

Track Test

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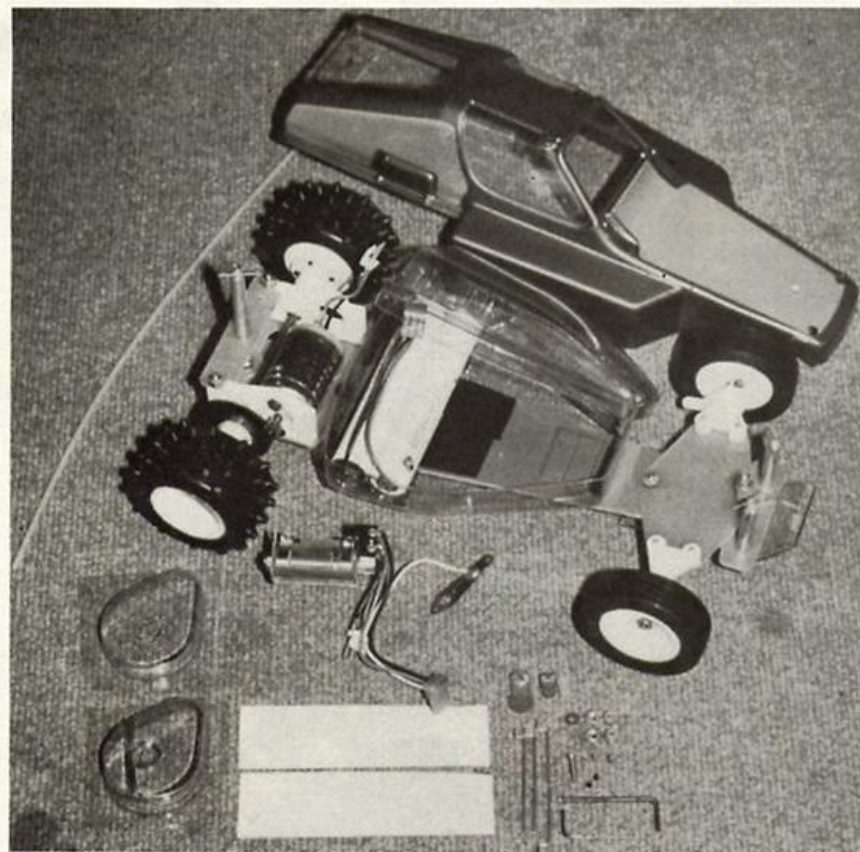
BOLINK DIGGER 10



PROTOTYPES OF THE 'DIGGER 10' were first seen at the 1982 'Nuremberg Toy Fair'. (see report in *Model Cars* April/May issue). Since then Bob Rule of *Bolink Industries* has gone ahead and produced the final racing version.

The obvious comment to make is that the 'Digger' is basically a scaled up 1/12th scale car with funny wheels on. To a certain extent this is true, 'the Digger 10 uses' many of the parts from the *Bolink* 'Challenger', the only real differences

being the length of the chassis and rear axle to make it up to 1/10th scale. Purists may complain but the fact is that *Bolink* may well have produced a buggy ready to take on the established opposition around the race tracks and beat them.



Construction

What can you say about a kit that arrives fully assembled? Well almost; the radio has to be installed, steering linkages sorted out and some waterproofing of the pinion and gear made. Even though the review kit was fully assembled, *Bolink* supply others completely unassembled or minus batteries, motor, etc., which some modellers may already have. Bearing this in mind, it is worthwhile detailing some of the Digger's constructional aspects.

As already mentioned, the 'Digger 10' is basically an elongated *Bolink* 'Challenger' utilising many of the components from that kit. The suspension, however, will for many be a step in the right direction towards simplicity and reliability.

The front suspension takes as its basis a diamond shaped GRP plate mounted independently from the chassis by two bolts. The rear mounting of the suspension plate is on to a flat rubber grommet, whilst the front fixing is mounted on a much longer bolt, complete with spring, this allows the plate to pivot upwards at the rear and be returned via the front spring. The 'Challenger' front axle suspension arms fit underneath the plate to give increased ground clearance, simple, robust and hopefully efficient.

The rear suspension is simpler yet! The

Left: Digger 10 'kit' as supplied by manufacturer. Note specification may not be exactly the same as that supplied by UK distributor Schumacher.