimping point a little after the vertex, because it allows easier latter half cornering and enables the car more powerful acceleration into the straight course, in spite of sharper

"Both "Slow-in and Fast-Out" and "Out-In-Out" techniques are established from atlatter half of cornering than the first half. This has something with the acceleration of a car: that is, a car increasing speed faster than other cars at the latter half can take the lead in the successive straight track, provided the cars should have the same pickup and maximum speed capability. This principle is true anywhere except in a very wide road where you are not required to reduce the speed at all.

#### THE LAST CURVE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT IN A CHICANE The last curve is the most important in con-

tinuous curves. In successive bends of a road, steer your car so that it will make the easiest turn at the last curve. Then you will be able to speed it up as soon as getting into a straight course. Figure 5 curves



#### CONSIDER COMPLEX CURVES AS ONE Consider complex curves as one integrated

compound. In the case of complex curves with different radii, you can manage to get through by considering them as one complex curve and making a cornering pas-Sage.





CURVES WITH A STRAIGHT COURSE IN BETWEEN Curves with a straight course in between.

Curves with a straight course in between. Even in the case of recurrent curves with straight tracks intervening, you could achieve a smooth cornering by counting them as one integrated curve.

DURING A PRACTICAL RACE,
TAKE THE CLOSEST POSITION TO THE INSIDE LINE
in a practical race, get the closest position to the inside line. The cornering technique explained in the previous chapters is an ideal way which is rather possible to 
carry on only when a car is running alone,
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have been developed and used. The most important point is to get the closest positive in the properties of the competing cars. Here, as illustrated, the passage of car 8 is sharper than car As, and car 8 will be forced to stow down, but with advantage of smaller radius and may be able to get sheed of car A at a risk hind by car A. Otherwise, it may block the right of other cars. Any car slower than other cars should yield the night of ways.

#### OTHER CORNERING TECHNIQUES

As for other comening techniques, there as its four wheel drifting and tast siding like the real racing cars do. Four wheel drifting is a technique of televing a fittle excessing a technique of televing a fittle excessing at the wheels side outside with the noce heading for the inside line of the course in this way the can pet through the curve most guidely. However, it is difficult to make the rear wheels side while counterstends of the curve most guidely. However, it is difficult to make the rear wheels side while counterstening. This technique is not as stable compared with the four wheel offling, And our counterstening. This technique is not as stable compared with the four wheel offling, And ourse, though I foots secretarily.

OPPOSITE LOCK STEERING
The word indicates to steer the wheel against the curve of the turn, if a car should go too fast on a curve, the rear wheels might start to skild, leading the whole body

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whole body to spin



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#### WINNING RACES

After mastering the basic driving technique, apply it to practice. If you have been practising in the same place, it is recommended that you change the location from time to time. Also, on certain types of surface you will find it very difficult to control the car because it is liable to spin or run off the course. It is also advisable to run your car with others. Then, the track will appear narrower than usual and you no longer have such freedom of movement. Don't hesitate to take part in racing. Accumulated racing experience is very help-

DRIVING ACCORDING TO RACE TRACK CONDITIONS There are various track surfaces: asphalt. concrete, wooden boarding, vinyl tilling,

istics. Practice repeatedly so that you can control the car on any kind of surface. Generally speaking, asphalt or concrete tracks are not slippery because they are rough and have a high coefficient of friction. Wood, vinyl-tiled or cement surfaces are smooth and slippery. Note that even asphalt race tracks are slippery when they are wet or covered with fine sand or dust. It is possible to gauge the track condition by eye, but it is very important to confirm the difference of the surface from your usual practice ground by making a trial

· Quick acceleration, quick braking and quick steering

are taboo on slippery surfaces. On slippery race tracks, the grip of tyres is very small and the stability of the car is disturbed very easily. Quick acceleration is taboo even at the start, because the rear wheels (driving wheels), whose tyres have little grip, are liable to spin and the car may slide even when it is turned only slightly. Be even more careful in deceleration. If the car is quickly decelerated, the load of the car will move forward by inertia, (in other words, the centre of gravity will move forward), and the load on the front wheels will increase while that on the rear wheels will decrease. Therefore,

Cornering on track with good adhesion.



the grip of the rear wheels will become much less and they will skid very easily. Deceleration must be made as slowly as possible. Never brake the car quickly

when it is running at top speed. Reduce speed sufficiently before cornercentrifugal force which pulls it outwards. It is because the centrifugal force is greater than the grip of the tyres that the car is liable to spin or run out of road on slippery surfaces. The centrifugal force increases in proportion to the speed. Therefore, it is necessary to decrease the centrifugal force by reducing the speed and making the turning radius as large as possible. Needless to say quick acceleration and quick braking are taboo in cornering. Reduce the speed sufficiently before entering the corner, and increase the

cardinal rule that the cornering line

should be "out-in-out" so as to make the turning radius as large as possible.

# 2. CHOOSING TYRES

CONDITIONS The tyres have a great influence on the performance of the car. Even when the surface is slippery, it is possible to reduce the chance of skidding by using suitable tyres. Many people use sponge or pneumatic rubber tyres. Use either of them according to the surface.



Sponge Tyres

Soonge tyres are suitable for asphalt or concrete tracks. They are softer than consumatic rubber tyres, and adapt themselves better to the track surface. Therefore, on asphalt, etc, with fine grain, they orio firmly, However, on smooth surfaces.

such as wood boarding, they are inferior Pneumatic Rubber Tyres On smooth tracks, such as wooden board ing, the pneumatic rubber tyres may offer better grip. The same applies to wet tracks. On wet surfaces, sponge tyres are

liable to slip because they absorb water, although this depends upon how much water is present. . By utilizing the different tyre properties,

it is possible to change steering characteristics such as over-steering and under-

#### 3. RACING TECHNIQUE Even if you believe you are experienced, it

is difficult to display your ability to the full in actual racing. When several cars are todent, and you may often fall to drive your car along the desired cornering line. To achieve good results in racing, it is necessary to acquire good racing tactics and



(1) Points in practice lans In most races you will be given a chance to practice over the course, but you don't have to run the car very fast. What is important is to make adjustments by means

of the track. Adjustment with trim levers Practice is the last chance to make any necessary adjustment by running the car. Make sure the car runs straight and the maximum speed. If necessary, make fine adjustment by means of trim levers. If the that the brake works well. In adjusting the straight running of the car, it is recommended to run it directly away from you. . Knowledge of the race track

the course at least once. Particularly if

necessary to run the car positively along the course in advance without hindering the progress of races, as well as to attend the drivers' meeting. It is advisable, if possible, to walk along the course in order to remember its intricacies and to note its



. Confirming condition of The weather has an important influence

upon the surface condition. It is not too much to say that tracks vary according to the weather on the previous day. You should confirm the track condition and decide in advance how to negotiate the main corners. Consider changing the tyres, if you have time, according to the track conditions

2) Start The result of a race sometimes depends

upon the start. However, a quick start is most liable to occur between the start and the first corner because participating cars are running close to one another. Decide how you should start according to the characteristics or your car, course layout.

. When a quick start is If you have confidence in the starting ac-



celeration of your car and you believe it is able to out-distance others before the first corner, then you should choose a quick start. Also, if the distance between the start and the first corner is long, a quick start is advantageous. In this case, start, the distances amongst them gradually increase and, therefore, there is little possibility of collision on the first corner. A guick start is advantageous also when the course layout is intended mainly for

speed competition. . When a slow start is not disadvantageous

When you have tuned your car with a greater emphasis attached to its maximum speed rather than on its acceleration, it should be easy to make up for leeway on a straight even if you have made a slow start. In a long-distance race, you start. Also, if the distance between the start and the first corner is short, it is advisable to make a slow start to avoid colli-

(3) Pace Setting . Whether to run ahead or

behind a rival Some drivers prefer to run ahead of their rival rather than behind him, whilst others prefer to be in pursuit. They have their own pace setting in races. The former drivers direct their energies particularly to the first half in order to take the lead from the beginning. Drivers of this type need to employ tactics so as not to be passed by their rival. They should avoid leaving a gap on the inside of a curve any other car on purpose, he may be disqualified from the race. The latter drivers.





drop out of the race or try to pass him later. Drivers of this type aim at constant performance. They must be able to pass their rival whenever they get a chance. It rival's car hoping to cause him to commit an error and thereby getting a chance to overtake him. Decide whether to be ahead or behind your rival, and employ suitable tactics.

. How to pass others

· Passing on the straight There are various places in which you can safest place to do so. It is dangerous to start passing a car when you are following close behind it. When you judge it is possible to pass, steer your car a little as You may pass on either side, wherever there is more room. If the space on each

. Passing on a corner Passing on a corner is dangerous as compared with passing on a straight. If the driver of the car you are going to pass is not skillful in control, your car is liable to be involved in its spinning. To make passrival's car and pass it after turning the corner. It is very difficult to pass it on the outside of the corner even if your car is If your car has hit another car and lost its

stability, then reduce the speed by turning off the speed control switch. If you try to restore stability by steering, the car must be further disturbed. Start acceleration again only after the car has slowed down and is stable. (4) Pace setting for each heat

· First heat It is impossible to foresee what accidents or trouble will occur in your race. If you damage your car in the first heat by overtaxing it, perhaps you may not be able to achieve a good result in the end. Steady running is the key to success. Use the first heat to verify that your car is handling correctly and running smoothly, and just endeavour to complete the race. Never overtax the car. If it fails to finish, there is little possibility of being allowed

 Second heat If you run the first heat steadily, you can a better result than in the first heat, use all your skill and employ more aggressive cornering techniques. If you did not obyou may stake your all on the second heat, but you must not drive recklessly. from using tactics that might cause an

· Final race Reing able to take part in the final race already means that you are a qualified driver. Show ability to the full in the final ond heats, you can guess your ranking among the finalists. If your ranking seems without aiming at victory. If you seem to rank high among the finalists, you should try to win. As you are capable of winning or at least a good place, be careful not to be involved in a stupid accident. Always



#### DRIVING IN RAIN

It is recommended to refrain from running your car in rain because the radio control mechanism is liable to be affected by water. However, races may be held in drizzie. It is necessary to have some basic knowledge of driving in the wet.



#### 1. DRIVING TECHNIQUE IN RAIN

Any wet race track is very slippery, so that cars may spin even when they accelerate at the start. Read the description of driving on slippery surfaces on page 8 and drive your car accordingly. Quick acceleration, quick deceleration and sudden steering angle of the front wheels as little as possible so that the turning radius is large. When there are puddles on the racemake a detour. If you attempt to drive through deep water, the radio control gear may get wet and your car will be slowed your car may skid out of control

#### 2 WATERPROOFING

The radio control mechanism, particularly the receiver and servos, contains precision electric circuits carrying weak electric currents for control. If water enters cuit which often causes damage to an electric circuit and makes it impossible to control the car. If a wet electric circuit is kept electrified, its fine wiring begins to corrode gradually by chemical reaction and may be broken even by a slight shock some time later. Such a circuit may become unrepairable. Therefore, the radio proof. If the weather forecast says it will rain on the day of racing, it is necessary to make the radio control mechanism waterproof in advance.

. Waterproofing of car body

to get wet directly by raindrops because it is contained in the car body. Pay attention to water splashed by the front and rear wheels and water entering the car body through the chassis. Openings in the chassis, such as holes bored to reduce weight, should be stopped up with vinvi tape or similar. Another means for preventing spray from entering the car body sheet or aluminium plate to the chassis parts just in front of, behind, and inside

# \*Waterproofing of radio

control mechanism, etc. The receiver in the radio control mechanism is most likely to be affected by water. To make it waterproof, wrap it in a



vinyl bag, the mouth of which is firmly closed by means of a rubber band, as shown in the illustration. It is advisable to apply vinyl tape or similar to the joints of connectors and casino. It is difficult to put servos into vinyl bags because they lead wire holes should be filled with synthetic rubber adhesive. The waterproof-



ing of the connectors for the radio contro mechanism and traction motor is also important. Put the connectors into a vinyl bag and close it by means of rubber bands. Previously, the switch for the receiver/servos often became faulty because of short circuits, etc., caused by water. Nowadays, it is almost free of such troubles. But, it is advisable to move it to a position which is less liable to become wet, and to apply synthetic rubber adhesive to its lead wire holes. Tamiya Oil Soray will help to waterproof the speed control switch, electric motor, etc. Also the battery is liable to be affected by water and should also be put into a vinyl

#### 3. MAINTENANCE AFTER RUNNING

On a rainy day, the car gets very wet and dirty, and it is almost impossible to preleft as it is, the chassis, etc., may rust and the radio control mechanism may develop unexpected troubles. After using the car in rain, be sure to carry out maintenance as soon as possible.

#### Maintenance of car body

and chassis Wipe water off carefully with a soft cloth. The chassis, in particular, should be taken apart, the axies should be removed and thoroughly dried. Oil anew all moving parts because their oil has probably been washed away by water. Adhesive fixing of the servos, etc., may have been weakened with new adhesive. Tamiya Oil Soray oets

under water and protects metal surfaces. Use it sparkingly on important parts. . Maintenance of radio control mechanism, etc.

Remove all the connectors and wipe off water from the whole mechanism. Then, remove it from the car and dry it in an airy place in the shade. If the receiver is wet inside, remove the casing, wipe off water and dry in the shade. (The receiver must be handled with care.) If the receiver is wet inside with muddy water or salt water. carefully rinse it with clean water. After it



ance test. If it does not work, have it serviced by the manufacturer or his agent. As for the electric motor and speed control switch, it is recommended to apply Oil Spray or similar after carefully wiping off all water. Also dry the battery thoroughly . The RC mechanism contains precision electric circuits. Do not attempt to take it











#### GUIDANCE TO PARTICIPATING IN RACE

grades you will see better modelers oper-

ating a car which is most likely of better performance and helps you to improve your

You will also find a different kind of delight other than playing with models among just

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Site - Tamina Circuit

1. APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION Scharfule of races may be announced at the

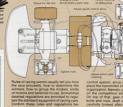
hobby stores or in the magazines. It is mandatory to enroll yourself in the contest

Today the radio controlled electr races are often held in many places i moted by manufacturers and hobby st Participate in the official competition w you get used to operating model carse some extent. If you attain a good score, you will gain confidence. Even with poor

TIONS

apply to an event on the very day. You are required to give the class and kind of your

your name and age 2. CONFIRMATION OF RUI ES AND REGULA.



forehand with your car, and remodel or modify if necessary for compliance. In official competitions, car inspection will be course, a disqualified model is rejected for

3. CHECK OUT THE CAR

BEFORE

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4. PREPARATION BEFORE THE RACE



control system, since you are required to On top of that, pear meshing, screws or carefully looked after; repair or replace with new parts, if necessary. Of course, oil all the rotating parts. If you find batteries are low on power, replace them or charge

#### 5 THINGS YOU MAY NEED AT THE BACE TRACK

It is needless to say to take a registrabring tools, glue and oil which you use every day. Sometimes you have to mend screws and bolts. It is advisable, in regards to the length of time of the event, that

#### 6. REGISTRATION AND CAR CHECK

Leave your home for the race site with amthe whole schedule and annoy others. Very often registration and car check are conor receiving your transmitter; so learn this number by heart. Car check may be done after the registration. Your car will be ex-



amined with batteries on board. Even if your car should be disqualified, you might be admitted provided you could repair or modify your car on the spot in accordance with the rules of the organization. After the car check, you are called for to hand your transmitter to the officials. Be sure the switch of the power source is disconnected before handing it over. The reason why transmitters should be impounded by the organization is to avoid interference by intentional or unintentional signals during the races. If a receipt for your transmitter pennant is used as a receipt to retrieve your

#### 7. BRIEFING FOR DRIVERS

Prior to the races, briefing is held for letting the contestants know the procedures of the competition. Listen carefully, since how the races proceed, penalties for violating rules and other important affairs are explained

8. MAKING UP A RACING GROUP OR CLUB

In a radio controlled model race, cars on the same frequency cannot compete at the same time. Therefore, those who use different frequencies will make up a competing group. Before the races the combinations of the groups are announced. You should confirm which race you will be in. When time is getting close to your turn, prepare yourself for the race.

# 9. JUST PRIOR TO YOUR

Your name or number is called to inform you of your turn. Receive your transmitter according to the official's direction: switch on both your transmitter and receiver in the car. Move the sticks of the transmitter and see if the speed control switch operates properly and the front wheels turn firmly right and left.

#### 10. PRACTICE LAP

If you have time to make a round before the race, run your car along the course. There is no need to rush it, but drive leisurely and important matter is to confirm that the car goes straight on the straight course. If not. adjust it with the trim lever of your trans-

#### 11 BACE

Now is the time to start; countdown has beoun: try not to be hasty. Be particularly careful not to make a premature start. The first curve right after the starting section is the place where collisions occur most frequently. So drive your car prudently. The point is to keep your coolness during the race. Wing with other cars and taking corners at great speed will most likely result in spinning or sliding off the course. A rule you should keep in mind is to drive your car at your own speed calmly. When you pass another car, try not to hit it from behind. Also, it is etiquette not to hinder a faster car when being passed. During the race, priority should be given to completing the course. Try to finish all the laps designated

#### without any accident. 12. AFTER THE RACE

You have run the complete distance and the race is over. Switch off your transmitter and receiver immediately and return the transmitter to the officials. Although you may be anxious about the result, do not stand around the finish line, as you may be in the way of the officials. Get back to your seat and check your car, preparing for the

# 13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF

THE RESULTS AND COMMENDATION

CEREMONY After all the races are complete the resuits are posted and the winners are honor ed. The winners should be praised by applause. Whether or not the competition is successful depends upon the attitude of

#### everybody involved. 14 RETURNING OF TRANS. MITTERS

Lastly, your transmitter is returned to you in exchange for a receipt. It is a serious breach of rules to pick up your transmitter permission. If you have to leave the site before the races are over, you must explain it to the official and net your transmitter returned by him. In such a case you must keep the transmitter switched off until you are sufficiently away from the race site.

#### TYPES OF BACES TIME BACE - POINT SYSTEM BACE

\* ROUND RACE These three are typical types of races. In by the time required. In the point system race, points are given according to the ranking of each heat, and the total points make the final record. In the round race. the number of rounds a car can make in a certain time decides the winners. Of these, a preliminary game is done by a time race. and the outcome is determined by the order

#### of arrival to the finish line MANNERS IN RACE Spirit of fair play is essential in any game.

vent through the fair play spirit of all the participants.

\*Transmitters are kent by the host organization without exception \*Transmitters in custody will not be taken out unless given by the officials. "Yield the way when you are about to be a faster car

being hit. Responsibility should not be claimed by anyone for any collisions during a race. After all the races are over clean the

# TAMITYA GRAND PRIX

1979 RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL CAR RACING RULES

(TAMIYA RULES) Tamiva has adopted a system of classi-

fication of drivers for 1979 racing pro-

Drivers will be devided into three classes as follows: **Novice Class** 

For those who enter Tamiya Races for the first time. Senior Class

For drivers of medium ability Expert Class For experienced drivers, selected on the basis of past results in Tamiya

racing. We believe that beginners will enter into racing contests for the fun of it, and

that as they become more experienced they will enjoy the spirit of competition Contesting cars are classified into two groups depending on which type of motor is used:

Group I is for cars with motors up to the Mabuchi RS-380(S) standis for cars with motors up to Group II

the Mahurhi RS-540(S). Obviously races under each driver group are again divided according to the car

groups. Driving skill and car adjustments vary according to the characteristics of motor used. For example, the RS-380 motor is high revving and the RS-540 has high torque. There are many modifications which can be made to individual cars. which will help in the great enjoyment and fun to be obtained from racing mo-

torised RC cars. We invite you to enter the exciting world of Tamiya Racing.

#### APTICLE 1

Driver classification Competing drivers are divided into three classes and promotion to a higher class depends upon their racing results.

1. Novice Class "When you hit another car, you should For those who enter Tamiya Racing anologize. But do not ask for one after for the first time and have failed to be

placed in a preliminary heat at a novice meeting. 2. Senior Class site. No rubbish should be left behind. For those who have participated in Tamiva racing at least once, before the end of 1978, who have passed the preliminary heat of a novice meeting, and who have come 1st to 10th in the Novice Class.

For those who have obtained 1st to 30th place in the Experts Selection Race.

(In 1979 members of the Expert Class have been selected from those who ob-

tained overall good results in 1978 Tamiya Racing)

### **ARTICLE 2**

Cars must be either 1:10 or 1:12 scale motorised radio controlled cars, and these are then classified into the following two groups according to which type of motor is used and total weight

Group I Is for cars fitted with one standard Mabuchi RS-360 or RS-380(S) motor and with a minimum total weight of 950 grams. (Minimum 1,100 grams for cars in the Novice Class).

Is for cars fitted with one standard Mabuchi RS-540(S) motor, and with a mini-

mum weight of 1,200 grams ARTICLE 3 Rules for competing cars in both

Groups I and II. (1) The body of the car must be injection moulded. A clear vacuum

formed body is not allowed. Modified or hand made bodies are acceptable if they are good enough to look like the real thing (2) A model figure of the dirver must be seated in the cockpit, and must

be recognisable as such. (3) Closed car bodies must have a transparent windscreen at the

front and a similar rear window "Wings" and spoilers must be made to scale

The tyres must be of scale size and section, and made of suitable material so that the track is not damaged or stained. (6) Cars which tack realism in appear-

ance or are so shaped that they might cause damage to other cars are not acceptable.

A spare car can be used providing it comes under the same group as the original and also uses the same radio frequency. However, the spare car must be submitted for inspection and approved well in advance of the event. It is forbidden to exchange cars in any one heat

#### **ARTICLE 4**

Car Propulsion Battery This must be either a Tamiya Ni-cd battery or a nickel cadmium battery not exceeding 6 volts and 1,200 milliamps.

ARTICLE 5 The following events are held according

to each driver class and group. (1) Novice I: Group I race by Novices (2) Novice II: Group II race by Novices

(3) Senior I: Group I race by Seniors (4) Senior II: Group II race by Seniors (5) Expert I: Group I race by Experts (6) Expert II: Group II race by Experts (7) Masters Championship - race by model shop owners or managers.

#### **ARTICLE 6** Races

Each race is a speed event against the clock and in principle consists of two preliminary heats and a final; the final race consisting of cars which achieved high placing in the preliminary heats.

Competitors must make a standing start If a competitor cannot continue

the race because the car has either run off the track or overturned or for any other reasons, the race officials can return the car to the track and allow it to continue the race. If a competitor "cuts a corner" and passes inside instead of outside a course marker or pylon, the car must return to the point where it ran astray, using an off-course route.

and then take the corner again. The crossing of the finish line will be timing point In all heats and races, placing is

Placing in preliminary races is decided by best timings obtained in the heats. If two or more cars have

recorded identical times, then placing is decided by their second best time. If two or more cars have recorded

the same timings in the final races. the placing is decided by their times obtained in the preliminary heats. If it is still not possible to decide placings the ruling of the sponsor

will be regarded as final. Team placing is decided by the achievements of the best three

members of each team. ARTICLE 7

Penalties such as extra time will be given to competitors who: (1) Make a rolling start. (2) Take a "short cut" by passing inside

of outside a marker or pylon. **ARTICLE 8** 

The following cases will qualify for disqualification:

(1) A competitor whose car has, for any reason, become uncontrollable. A car which is judged to be liable to endanger other cars because of the

drivers incompetence. A competitor who intentionally baulks the progress of the other

(4) A competing car which was modified against the rules and after it

had been inspected. A competitor who has committed any action which can be regarded as not fair play and who therefore causes discontent among

#### the other participants. **ARTICLE 9**

Inspection of competitors cars 1. All competing cars must be inspected before the event to ensure that they comply with all rules and regulations and if they do not comply they will be banned from racing until rectified

Further inspections of competing cars may be carried out at any time during a race. Should this further inspection reveal that essential requirements have not been met. they will be deemed to have been modified after the initial inspection, and therefore any achievements will automatically be disqualified. Furthermore, they will not be permitted to enter further contests until they have been corrected to comply with the rules.

#### ARTICLE 10

The Course In principle, the Tamiya circuit should be deemed to be "the course"

#### **ARTICLE 11** Validity of Events

Even though, because of bad weather etc., the meeting has to be abandoned. the event will be considered valid if at least one heat has been completed. Placing will be decided by the results of that heat.

#### **ARTICLE 12** Cancellation of Events

If, because of weather number of entries, or for any other reason, it is impossible to start racing, then the race must be either postponed or cancelled.

#### **ARTICLE 13**

Entrants restrictions (1) No person or team supported by a with inner tracks to provide more than

manufacturer of radio controlled models or equipment will be allowed to enter competitions. It is forbidden for more than one competitor to use the-same car.

No competitor may enter into more than one event. No competitor may be a member of more than one team.

#### **ARTICLE 14** Rules for competitors

Entry applications will be rejected if made on day of race. It is essential to apply by the appointed date using the regular

procedure. If too many entries are received, competitors may be decided by lottery or order of receipt etc. Competitors must arrive at the track

on time. Late comers may not be allowed to enter The race organisers will confiscate

all transmitters during racing, and these will not be returned until racing is finished, except, of course, to actual competitors or to anyone who can prove that he has good reason to use his transmitter. (Routine adjustments is not a good reason).

It is strictly prohibited to take transmitters back without specific permission the organisers

Each entrant must confirm his readiness and shillty to race in each heat, and prepare his car for racing in good time before the start. Also he must act promptly in accordance with regulations when he is called. At the finish of each and every race. each competitor must immediately retrieve his car, as instructed by an official, switch off his transmitter

and hand it back to the organiser. Each competitor must comply with the organisers announcements etc., especially during a race, and he must also co-operate fully with the organisers to ensure efficient control of the meeting.

Conditions not covered by the Tamiya Rules will be at the discretion of the organisers.

January 1979 Tamiya Racing Management Committee TAMIYA CIRCUIT This is a full-scale track for motorised

RC model cars only. The surface is asphalt

paved. The outside course is approxi-

mately 100 metres long, and combines



mum length of 140 metres. The outer track is 4 metres wide, and the inside tracks are 3 metres wide with a variety of hazards including a 180' hairpin bend and "S" shaped courses. Also the entire circuit has a height differential of about 25 cms. So this circuit requires precise control and much skill. It is indeed worthy of challenge!

The Tamiya Circuit is available for use, completely free of charge, for racing events sponsored by Hobby Shops etc., and it is open to the public without payment, on the second Saturday and Sunday of each month. For further particulars, please write to the "Circuit Section" Trade Department,

at Tamiya. Tamiya Plastic Model Co.,



628 Oshika, Shizuoka City Japan, 422,





# GUIDANCE FOR ORGANIZING A COMPE-TITION



#### LET'S ORGANIZE A RACING

It is a thrill to participate in a race: however, it is a more significant experience to organize a contest. A competition requires many people: timekeepers, course committee members, etc. In small races, such as those organized by hobby stores, players, other serve concurrently as officials. It will be appreciated if you can offer a hand as an official, It is not only welcomed by an organization, but it is also rewarding to yourself.

cial. It is not only welcomed by an organization, but it is also rewarding to yourself. The experience of taking part in a race meet as an official will surely help you with organizing another event. Moreover, it will be of much benefit to you when you par-

#### 1. TYPES OF RACES

There are many types of races: series, single ones, and others. It is a common purpose to compete with fellow racers and to develop skills. The more races you participate in, the better results you can expect. Many races are organized in a series to compate the output for the participate in the output.

# • POINT SYSTEM SERIES

Points are given to contestants in porportion to records achieved at each individual race. The winner, 2nd, 3rd places and so forth are determined respectively by the to-

REPECHAGE SERIES
 (PRELIMINATE)
 The big drawback of the polytic system services in that it a understable to participate in the first of the services of

held semi-annually. Though two types of series have just been introduced, the vital point of making a race successful lies in a consideration to disperse the chance of winning as widely as possible among all

# 2. QUALIFICATION FOR PARTICIPATION

OPEN TO ANYBODY

"SOME LIMITATION BY AGE "Figure 1" South and the second s

#### 3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF A RACE

A RACE
If can be announced through posters.
Handouts are also good media to publicize
the competition. Essential factors such as
when, where, qualification, way of grouping, kinds of cars, type of race and method
of determining ranking should be described. If the race is the series system, announcement of dates of the following

## A ENTRY

Entry forms should be ready at the registration desk. Columns for name, address, age, occupation, entry class, frequency of radio control system, and contest number should be provided along with entrance require-

# STORE GRAND PRIX ENTRY

Same Address	
Age Grade)	Occupation

# Class Car Number (check one) Frequency 1 2 3 4 5 6 A B

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ization to make an entry register book, as it will be useful for reference. With a series race, it is important to keep records of contestants. Entry forms are made in duplicate; one for participant, the other for the organization to make a ledger.

#### 5. GROUPING OF CONTESTANTS

GROUP BY AGE.

The above two methods are good ways to form groups. There can be a beginner and an advanced class, if sorting is carefully done. Top ranking contestants in the beginner's class can be placed in the advanced class in the next race.

# 6. GROUPING OF MODELS

· By motors Basically there are these two classes. You could classify by types of cars or vehicles or by scale, but grouping by battery type or motor type is probably more satisfactory because the demands of different types of track will alter the battery or motor requirement. On a straight course where cars can race at their maximum speed, there can be a wide difference in result between cars with dry cells and those with nickel cadmium batteries, or amongst cars with nickel cadmium batteries of different voltage. On a track tion it is imperative to have separate classes for cars with RS-380 motors, small the big and powerful RS-540 motors.

# the big and powerful RS-540 motors. Modified car class As a modeller enriches his experience through numerous races and grows famili-

lar with radio control, he is urged to modify and increase the performance of his car. Increasing performance may be endlessly sought after. However, considering the cost of modifications and the finesse required, only a few people may be able to achieve this. It is practical to organise a class of modified cars with some limits set to the amount of remodelling allowed, so that those who do not have the technito carry out major modifications, may participate in the race.

# 7. CONSTRUCTION OF COURSES

SPEED COURSE TECHNICAL COU

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A speed course has a stater long straightaway where it is easy to pick up speed. Reformance of a car is a key factor to win or formance of a car is a key factor to win or striction of cars driven by dry battery from nickel cadmism ones and remodelled car classes are necessary. A schrical course control of a car. With the course, therefore, sorting of classes by car types is not necesarily required. Since the Tamiya cars configured to the course of the course, and the course of the course of the course of the depth of the course of the course, therefore, sarily required. Since the Tamiya cars

#### 8. REGISTRATION ON THE DAY

CAR CHECK

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Ascertain who the participants are with the entry form. Check if the car is qualified under the requirements of the particular racing class. At the registration desk, impound the transmitters of all the contestants. Of course, return them to assigned racers just before the races begin. As soon as the race is over, the transmitters should be impounded again, in other words, all the following the result of the soon of the result of the result of the result of the result of the purpose of the result of the purpose of preventing interference, the result of the purpose of preventing interference, the result of the result

# 9. RACE RADIO FREQUENCY CONTROL

In a radio controlled car race, cars using the same frequency cannot compete at a time. Reversely speaking, only as many cars as there are different frequencies can race simultaneously. However, to avoid interference, cars with every other frequency should be arranged to competency quency should be arranged to competency.

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2		Mr. D		Mr. E		Mr.
3	Mr. G		Mr. H		Mr. I	
4		Mr. J		Mr. K		Mr.
5	Mr. M		Mr. N		Mr. O	
6		Mr. P	-	Mr. Q		Mr.
A	Mr. 5		Mr. Y		Mr. U	
В		Mr. V		Mr. W		Mr.

2nd heat (6 races)							
5	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1	Mr. A		Mr. 8		Mr. C		
2		Mr. D		Mr. E		Mr. P	
3	Mr. 14		Mr. I	-	Mr. G		
4		Mr. K		Mr. L		Mr. J	
5	Mr. 0		Mr. M		Mr. N		
6		Mr. R		Mr. P		Mr. 0	
A	Mr. S		Mr. T		Mr. U		
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When there are eight contestants, a race is formed with four people to participate, making two races. Races are done repeatedly for each combination (each race called "heat" or "round"). Points of each heat are to be summed up to determine the final ranking.

- POINT SYSTEM BACE \* TIME BACE ROUND RACE

These three are typical kinds of races. And it is common through these three that the combination of the members should be portunity to compete with as many other

#### contestants as possible. POINT SYSTEM RACE

Points are given to each heat. The points are totaled to decide the ranking.

to a heat, sometimes only 2 or 3 people can

contend. Even in such a case, the points of the first place are awarded. "When the total points of all the heats tie the score, a playoff will be held. When conparing the rankings of each heat, or else

ning one by one for time.

#### . TIME RACE Time required at each heat is recorded, and

Sometimes the point system is used together with time to get the result more

#### · ROUND RACE One who makes the most number of rounds

on the course in a given time is the winner. This method is often employed for long distance endurance contests. A notable common feature through point system, time classified under a frequency to use. Beability of controlling models. This is something which cannot be helped so long as number. However, the problem can be in a series form or assorted with the time race system.

#### 10. PENALTY POINTS

conducts himself against the spirit of fair play or against the smooth progress of a contest. The punishment is disqualificaor additional penalty time.

all is usual that interference to other cars be liable to disqualification "A breakaway is subject to demerit mark. The penalty system should be constituted from the standard of annoyance to other participants or injustice among the en-

#### 11. TROUBLE

When a model gets out of order in the midst of a race and is unable to proceed or

out of control all cars in the race should start again or the car alone should be re-

#### BESTABLING

In case the cars go out of control by radio interference, or the race is obstructed by spectators or somebody else, restarting

DETIDEMENT

In case a model cannot proceed in the race due to insufficient previous check up or

#### because of an accident while racing, the said car only must retire from the race. 12 ACCOMMODATION

Ample consideration is desired to be given START FLAG

Generally a national flag or a flag of the A checker flag of black and white is waved to the winner's car just before and when

SCORE BOARD To help the race proceedings, a score board is desirable to be installed for an-

nouncing the records of each heat and ranking to the public. CONTROL STAND A stand is very convenient to install so that

the course and the cars while racing PROPS IN THE COURSE LAYOUT A bridge made of a tire or advertisement seen along a real racing track, and miniature guard rails used as pylons in the









#### 1. POINTS IN DESIGNING A RACING CIRCUIT Building a racing course, even a simple

one. lets you enjoy it far better than running a car in a large open space freely. You can make one very easily, i.e., by drawing lines with chalk or using empty bottles for pylons (when using a space of someone's possession, like a parking lot; of course, permission should be acquired beforehand). To make races more fun, some knowledge of building course are re-

#### 2 A TRACK BEFITTING

THE CARS You cannot expect a pleasant thrill of excitement, but only a feeling of boredom in running cars along a too wide circuit. In a too narrow track, you cannot enjoy speedy driving. The maximum speed of 1/12 electric R/C cars is around 30 km/h and the width of the car body is about 20

centimeters. Based upon these figures. the following designing data will be introduced:

The maximum speed of 30 km/h comes in effect to a little over 8 meters per second. Taking the slow down at corners into consideration, the car will make a round of a 150 meters long circuit in around 15 seconds. In the Tamiya Circuit, a round of the longest course out of a few possible selections measures about 140 meters. A race

. COMPARISON OF 2 METER WIDE COURSE



is held by making three rounds. The avminute. This must be rather long time to a racer, as he has to bring all his energies in the control of his car The width of the road should be desinged from the size (breadth) of the models. The

1/12 cars are 20 centimeters wide. So having 10 centimeters in between cars. then 2.5 meters of width is required for 8 racing cars. If a way should be established line in a row, a narrower width of the course would be permissible. But for avoiding collisions and bumping while passing each other, the breadth of over 2 meters 50 centimeters is desirable. The Tamiya Circuit is 4 meters wide (sometimes 3 meters), but still it does not look too broad. There should be at least one portion of a straight line in a course where cars are allowed to run at their maximum speed. The longest straight in the Tamiya Circuit is 42 meters long. 1/12 electric cars can cover this length in 5 seconds or so. Here, on this straight, the racer can take a breather, A longer straight course, depending on cars' ability may be desirable. A drag race can be held in a straight of over 40 meters to contend for 0-400 meter pick-up perfor-

#### mance (converted in 1/12, it should be about 33.4 meters.) 3. TRACK CHARACTERIS-TICS ARE DETERMINED

BY CURVES

Circuits are roughly classified in two \* KIND AND CHARACTERISTICS OF CURVES High speed curve. Medium speed curve. Low speed curve High speed curve - Cars can pass through at high

Medium speed curve - Some slow down is called for



. COMPLEX CURVE SUCCE Try to anticipate the course ahead Watch for places to pass skidding



#### TAMIYA CIRCUIT

To negotiate an "5" bend successfully requires some skill. The velocity of a cer The longest straight track is the place

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A car should decelerate when approaching

There should be some a low speed complex curve in readiness for the following band. leeway at a high speed should be a length of

groups; a high speed course where velocity is important and a low speed course where control techniques are more important. The features of a track are formed with curves. An ideal circuit conceivable is a mixture of high and low speed courses for 1/12 electric model cars which boast of extial gear device equipped.

cellent maneuverability due to the differen-

Curves can be divided in three groups in terms of passing speed: High speed curve which a car can go through with almost no deceleration, medium speed curve where some slow down is required, and low speed curve. And in terms of layout, a simple curve is one built with a single radius, and a complex curve consists of multiple radii. Straights between curves are also influential. With all these features being incornorated quite a challenging circuit can be made with curves of different characteris-

Please refer to the illustration of the Tamiya Circuit and the drawing left for the individual feature of curves. Also, note the point of vertexes are made not too sharp. According to the data gathered at from the course towards the outside at high speed curves and inside at low speed curves. The road surface of the curves have been modified accordingly.

# 4. FROM A DRIVER'S VIEW

The higgest difference between the real car and the radio controlled model is, of course, the position of drivers. Hence, the following hints have been brought about:

The more it is apart from the drivers, the allax. It would be some problem to a

driver. To compensate for this, this parposite side of the track to the dirver's stand is 4 meters wide, one meter wider than the other side. For the same reason, with complex curves where meticulous controlling is required at a distance away from drivers. Some bridges and gates on the circuit are very useful auxiliary articles. to make the circuit lifelike. However again, attention must be paid not to block the view of curves from a driver's sight.

#### 5. TO MAKE A RACE MORE FN-IOYARI F - Make a straight right after the start.

Most of the electric cars have the same or similar performance, so they would collide with each other, if there is a sharp bend right after the start line. The accidents will kill the pleasure of races: therefore, it is recommended that some length of straight should be built after the starting mark. It is not necessary to make the circuit in one level; on the contrary, some undulation to add to the course more variety and the race will be more enjoyable, unless they would hide the racing car from driver's eye.

#### 6. TRACK SURFACE AND COLIBSE SIDE

Pavement of simple surfacing asphalt is

adequate without firm foundation. Or a Sunday chore by the club members to lay concrete surface may suffice for the purpose. Some uneveness and slope will not be a cause of trouble, but drainage should

Shortly mowed lawn on the side space of the course is the ideal when considering it would call for time and care to grow. On the Tamiya Circuit, artificial turf is employed on the spaces among the

roads and outside spaces are kept as dirt surfaces. In cases of dirt surface, all the pebbles should properly be picked up and the surface tamped down. Also, tall grass might iam into a shaft of the car The joint of the track and the side space may be built to be one level or in gentle slope in the outside being high, if there

should be any rise and fall between surface levels, in order to allow a car that deviated so it can get back to the course with ease. When the space between courses is very narrow, some device may be in need for avoiding a car to jump into the next

#### DRIVERS CONTROL STAND AND OTHER AC-

COMMODATION The larger a circuit is, the taller the control stand must be. The Tamiva Circuit has a control stand of 1.20 meters high. However, when a stand is too high, it would be inconvenient to step up and down.

Sometimes a hand rail, for safety's sake. Besides bridges and gates on the circuit, a signal light for starting, a control tower, sign boards of sponsors, and things like those are desirable so as to boost up the atmosphere; hints of such auxiliary props can be obtained in car and racing maga-





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LONG AND NARROW CIRCUIT Suitable layout for long narrow space.

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About the prototype • It was built for the 1977 Le Mans 24 hour race basically on the design of the 906 Turbo which won many victories in 1976 races. The machine made Porosche Co. the Le Mano's winner in two years successively, and the last one was the fourth glory for the company. (Mode' Sprift stient • 112 in scale • Overall length 410

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This model is easy to build and a perfect vehicle to start in radio controlled cast. Noewer, it can be easily modified for higher performance by purchasing the tuneup parts available separately on the market. The chassis is a centre price type, corrobased of an aluminium siloy cellent stability. Steering and speed control intrages are easy to adjust with bail-adjusting joints employed. About the prototype - The Countach P500S was

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TYRRELL P34 FORD





quite often held! These are known as "Conco de elegance." There is no doubt that bealth painted cars draw people's attention even o ing the races.



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# PORSCHE908/3 TURBO

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#### BUILDING A HIGH PERFORMANCE CAR



istics in assordance with a way it is assembled and adjusted; for example, some cars are easy to control and some are not so easy as others.

1. FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENT IS THAT THE CAR RUNS STRAIGHT

Even with a real automobile, moving in a straight line is the essential condition. A model should be so adjusted that it takes in a beeline for 5 meters or so without touching the steering wheel. A car which does not go straight cannot be controlled easily. Note the following points:



not go straight; therefore correct the chassis so that the four wheels should touch the ground evenly. Particularly after collision, look into it carefully, the car would turn to the direction of the wheel. Assemble a car with care so all wheels would revolve evenly. This is related to car's running carefully.



If a front axie is not set parallel to the rear axie, the car will steer crooked.



 With a bent rear axle the car will keep turning.
 When a wheel is not secured firmly with the nut, the car may be oping in a



is no play between the wheel and the axis, but still allowing the wheel to turn smoothly.

by. The steering servo and servo horn should be arranged so that the front wheel will head forward right and the attitude of the servo horn is parallel to the front PORCHE 934-935 (FRONT VIEW)





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angle), when the steering servo (consequently the steering sick and frim levels in the neutral position. When this arrangement is not right, the car would not go straight or it will change its course hope of servo hom can be alread.



unevenly to right and left. Being installed with a screw, servo horns can be read-justed by unscrewing.

9 Try to mount radio control units and batteries into a car, balancing the car

evently.

© Be careful that tires and steering linkage will not rub against the body. Lastly,
have a test run to see if it advances in a
beeline. If not, adjust it with the trim lever
on the transmitter. With the trim lever,
you can do a fine adjustment of servo





(HINT) A car with long wheel base in rela-

tion to tread has stability and tendency of going straight.



# CORNERS A car which goes straight is easy to control in principle. Such a car should have no

poculiar action when taking corrers. Cars with a peculiar way when turning can be corrected in the following ways.

The direction of front wheels are controlled by the movement of a serior of the following may be controlled by the movement of a serior of the following the controlled by the movement of a serior of the following the controlled by the control of the



Clean well with benzine

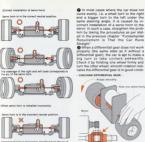


used for mounting a servo, wipe the surface of a servo with cloth dampened with benzine or solvent carefully. (Lacquer thinner may dissolve servo cases.)

EMBELLATION OF SERVO HORN Turn unevenly or swift serve work properly will not work properly serve.



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Correct example disstallation of servo horn)

Red example (installation of servo horn)



in the gear meshing. Check whether or not a servo rod, servo horn, or wheels are in contact with something like the car body and preventing right



Oil the king pin of the front wheels A chipped or deformed gear tooth will Steering will then operate lightly (MINT) Steerage (degree of changing direction of front wheels) can be varied by shifting the connecting point of the servo rod. It is recommended for a beginner to







3. FOR SPEEDING UP (TUNE UP) Most electric car kits are produced to practice, however, the models assembled

will show varied ability. The reason why some cars do not run faster than others are, in most cases, that they have additional friction around the rotating parts: in other words, they have a rotating section which, either partly or all, does not revolve smoothly. The following are the points to take care of, needless to say Loosen screw and adjust



Play of 0.5mm applying oil or grease to the places re

A Furnish some play in the meshing between the pinion gear of the motor and the differential gear. Too tight meshing degrades the rotation and hampers the speed: on the contrary, too loose meshing would damage the gear teeth. @ Clean the surfaces of gear teeth with a used toothbrush or scrape them with the dust and dirt which would kill the smooth



diminish the rotation. Particularly a brass gear is easily warped; in such a case, reshape it with a file carefully



O The collar should not be located against the bearing too tightly. Secure them in such a way that there is some leeway so that the shaft would move slightly right and left.



of unstableness of the car, especially when running at high speed since it may make the car slower compared to other cars. The bend can be found out easily by rolling the car slowly on a flat surface.



Sponge tyres should be glued firmly, in the case of sandwich tyres, the centre portion of rubber must be glued carefully, otherwise it will come off when corner-



Give the centre rubber portion last A When a tire is not alued firmly or the wheel hub is warped, the effect is the same as if the axle is bent: the car cannot go fast. Oiling of the front axle is often over-



looked. Do it without fail. Poor rotation on the front wheels influences the car's speed more unfavorably than you may

A Improper toe-in and toe-out adjustments are resistant to the car. The model car runs well without toe-in and toe-out at all or with a little degree of either.





Models of the competition special type have many ad-





Alteration of top in and top out can be made by altering Anteration or toe-in and toe-out can be made by aftering the ball adjusting joints. Adjust it as illustrated below. The SP1068 Ball Adjusting Joint Set may be fitted on



The length is extended when turning anti-clockwise



Daily up keep of your cars is important for maintaining performance. This will help you to find any possible defect. Without daily care the capabilities of acceleration deteriorate. Keep your cars in the best condition possible at all times.

After running your model he sure to clean it and carry out any necessary repairs ready for the next time you wish to run

the car.

# MECHANISMS

The radio control units and switches will he covered with dust after the model has been running. The contacts of the switches must be cleaned in order to avoid poor contact. Any component damaged or out of position must be replaced or repositioned. Dry cells may be in need of exchange. Also check the batteries of the radio control units. As a general guide the receiver batteries are exhausted sooner than those of the transmitter, inadequate batteries tend to be a cause of

#### DIRTY COMPONENTS AROUND THE CHASSIS

After a day's activity, all parts and sections around the chassis will be in a dirty parts; any foreign objects in the bearings influence the rotation of the wheels. For inaccessible places use Tamiya Oil Spray, which has a detergent effect and is very useful for cleaning. Check if any nut or holt is loose and oil all journal sections See if the rear axle is bent: replace if necessary.



DAMAGE TO BODY Radio controlled racing cars are not only for running, but are also fine scale models. It is certainly not recommended to run the cars without a windscreen, with a

door broken, or with a big hole on the your model in the best condition possible Items you will probably need for repairing glue. Synthetic rubber cement and instant glue are useful, as well as plastic

#### TO KEEP YOUR CAR AT PEAK PERFORMANCE

Parts will wear out or become broken after periods of high speed running and use Beniace any damaged parts and keep your model constantly rejuvenated

# FLECTRIC SYSTEMS

-REPAIRING ELECTRIC WIRE The electric wire is able to withstand in some degree moisture and stretching. Accidental contact of exposed wires will result in a short-circuit, which may damage the battery, motor or switch; sometimes causing components to burn up. A wire out of place may jam into a shaft of the car. When the wiring of radio control units or antenna becomes short-circuited, or when the wiring of a car rubs against a gearcase or other parts which results in a noise being emitted, the radio control unit



any part of the exposed electric cord it must be mended immediately and thoroughly. Any joins in the wiring about to break should be rejoined firmly, preferably by soldering. If a radio control unit or antenna should fall to work correctly, it must be renaired by a competent radio repairer.

- POOR CONTACT OF WIRING Since it draws a lot of current, the sneed

control switch when it sparks will scorch its contact points. This scorching will, after a while cause poor contact The points of the connectors and switches must be polished once in a while to allow Most noor contacts in the connectors may be repaired by a screw driver; refer to the chapter headed "Trouble Shooting. Scorched contacts of a switch should be paper. Metal contact surfaces wear away

after repeated use, particularly ones in a

Europetat view of staniess variable speed switch



speed control switch which are used excessively, and should be replaced after some period of operation

# . LOOSENED INSTALLATION OF RADIO

CONTROLLED UNITS The arthesive nower of double-sided tane is much reduced after one application. If the tape is reused to install servos or reposition due to accidents or vibrations. Loose bolts and nuts fixing the servo bands and servo travs may result in insteering senso and speed control senso firmly, renew the tape and tighten loosened bolts and nuts. Keep the double-sided adhesive tape in a cool and dry place. otherwise its adhesive properties may applied will not come off easily, wine with a cloth dampened with benzine or water. assures strong adhesion if used to clean the surfaces of objects, i.e. servos and servo mounts, before applying the new



# Nuts and holts are indispensable assembly parts and can become damaged dur-

ing the running of the car or by misuse off, or the thread may become worn. Bolts. can be bent during collision and if not replaced could snap off during racing with disastrous results. Therefore, it is sensible to always change any holts and screws that are bent, cracked or damaged in any way, before the next race.



Check that all nuts and bolts, including lock nuts for fixing the shafts and all other small screws, have not slackened.

## MESHING OF GEARS

The gears play a vital role in transmitting the motor power and they are subject to wear. Any dirt and dust between the gear teeth will act as a file and abrase the surmoved carefully. Occasionally, oears may be broken by small pebbles and these must be replaced. Your car will run much careful cleaning etc. of the gears. Check that the gears have not worn away so that they have to much play and cannot be adjusted. New nears require running in. If



# possible, do not use new cears for races

DAMAGED CHASSIS The performance of your car will be creatly affected by the state of the car's chassis. A bent, warped, or otherwise dedifferent cornering characteristics. A damaged front chassis and gearcase will similarly adversely effect the performance of the car. Check for any twist or bend of the chassis by placing it on a flat surface. Some twisted chassis may be reformed. A crooked chassis may possibly be recaired by counding with a plastic hammer. However, this may weaken the structure and make it impossible to fit



The Tamiya Oil Spray is very useful for taking care of these sections.

# TROUBL F SHOOTING



to gain experience which can help you to

# 1. CAUSES OF BLOWN

Nickel cadmium batteries feature the abilswitch or wiring. A fuse is installed in the One of the frequent causes of a burnt out tween the metal part of the speed control switch and the gearbox or the chassis. Other causes are: erroneous wiring, poor ing and contact of the motor wires and







In the case of the Porsche 935 particularly, a short circuit between the speed con-



@ With the Tyrrell P34, a short circuit is often found between the speed control mium battery pack " If the fuse burns out when the car collides

with something, or when the car is put on the ground, it can be suspected that the speed switch is in contact with another metal part of the car. The speed control switch should be mounted with enough between them, it is a good idea to apply vinyl tape for insulation,



"Some servos are so small that there is not battery holder. This will cause the problem of a short circuit. Use the servo tray (which is included in the kit) for a small servo.





#### 2 WHEN THE CAR FALLS TO MOVE

A See if the switching serve operates properly. If not, you may have neglected to switch on either or both your transmitter and receiver, or your batteries are dead. You may have even failed to install batteries. Also, the wiring between the receiver switch and the receiver or between the receiver and the servo may be disconnected. Inoperative radio control units can be detected by replacing them with another unit. Remove the pushrod between the speed control switch and the switching servo. If the servo operates correctly, then the meththe servo may be wrong and excessive reservo. Something may also be in the way of



the movement of the speed control switch Please also refer to (3-0) in "When the Car Does Not Gain Speed" for methods of mounting a servo correctly. When the switching servo and the speed control switch are operative and the motor

does not rotate, see if the batteries are fresh or charged, and the fuse is in good condition. If the fuse is blown, repair the short cir-Blown Fuse" before replacing the fuse. Remove the motor from the gearbox and

see if it will run. If it does, the meshing of the gears may be too tight, or the rear axle or the drive shaft may be seized. Remove the axle or shaft and carefully polish the seized part with sandpaper and lubricate it. Determine if the axle or shaft will revolve smoothly in the bearings. "For Speeding Up" in Ruilding Up a Car of High Running Capability" is good reference material for this. CHECK POOR CONTACT



When the motor is removed from the gearbox and does not run, incorrect wiring or poor contacts in the battery box, switch, or in the connectors are possible. Check the wiring first. If nothing is wrong with it

press down on the battery box, switch and connectors. If the motor starts to run, it indicates that the component pressed on may have a poor contact or connection. "The connector may wear out and develon a had contact after repeated use. Crimp the tubular contact point using the tip of a screwdriver to make the contacts slip in





into water short circuited, or connected to too many batteries.

#### 3. WHEN THE CAR DOES NOT GAIN SPEED

Make sure the speed control switch operates properly. If the switch goes into high speed only in the reverse position, or when manipulated by hand with the servo rod dismay be out of adjustment. Adjust it with the trim lever of the transmitter. After that adjustment if it does not shift into the reverse speed but it works correctly in the forward setting, see if the servo and the servo rod are installed correctly as illustrated below so that the switch blade can go all the - SWITCH OF PORSCHE 134 -







way to the maximum speed end. When the blade does not move all the way to the end or opes over it, problems may arise



yo horn or the speed control switch which can block their proper movement.





referring to the assembly instruction sketch of



With inadequate travel of the switch blade the coil produces heat and the colour of the lever or backlite plate will change, sometimes causing the coil to burn out. (a) If the motor does not run at the maxi-



tained. The poor contact can be found by pressing the switch as it is moved into the high speed position. A Check to see if the gear meshing or the shaft are too tight. Make sure the wheels rotate smoothly. Be sure to lubricate shaft and gearbox.

4. WHEN THE CAR DOES **NOT TURN** 

#### Does the steering servo operate properby? If not, the wiring from the receiver to the steering servo may be disconnected Remove the steering servo. If it operates

normally the servo born or the servo rod may be rubbing against something. Also, it is possible that the king pins of the front wheels do not move smoothly. ■ When the car does not take corners well. refer to 1 and 2 on the page of "Building up a Car of High Running Capability

# 5. WHEN A CAR DOES NOT

n Do the speed control switch and the switching servo stop at the neutral position? If not, adjust it with the trim lever on the transmitter. After the adjustment, if the car runs at high speed even though the switch is in the stop position, the switching servo or the servo rod may be mounted improperly. Correct them referring to 1 in When the Car Does Not Gain Speed A Excessive play in the connection hetween the switching servo and the speed

control switch may cause the switch to fail to return to the stop position even when the servo is at the neutral position.

 IF THE RADIO CONTROL DOES NOT OPERATE
 If the batteries of the transmitter or re-

of the desirence of the transmitter of receiver are low, the radio control will not operate. Replace with new batteries.

A ret the antennas of the transmitter and receiver ok? The following actions make the reception of radio signals poor: shortening the receiver antenna wire, winding the wire around the antenna tube, leaving the wire inside the model car, or removing —100x 10 Ft ANTENNA WIRE.



the insulation of the wire.

Make sure that metal parts of the car do not rub together under vibration. Rubbing between metal parts will sometimes generate radio noise which disturbs radio con-

 Hold the transmitter away from the car with the control stick in the neutral position. If the servos are glitching, it is most likely caused by radio interference.



CHARACTERIZING

cars, cars with excellent acceleration, cars

with good cornering capability, and so

forth. Cars assembled from kits come out

diversified in quality because they are built

up through the assembler's own tech-

niques. Build your car in your own way. The

most apparent characterizations are form-

At a given output power of the motor, the maximum speed and acceleration capabilities and acceleration capabilities of the present of the private property of the private property of the motor shaft to the gas of the near sale is important. You will have a higher or number of teeth) and a larger gas not near sale. The opposite makes a low gas ratio, With a high gas ratio, the car limited maximum speed. A car with a low gas ratio has poor acceleration but a high maximum speed.

technical course which is built with hair pin curves demanding low speed driving, while a car with a low gear ratio is for a speed course consisting of longer straightaways and curves of longer radii.



The diameter of the drive tires is also related to the speed and acceleration char-

acteristics. The larger the diameter of the drive tires, the higher the speed the car will develop within certain limitations.

2.UNDER STEERING AND OVER STEERING (STEERING TENDENCY)

When the steering wheel is turned, the car will also turn in the same direction. However, most cars have the tendency to turn excessively or inadequately. These characteristics are called steering traits. Cars that turn excessively have over steering traits



and the others have under steering traits.
Cars that turn in close proportion to the control have neutral steering. This is handly achieved except with cars that are running.

# at a low speed. STEERING WHICH IS EASY TO CONTROL

A car with slight under steering is easy to drive. A car with over steering will spin when taking comess at a high speed, Even on a straight course, it is unstable. An under steering car has difficulty making sharp burns, and at a high speed it may not be able to take corners and could leave the course. In either case, excessive steering makes a car difficult to conditional to the course.

FACTORS TO

### DETERMINE STEERING CHARACTERISTICS

The steering characteristics are affected by the difference between the traction of the front and rear tires. When the traction of the front tires is greater than that of the rear tires, the result is over steering. The opposite condition causes under steering. Therefore, adjust the traction of the rear tires bot that it is a little greater. You will then attain a slight degree of under steering.

The traction of a tire is determined by the weight it carries, by the area of contact of the tires on the road surface, and by the softness of the tire surface. The heavier the weight at lire carries, the larger the contact area becomes, and the softer a tire is the greater the traction becomes with certain limitations.

#### ADJUSTMENT OF STEERING CHARACTERISTICS DECREASING OVER STEERING

(1) Place a heavy load, such as batteries, at rear portion of the car.
(2) Replace the rear tires with larger ones or replace the front tires with smaller ones.
(3) Replace only the rear tires with sponge

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DECREASING UNDER STEERING

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(2) install front tires that are larger.

(3) Replace only the front tires with sponge bres.

The street was a street with sponge the street was a street with succession of cars with suspension systems can be increased by decreasing suspension spring tension. 30% + 40% of the car's full weight should be on the front wheels and

60% -70% on the rear wheels.

# - WING

The wing attached on many racing cars is employed to gain stability at high speed running. With your radio controlled cars, the rear wing is used to press down the rear wheels for improving the traction on the road. In this way, the gripping power of the rear wheel becomes greater than



trait changes toward under-steering. The faster the car goes, the more effective the wing becomes, that is, the greater the down thrust on the rear wheels. Depending upon the way you adjust the wing, the car can have an excellent cornering characteristic on a low speed curve, but still keep superb stability on the high speed straights. Such a car, also, will show a good adhesion to the road at high speed running. The effect of the wing is lessen-ed when the wing is flattened. The more it is lifted, the greater the down-force, However, it increases the air drag, too, and the velocity of the car slowed. Therefore, the adjustment of the wing must be made carefully, and with the proper adjustment an ideal manoeuvrability will be attained



SUMMARY OF CAR CHARACTERISTICS

Before you become familiar with controlling techniques, it is recommended to keep

the car under steering. (Refer to "How to True"). Adjustment of toe-in and toe-out, tread and wheelbase all have some connections with steering characteristics. These adjustments interact closely. Test your car in various ways and find out the most proper steering characteristic for good control.

od in the gear ratio and the steering characteristics.

1. MAXIMUM SPEED AND ACCELERATION CAPABILITIES (GEAR RATIO AND SPEED)

n3 10

## **ENJOYMENT OF IMPROVING** PERFORMANCE

As you attain proficiency in controlling car. This chapter will introduce handy ways portant matter you have to keep in mind when you modify your car is to keep everything in balance. By putting a big motor on your car, you can make it run faster. Still it cannot be an improvement of performance if it has lost stability. Most kits on the marall factors considered such as speed, maneuverability and durability. So try to enhance the collective performance of your

### 1. UTILIZING AVAILABLE PARTS FOR IMPROVEMENT

Some car kits have optional parts for tuning up available on the market, such as a more powerful motor and a gearbox with ball bearings. For instance, the powerful Mahuchi RS 540 motor and special made ball bearing gearbox case are available for these parts for tuning up. These parts can

#### 2. ADOPTING PARTS MADE FOR OTHER KITS

Antoher convenient way is to adopt the replacement, repair and tune up parts which are made for other types of car kits. For example, the Tamiya Porsche 934 kit is designed to use RS 360 motor and the changeover switch in parallel or series, using only "C" size nickel cadmium batteries. Howeyer, since the chassis is almost the same as the Porsche 935, the performance of the Porsche 934 can be easily increased by First, change the motor to the RS 380S type and next use the speed control switch with the resistor type variable speed control switch or the stepless variable speed switch with built in braking circuit, and the battery box with the battery pack holder, so that a nickel cadmium battery pack can be emosts up the capability of the Porsche 934 to that of the Porsche 935.

CHANGING THE TYBES





You can enjoy other tricks by using comnonents for other kits like changing the tires to sponge tires according to the condition of road surface or installing ball bearings into front wheels.

#### 3 LITILIZATION OF PARTS OF OTHER KINDS OF MODELS AND EVERYDAY LIFE COMPONENTS

Many sorts of parts are available on the market, other than radio controlled electric car parts. For instance, a type of push rod connecting servo horns and control units ends and easy to adjust length. Also, a velcro pad with one-sided adhesive may be used for binding the wiring and installing car bodies, etc. So these items of other crafts besides model building and components of daily necessities can be of good use for your radio controlled electric model

# 4. LIGHTENING WEIGHT

Lightening the weight of a model car is another effective way to enhance the performance. Cutting off part of chassis and nearbox case is often done. Also, the window shield is made of thin 0.2 mm transparent plastic plate or only 1 battery unit supnlies energy to both the radio control receiver and the drive motor is employed. But radio controlled cars are subject to shocks from road surfaces while running, and to very sturdily built

### 5. SUPPLEMENTARY OF BATTERY POWER AND REMODELLING MOTOR

By increasing the number of batteries, improvement of performance can be certainly achieved. However, this must be done very carefully because the motor and the switch may be overstrained. Rewinding a motor rotate faster, but it will draw much more current. Also, filling up the gap between the armature and the magnets amolifies the torque: this can be done by inserting 2 or 3 sheets of cellophane in the place. Neverthless, the motor is such a precision made item that these renovations may decrease performances or deteriorate the durability of the motor. And chances are in many official racing events that the maximum voltage is placed under restriction: sometimes reworking the motor is















This is a stepless variable speed control locity control from stationary to very high speed. The speed control of a car is a decisive factor in taking corners. This switch enables you to make sharp turns with a sensitive control. You can achieve rapid braking circuit installed.

# PRECISION BALL BEARINGS



Ball bearings are a must for increasing the performance of all radio controlled cars by reducing friction. Ball bearings used on the front axie boost cornering capability. At the same time, they help to prolong the battery life since the loss of energy decreases considerably. Ball bearions can be used for the Porsche 934 and 935 when installed with the semi-nosu-

matic front tyres A.

# DIPLOTYRESET



These tyres are the result of a new idea the centre portion of the tyre is of rubber sandwiched in between sides of sponge It accomplishes both excellent stability on the straight and superb cornering capability. Beginning with the Countach Competition Special, it can be fitted to all other Tamiya radio control cars. The set contains 2 tyres, 2 wheels, other bearing parts. The wheels are designed to accept ball bearings, available on the market as

The front wheels affect the control of the car more than you may think. For gaining stability in straight travel, the traction duced. However, this will give undercreased traction of the front wheels, sharp turns at bends can be achieved, but on the straight, the car will lose stability and with a little turn of the steering wheel will weave and zig-zag. Diplo tyres are the answer to this problem. On a straight the road assuring a mild response and stable running: at curves the side sponge section of the tyre, which has better gripning characteristics, will be in contact with the ground and will make sharp

# turns. The diplo tyres are produced to utitraits of rubber and sponge. They have created a new enjoyment in model car **SPONGE TYRE** This is a sponge tyre with a width of 40

mm. It has splendid traction characteristics. The set includes two tyres and two wheels. The tyres can be used for the Countach LP500S Competition Special. Together with SP1091 Wheel Stonner and SP1072 Gear Case & RS-540 Motor Set. it can be employed as a tune-up part for the Porsche 936 and the Countach standard model. A sponge tyre, with its excelcornering canabilities of your model, but also improves its acceleration as less

energy is lost by skidding.



. The sponge tyre with its excellent gripping trait is ideal for a rather coarse surface, such as asphalt or concrete pavement. Because of their light weight, the tyres allow the wheels to rotate easier. Against wet or smooth surfaces, the semi-pneumatic rubber tyres will some times give better traction. So it is recommended that the tyres to be used should be selected in accordance with the road surface conditions prevailing.

## SOME IDEAS OF CAR DECORATION

Decorate your car, the fruit of your effort radio controlled electric model cars today are made so lifelike that they can be display-

From Tamiya, figures of the driver, mescale are already in the market. Arrange

This is a doll of a driver in a racing suit with a



A nowerful racino car engine requires very deliof the engine. The garment he wears is a me-

Repair of the machine is done in the pit; also a

from big devices as a lack and a welder to small MECHANIC WHEEL CHANGING tion of a machanic. The set is dissection as to helpful accessories Tires play a vital role for a racing car. The tire



Taking the leadership of the team aiming at viccar body. He is in a sweater and a jacket, having

a sport cap on: the jacket consists of separate narts to create a feeling of reality.

# POWER SOURCE

Dry cell batteries are not powerful enough to enable you to get full enjoyment from radio controlled cars and tanks. We re commend that you use a rechargeable nickel cadmium battery or wet cell battery. The Tamiya Ni-Cd Battery pack is widely used for powering electric radio controlled models. For radio controlled tanks, the Tamiya Sealed Battery is the most appropriate. Both batteries are rechargeable and, therefore, more econom-



The battery is developed for powering Tamiya radio controlled car models in cooperation with Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd. It is a high performance rechargeable battery with five nickel cadmium cells connected in series in a pack to assure you exciting high speed running. Being in a pack, it is more handy and effective than individual rechargeable cells. The coming to enable the battery to be fitted in a model car. The attached customised connector gives a firm and safe connection. Since it withstands over 300 discharge re-

charge cycles, it is very economical Charge Cycles, it is very economical.

Tamiya ni-od battery \* Nominal capacitytis hours ratel
1200mAh. \* Nominal voltaged.0V \* Minimum voltage at
discharged points.0V \* Standard charging current

# TAMIYA Ni-Cd OTTICK CHARGER



**EXCLUSIVE QUICK** CHARGER FOR USE WITH TAMIYA NI-CD BATTERY

This is an exclusive fully automatic charner designed for safety and reliance. for quick recharging of the Tamiya Ni-Cd battery. The charger is powered from a cigarette lighter socket in a car which makes it excellent for field use. The standard charging time is only fifteen minutes; short enough to recharge the battery during an interval of the races.

When the charging is completed, the charger automatically switches off and the pilot lamp goes out. A different circuit is incorporated and whilst charging, the charger is constantly checking the state of the battery, inadequate or overcharging is impossible and an already saturated battery cannot be damaged by continued charging. Also, the charger is designed for safety against over-heating of both charger and battery. If any extraordinary heat is generated from either unit the switch turns off automatically Safety is very important with a quick charger, because it supplies a lot of cur-

The size is about 11cm x 7cm x 5.5cm. weighing only 220 grams; very compact and easy to carry. The length of the input cord is 80cm and the outlet cord 35cmlong enough to use. The pilot lamp will light while charging and go out when the charging is complete as an extra safe quard. All in all the Tamiya quick charger features a safe and prudent design for reliable and handy operation, adding to the enjoyment of radio controlled cars enjoyment or reason commons to the family of Bettery \* Bettery to there. Tamiya ni of bettery thrizon SCT (fiv. 1200mAts \* Power source for charging—cer organities ighter (12V negative earth) . Charging time-about minutes \* Temperature range for operation—0°C to 60°C \* Charging capacity—70% incominal capacity ratio is variable according to ambient conditions: Resistance cord is provided with over-heating protection a Dimensional 11 town a 75mm a 55mm a Walson -about 220 gram \* Langth of input cord-880mm Langth of output cord-350mm

# TAMIYA SEALED



TAMIYA SEALED BATTERY The Tamiya sealed battery is a closed type wet cell battery of 6 volts 3.8 amperes. Since it is sealed, you can lay it down without fear of leakage and it does You can recharge it about 100 times. Total sealed battery \* Voltage—6 volts \* Nominal capacity/20 hours rate 3.5Ah \* Standard charging controlled to the state 2.5Ah \* Standard charging controlled to 12 hours \* Dimensional/35mm x \* Timm x

## TAKE CARE IN HANDLING

The Motor, the power plant; nickel cad mium battery, source of electricity: charo er, to restore the energy to the batteries; all of these are essential components for enjoying the dynamic running of your cars. Misuse of them leads to unstatisfactory performance, could lead to dangerous over-heating or to a breakdown Therefore, you are best advised to read and understand the instruction of "do's and don'ts" before use an Motors should be operated & Do not strain them by putting

- MOTOR There are various kinds of motor, classi fied by size, the number of windings on the commutator, current draw, etc. Each motor has proper voltage and load under which they are designed to operate; excessive strain shortens their life creatly. Any defect in a motor is hard to detect from the outside. So careful handling of your motor is advised. (1) Excessive voltage will shorten motor

The motor RS-380 and RS-540 are most frequently used with the radio controlled cars. They are designed to work under 6 volts. The maximum permissible voltage is 12 volts. Any excessive voltage will burn the coil in the motor and ruin it ") Over-load also shortens motor life. Output power of the motor is designated

from the beginning in accordance with its size and the prospected voltage. Forcing it to overwork lets superfluous current flow in the motor which will turn to heat resulting in over-heating. In the worst case, the electric wires of the motor will be fused together. Improper gear ratio tight gear meshing, poor rotation of the wheels, these could be sources of strain on the motor. See if there is any part of the motor over-heating. If so, you must find out the cause. An over-heat motor results in loss of speed, requiring more flow of electricity, and the battery will be discharged sooner. It is almost impossible to repair a motor which has burnt out. (3) Modified motor requires more attention. You can boost up the performance of a motor, such as its revolutions and torque. by altering the inside constituents. But the motors available on the mark have been researched and developed for their well balanced factors, such as the output power, the velocity of rotation in relation erate change in the performance elements may make the motor less powerful or have poorer durability, even when the motor's r.p.m. is improved. When you mount a modified motor in your car, you should be extra cautious not to impose

any over-strain on the motor than when you are using a stock type of the motor.

Chances are the conversion of a motor

deteriorates the performance of the motor unless you are well qualified to do it. \* SPEED CONTROL SWITCH Improper usage of the speed control

switch will easily ruin it. Read the instruction throroughly before use. Particularly, since the switch on the Porsche 934 RSR shifts the speed by separating four pieces of batteries into two groups, it cannot be used for the Tamiya Ni-Cd Bat-If it was to be used in this car, the wiring and the switch blade would melt. From Tamiya, the resistor type two stepped speed control switch and the stepless variable speed control switch, which enables gradual speed change by employing a coil resistor, are on sale.

· NI-CD BATTERY The Tamiya ni-cd batery is such a high performance power source that it is able is equivalent to 200 watts. An erroneous handling of the battery may evoke overheating or melting of the electric cord or the case. Possibly the battery itself will be marred completely.

Be sure not to short circuit

(1) Short circuit with a lot of current will melt the cord. This is one of the most dan gerous faults with the Ni-Cd battery and occurs frequently. With a short circuit, a large amount of electricity will flow through the circuit in a short period of time and will generate heat. This could cause the cord to burn and the battery pack to melt. When the battery appears normal, the internal soldered points may melt and the wiring may be out of contact. An accident during a race may cause an extraordinary load to be put on the motor, having the same effect as a short circuit resulting in the ruin of the motor, wiring, switch or battery.

(2) Breaking of wiring by shock The Tamiya ni-od battery is packed in a hard plastic case, firm enough protect the cells from some degree of shock. However, it may be damaged by a strong impact; for example, when dropped from a high place. Although the outside case appears undamaged, the inside wiring and contacts may have broken. In either event, of course, no current would flow, Pulling or kinking the electric cord is another taboo as it may cause the contacts and connectors to become out of

Water which penetrates into a battery may cause a short circuit or corrode the internal wiring when the electricity flows through the wet wiring. When the contacts are erroded, the internal resistance increases and the discharging characteristics decreases. Therefore, if the battery becomes wet, stop running the car and

(3) Water in the hattery

dry the battery thoroughly. (4) Heat by over-charging is dangerous.

Over-charging shortens the battery life rapidly, especially so when the charger used is a quick charging type incorporating a timer. For instance, a charger with a 15 minutes timer charges about 5 amperes of current into a nickel cadmium battery during one charging cycle. In such a case, nickel and cadmium are expedited to react chemically and produce a gas at a rapid rate. If the charging is continued beyond the limit, chances are that heat is generated along with the gas and will melt the case or the wiring. So over-charging should be avoided under any circumstances. A feature of the Tamiya quick off circuit which detects the amount of electricity in the battery and switches off

the charger automatically, assuring safe-· There is almost no danger of overcharging with a charger requiring 14 to 16 hours to charge. Although over-discharging is not dangerous, you are required to be careful, because the battery may become impossible to recharge. After running your cars, make it a rule to always switch off the speed controller and dis-

## connect the battery. CHARGER

It is important to have the correct charges to enable you to obtain the very best performance possible from your battery. (1) Breaking of the wiring in the circuit. When a charger is knocked or joited, the cilot lamp or the internal circuit may become damaged. If the portion of the circuit which controls the charging voltage and amperes snaps, the charger will not

function at all. \* An overnight type charger shows a difference in voltage from 3.5 to 4.5 volts when measured between the terminals without a battery connected. This indicates the charger works correctly. In the case of a quick charger, it does not road any voltage: this is a normal condition, if the pilot lamp is on. (2) The reverse connection will break

Most breakdowns to a charger can be attributed to reverse connections. Enormous current will flow through the circuit between the charger and the battery in a moment if connected reversely. An overnight type charger especially is designed to allow a little current to flow for a long time and it will burn out in a moment if connected wrongly. The Tamiya system allows that an exclusive socket is fitted

to each size of battery. The charger is fitted with an equivalent exclusive plug so that only the correct charger may be used With the guick charger in exclusive use guired to watch not only the direction of

the connectors, but also polarity of the 12 (2) Preparation is important. volt power source (negative earth). Mistakes will cause the battery to burn inside and become useless.



A specific length of cord (produced with a designated resistance value) is used on the input side of the quick charger for the ni-cd battery. This cord should not be cut. otherwise the resistance value varies and the cord. When a cigarette lighter of a car is not used as the power source, a ciga-

rette lighter socket available on the market should still be used. Watch the polar-When a transformer from 100 or 200 volts down to 12 volts is used as the power source insead of a car cigarette lighter. though it is not recommended, the capacity of the transformer has to be 6 to 8

# amperes, or else the desired charging DECORATION OF YOUR CAR

cannot be performed.

People say that a beautiful car runs fast Real international racing cars in top rankings are beautifully finished. Your car which has been assembled through laborious work should be nainted nicely. Finishing is very important and strongly influences the impression of a machine. A color scheme for a car kit is designated in the assembly pamphlet, but you are challenged to enjoy your own coloring. Tamiya preunder a commercial name of "Spare Body Set" These are useful not only when your car body is torn up, but also it offers you a chance of painting your car in your origi-

# . FINISHING OF PLASTIC

A plastic body enables you to enjoy the life-likeness of full scale models. Unlike the clear bodies which should be painted from inside, the plastic bodies can be painted on the outside allowing you to paint with more freedom. Finishing is easier than you might imagine.

(1) Plan first your colouring scheme. Your originality cannot be expressed just by putting paint on the plastic body. You from your own well-designed colour scheme. Bringing out the differing textures of rubber and metal etc. is another on your pattern and the colours you are going to use.

Prepare the undercoat in accordance to your finishing schedule. Assemble sec-

tions such as body and a wing loosely. It is useful to put all the parts to be painted in one colour together. Previous washing of parts and sections with detergent is necessary also to remove oil and dust from surface to be painted (3) Masking For painting patterns of overlaving one

colour upon another, masking tape is very useful to create sharp contour lines. You can also employ paper to cover larger areas. When applying masking tape, the edges should be pressed down firmly since the ahesive substance on the tape is not very strong and the colours could seep under the tape. It is a golden rule to apply light colours first and then the

darker colours when overlapping paints. (4) Colours and polish For finishing large parts and bodies spray paints are handy to use. For the

finishing touches, a polish compound may be used

# FINISHING

Polycarbonate bodies have a different finished effect. In comparison with the plastic bodies, they lack somewhat the feasibility of being finished in a more precise design. However, they have their own beauty when painted on the inside. The polycarbonate bodies are much tougher for collisions and ideal for practice running, although it requires some knack to finish them beautifully.



(1) Cutting out the body. With a knife or scissors, clip off the extra

edges of the body along the groove, Try not to cut off the body portion. For thicker places, draw a line first with a knife, then cut it out with scissors. The same method can be adopted to cut the detailed parts. Wheel arches should be properly round-(2) Painting and masking

When painted from the inside, the poly carbonate bodies appear to be glossy as if they had a transparent layer over the surface. Painting must be done only after the surface is washed with detergent to remove any grease or dirt. Masking also can be applied on the outside surface for protecting the body from being daubed with paints. The masking tape can be peeled off more easily before the paint dries completely. In contrast to painting plastic bodies, when several coats are bepainted first and then the lighter ones. The previous coat should have dried thorountily before the next coat is applied Some planning is required to enable the masking tape to be removed in the correct order. Water soluble paints are often used for this kind of body as ordinary

# HINTS FOR FINISHING

Until the latter half of the 1960s, the racing cars at the International Races were painted in National Racing Colors which were designated for each country. However, lately they are painted in colors representing the image of sponsoring companies or the design of the merchandise package. Among the well known are the Martini stripes in red and blue; navy blue of the Porsche Works; a design from a cigarette pack in the black and vellow of the JP Lotus; red. and white of the Marlboro McLaren. Think out your own design, assuming you were a

The following is a list of some National Japan 2 tones Red and White

2 tones Blue and White

Stripes of Blue and Silver Belgium

# TAMIYA SPRAY OIL

USA

Italy

Germany



After your cars have been running in the rain or through puddles, spray Tamiya Spray Oil onto the chassis or other metal surfaces. This will penetrate between the water and the metal surface to form a layer which helps to dry up the surface and also protects the metal from rusting.



spray promotes the conductive power of electricity and guards the contacts of a switch against abrasion. This is a must for maintaining your radio controlled

## ORIGINAL CAR BODY

In the real car world, there are many kinds of races: of formula cars, of 2 seater open racing cars, of remodelled machines from the cars on the market. It must be delightful to create model cars which cannot be obtained from the kits. These days many modelers are to be seen participating in races with their own car body or with re-

modelled cars from plastic model kits. It might be an exciting idea to run a classic car on the circuit. Some skillfulness at model building may be a must, but it is a challenging job

1. USING PLASTIC MODEL RODIES

The most handy and simple way of creating your own body is to utilize car bodies of plastic models in the same scale. The scale allows reproducing the details; as a result, some portion of parts may be going to be waste. And you have to figure it out previously whether or not there is enough

space to install radio control units. When not, the chassis is sometimes transformed reinforced sufficiently in case of collision 2. MAKING BODIES OF

YOUR OWN Your bodies can be made based upon a real car or on your own design. In either case some dexterity is called for. As for material



3. MINOR CHANGE IN KIT

Only a little modification on a kit hody may be needed for making an enjoyable car. from a roofed car to an open type vehicle or an additional wing to the body or changing the front silhouette of a car

- ADVICE FOR REMODELLING You can remodel a car in any way you like for your own enjoyment. But if you have an intention of joining a race with it, it is recommended that your work will not be too different from real cars. Always keen in consideration to make it well balanced in function and in make up of each portion of a car. Some races will not allow cars to participate which are excessively remodelled.







# COMING SOON

WILLIAMS FW-07 SPARETITION ●1/10 This is a 1/10 scale radio control model kit of the Williams FW-07 thick and uprights of reinforced nylon resin have excellent durability It is possible to change the body height, front and rear, by minor adjustment. Changing the steering characteristics by adjusting the body height will help to increase performance. This kit, as well as



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FRP 2 mm thick, and its lower surface with flat head screws is smooth. The model runs very smoothly. Uprights have excellent dura bility because they are made of light and very rigid reinforced nylon



is made of strong and light duralumin. This high-potential model en

**RALT RT2 HART F-2** 

Great attraction lies in its sharp style peculiar to an F-2 ground effect car. This is a 1/10 scale model of the Ralt RT2 Hart which did very and reasonable composition is easy to construct and maintain. Suit-



