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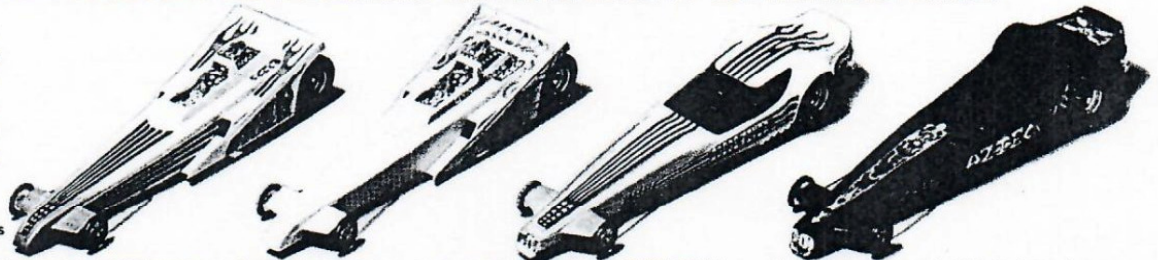
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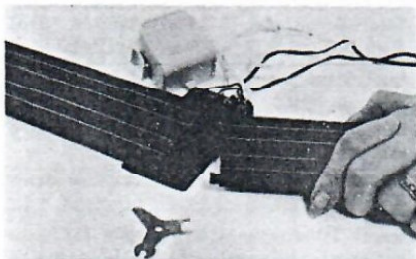
## THE DRAGGIN'-EST DREAMS COME TRUE... WITH FOUR FABULOUS FUELERS ON THE BIG A STARTING LINE!

"Furious Fueler", "Dyna-Mite", "Dodge Fever" and "Aztec" — each features specially modified AFX Chassis, Dragster front end, new AFX super-wide, super-size sponge rears — and its own racing decals! (\$5.00 each)

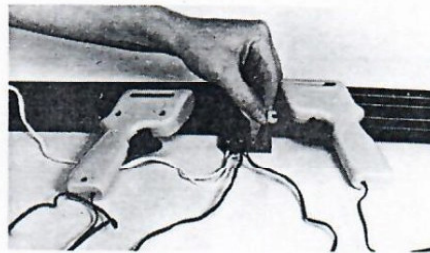
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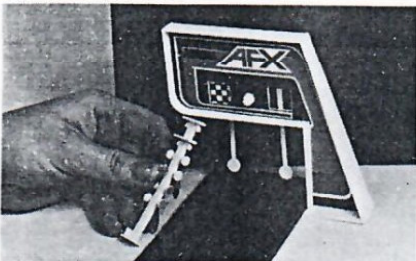
### AND THE GREATEST COLLECTION OF AURORA HO DRAG EQUIPMENT EVER -- ALL AVAILABLE SEPARATELY!



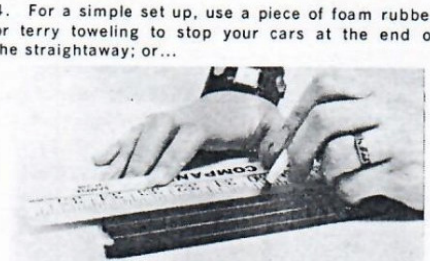
1. Attach AFX Safety Wall-Pak and Clip-On Terminal (No. 1342 - \$8.00) to starting end of your straightaway.



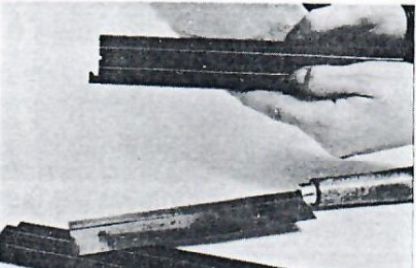
2. Attach AFX Aurora-Russkit Speed Controls (No. 1343 - \$3.00 each) to Clip-On Terminal.



3. Set up AFX Xmas Tree and Automatic Finish Line Markers (No. 2555 - \$2.00) as described in text.



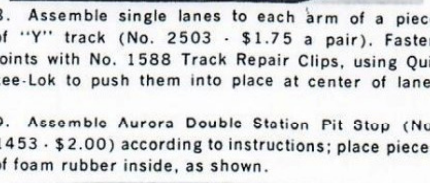
4. For a simple set up, use a piece of foam rubber or terry toweling to stop your cars at the end of the straightaway; or...



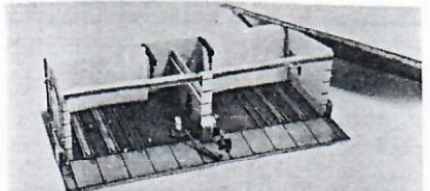
6. Cut track along guide line; smooth cut edges with sandpaper. Cut off Lok Tabs. You now have 2 single-lane pieces.



5. ...Take another piece of 15" straight track; mark straight line with white pencil along top side, using mounting holes as a guide.



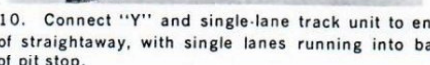
8. Assemble single lanes to each arm of a piece of "Y" track (No. 2503 - \$1.75 a pair). Fasten joints with No. 1588 Track Repair Clips, using Quik-Lok to push them into place at center of lane.



9. Assemble Aurora Double Station Pit Stop (No. 1453 - \$2.00) according to instructions; place pieces of foam rubber inside, as shown.



7. Turn single lanes over. At one end, file out raised center of crossbeam.



10. Connect "Y" and single-lane track unit to end of straightaway, with single lanes running into bay of pit stop.

GET READY — with 10 to 20 feet of AFX High Performance straight track, attaching AFX Safety Wall-Pak with Clip-On-Anywhere terminal and AFX Dragster Xmas Tree at one end. Attach Speed Controls to Clip-On Terminal. Set up Automatic Finish Line Indicator at other end.

GET SET — for greater realism, a perfect ¼ mile can be set up just as easily. A scale ¼ mile is approximately 15 feet 2 ½ inch or 182 ½ inch. Using 15" straight track (No. 2542 - \$1.25 ea.), you'll need 13 pieces. Set up your Xmas Tree 6" from the end of the first straight piece; and place the Finish Line Marker 6" from the end of the last piece. Or use 21 pieces of 9" straight (No. 2517 - 75¢ ea.), placing Xmas Tree 6" from one end and Finish Marker 7" from the other.

If you really want to put some work into it — and get super realism out of it — try this... Using an X-Acto Razor Saw, cut 2 pieces of straight track in half to form 4 pieces of single-lane track. Smooth cut edges with sandpaper. Assemble 2 of these single-lane pieces to each arm of a piece of "Y" track, using AFX Track Repair Clips to hold pieces together. Attach bottom of "Y" to end of straightaway. At the end of the single lanes, erect a dual station pit stop, gluing a strip of foam rubber to the inside walls. Voila! An accurate Drag Strip which can be set up and broken down in minutes.

If you have room for a permanent layout, this setup can be mounted on a board and completely detailed; or added to your road course layout. This would be an ideal project for any HO club.

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11. We're ready to go with any of the four fantastic rails in the Big AFX Line-up!

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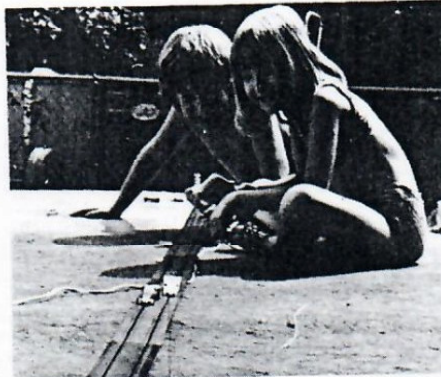
## DRAGSTRIP

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**GO!** — with any one of the four fabulous AFX Dragsters, featuring specially modified AFX chassis with dragster front end extension and super-wide super-size rear sponges. Each comes with its own wild 'n wonderful racing decals. These cars are designed specifically for drag racing and, like the real rails, they are not capable of negotiating a road course — run them only on straight track.

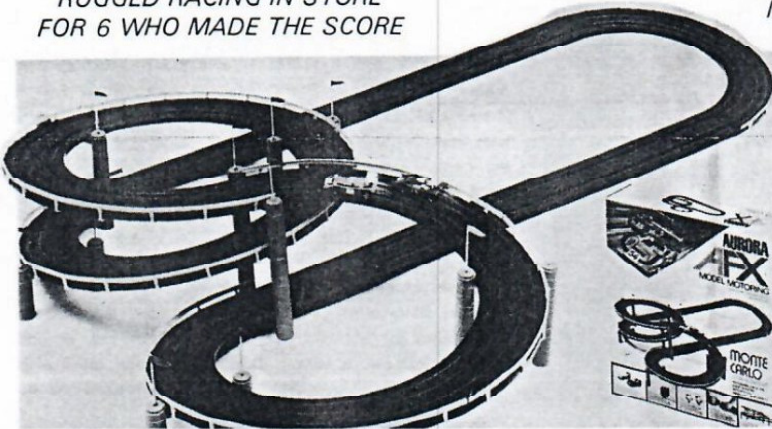
A complete line of AFX Dragster Service Parts can be obtained from your Aurora Model Motoring Dealer — No. 8666 blue Dragster Armature - \$2.00; No. 8660 Dragster Chassis and Brush Spring Assembly - \$1.10; No. 8662 Dragster Chassis Extension - 75¢; No. 8661 Gearplate with Cluster Gear - 75¢; No. 8668 pinion gear (9 tooth), No. 8669 Idler gear (26 tooth), No. 8670 Idler gear (20 tooth) and No. 8671 Crown gear (15 tooth) - all 15¢ each; No. 8663 Dragster front end wire form and No. 8678 narrow dragster rear axle - both 10¢ each.

And you'll want a good supply of those special AFX Dragster wheels and rubber — No. 8674 Dragster front wheels and axle - 15¢ a set; No. 8675 slotted mag front wheels - 15¢; No. 8679 wide Dragster front tires - 25¢; No. 8676 slotted mag rear wheels - 25¢; No. 8680 medium rear tires - 50¢; and No. 8681 large rear tires - 50¢.



## MODEL MOTORING QUIZ CORNER

*RUGGED RACING IN STORE  
FOR 6 WHO MADE THE SCORE*



The AFX Monte Carlo Race Set — 18 feet of rugged 3-level racing on AFX High Performance Track with 2 AFX cars, 2 Pro-style Ruskit Speed Controls, AFX Safety Wall-Pak, guard rails, modular Bridge posts, racing flags, AFX racing Oil and Quikee Lok — that's what's in store for Model Motoring Quiz No. 6 winners Danny Wellmeyer of New Orleans, La.; Glenn Hoffmeyer of Sebring, O.; Scottie Savage of Nashville, Tn.; David E. Horner of York, Pa.; Dean Kolojeski of Duluth, Minn.; and Aldo DaRos of Downsview, Ontario, Canada.

### MODEL MOTORING QUIZ NO. 7

To find the answers, fill in the blanks in the sentences below. The number of dashes indicates number of letters in each word; spaces between series of dashes indicate separate words. The first letters of the answers, when read from top to bottom, spell out the name of the only tool ever designed specifically for the Miniature Racer.

The first six correct entries (judged by postmark, weighed by geographic area) will be the winners — so don't waste any time! As soon as you've completed the Quiz (but no later than Sept. 30, 1973), copy only the answers, numbering them and bracketing the first letter of each (as in the answers to Quiz No. 6, above), on a separate piece of paper; add your name, address, zip and IMRC No.; and mail your entry to: MODEL MOTORING QUIZ NO. 7, IMRC NEWS, AURORA PRODUCTS CORP., P.O. BOX 250, HICKSVILLE, N.Y. 11801.

1. The AFX Super II has a \_\_\_\_\_ armature.

## IMRC PALS

Want to exchange views with other International Miniature Racing Club Members? The members listed below would like to hear from you . . .

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If you enjoy corresponding with others who share your interest in Model Motoring, and would like your name listed here in a future issue, just send your name, age and address to: IMRC PALS DEPT., IMRC NEWS.

**AFX QUIKEE-LOK —  
ANOTHER BIG A**

**EXCLUSIVE!**



Here it is — the only tool ever designed specifically for the Miniature Racer — right down to its shape...It even looks like an armature plate from an HO motor!

This 3-in-1 Problem Solver is the answer to every Mini-Mechanic's troubles.

First, it's a track tool — use it to make layout assembly faster and easier — just position two pieces as shown in your QL instructions, insert the Quikee-Lok straight

## M R REPORTS

Miniature Racing News from our Members . . . If you belong to a club which holds regular races, or you've attended an HO event at a commercial raceway and would like to see the race story and results (or announcements of future races) published here, send your report or announcement to:

**M R REPORTS, IMRC NEWS**

**HAMILTON, ONT., CANADA** — In a 300 lap race, my friend ran a Tuff One and an AFX Too Much. During the race, my front wheel came off, but my AFX Porsche 917 still won by 5 laps. — Paul Spoziale

**PORTSMOUTH, R.I.** — In a 400 lap race, Todd Chaplin and John Pimental battled for over an hour. Chaplin used his Lola GT, McLaren, Mustang, Porsche and Ferrari against Pimental's Porsche, McLaren, Hot Rod Coupe, Cobra and Dune Buggy. Chaplin won by 10 laps with a final lap count of 400 to 390. — John Pimental

**CHAMPIONSHIP TIMES** — The IMRC Staff wishes to congratulate the following members who have surpassed the Official Aurora Model Motoring Championship Times...Bob Mugno of Brooklyn, N.Y. — set No. 1302 - 31.2 secs. with a stock M.M. car; 26.5 secs. with a modified car...Dan Gilfers of Hagerstown, Md. — set No. 1307 - stock time 23.0 secs.; set No. 1315 stock - 33.0 secs, modified - 31.0; set 1314 stock - 24.0, mod. - 22.0; set 1316 stock - 46.0, mod. - 47.0... P.J. Kulpshas of Chicago, Ill. — set 1307 mod. - 20.0; set 1317 Mod. - 28.0; set 1321 Mod - 26.0...Dexter Critton of New York City — set 1317 Stock - 29.7...Chip Biddle of Amherst, N.H. — set 1322 Stock - 51.4.

## CORRESPONDENT'S CORNER

Got a hot tip for Model Motoring? — Or want to comment on just about anything in the World of Miniature Racing? Send it to: **CORRESPONDENT'S CORNER, IMRC NEWS.**

## COLLECTOR

Wanted — old Aurora Catalogs and/or Model Motoring cars in the 1300 and 1400 series. — Michael Minenko, 2300 Monroe St. N.E., Minneapolis, Min. 55418

## INCOMPLETE ADDRESS

I got a letter from a Mr. Todd Poorman who gave me his town and state, but no street address. I would like to write back, so please ask him to send me his complete address. — Todd DiLores, 5231 79 St., Sacramento, Ca. 95820

## TRACK CLEANUP

I am the owner of an Aurora Commercial Table and we have experimented with everything to clean the track surface. But our club has found that the best thing is lighter fluid, Flex-i-Grit and Tire Traction. First, clean the surface using the lighter fluid sparingly. Then clean the rails with Flex-i-Grit, which leaves no grime on the track. Then, to get more speed, apply Tire Traction to the joints in the turns sparingly. Following this method, we have knocked one second off our lap times. — Bob Graves, 2701 Pleasant Grove, Lansing, Mi. 48910

## MODEL MOTORING Q & A

Got a problem, or some tough questions about Miniature Racing? Our experts are ready to tackle anything — Just send your questions to: **MODEL MOTORING Q & A, IMRC NEWS.**

## TRACK PROBLEMS

I think the new Aurora track is fine except for one thing. Why did they eliminate the screw hole in the middle? I have a large 4-lane layout and love the way the old track fastens to my board. It's easy to screw down and easy to take apart for changes. I think nailing it would be a lot harder with a greater chance of damaging the track or board. Even more important, it would be more difficult to change your layout. The guys at our club agree (H.O. Pro Racing Association of Flint). — Mark Beckner, 5263 Worcester Dr., Sw. Creek, Mich. 48473

I've checked out every piece of AFX track I've got, Mark, and the only pieces without mounting holes are the banked curves. However, the holes are quite small (to avoid marring the appearance for those who prefer not to mount the track), so perhaps you've overlooked them. They're located exactly 1/2 inch from each end of the track section, centered between the two lanes. Since the track material is very easy to work with, you'd have no problem enlarging the holes to accommodate screws. How about some race reports and Superdetailers Showcase entries from HOPRA? — Phil

## BROKEN LOK-TABS

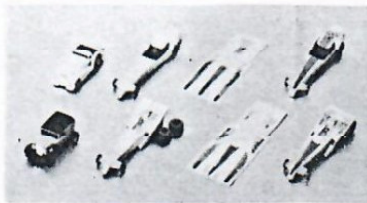
Why did you start the Speed Lok Track? I like the deep slot in the track because it keeps the cars on the track a lot better, but I'm sorry to say it breaks very easily. Can the Super II car get good performance on the Pit Row Special Race Set? I would like to get one. I think the AFX car is the best car made. — Howard Martin, 446 W. Richard Dr., Xenia, O. 45385

The AFX High Performance Track was designed because today's cars are too fast to stay on the older shallow-slotted tracks. As long as the new track is handled according to the instructions, it will not break so easily. Try using the new AFX Quikee-Lok, featured elsewhere in this issue, to assemble and take apart your layout. And, just in case someone should accidentally step on your track, Big A has solved the broken track joint problem with a great little gadget called the Track Repair Clip, now included in all Model Motoring Sets and available from your Aurora dealer. Just snap it onto the underside at the broken track joint and it's good as new. So you can see for yourself, here's a special limited offer for **IMRC MEMBERS ONLY** — for the next 30 days, you can get a free set of 12 Track Repair Clips by writing to IMRC Customer Service Dept., Aurora Products Corp., 44 Cherry Valley Road, W. Hempstead, N.Y. 11552.

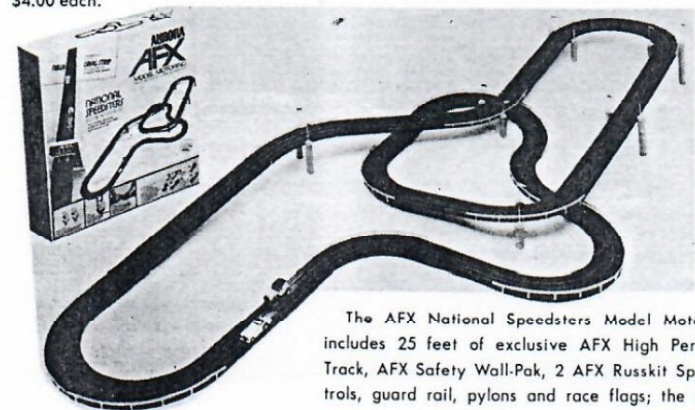
The AFX Super II is essentially a Pro car best suited to a large layout with long straights and banked turns. How well it performs on any track depends on how good a driver you are — AND, of course, how good a pit mechanic you are. — Phil

## It's All Together In Aurora's New AFX NATIONAL SPEEDSTERS MODEL MOTORING SET...

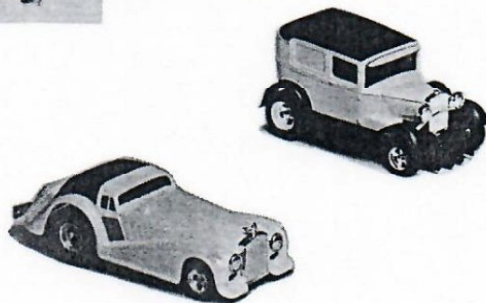
**WILD** — It's a great 25 foot two-level race course featuring two of the newest mod classics from Big A...One of the earliest vans, a '31 Model A Ford Panel (No. 1791); and a car freak's dream of what could be done with one of the greatest classics of all, the Roarin' Rolls "Golden Ghost" (No. 1781)... Both feature a new specially modified AFX chassis and new AFX super-size sponge rears; and are also available separately at \$4.00 each.



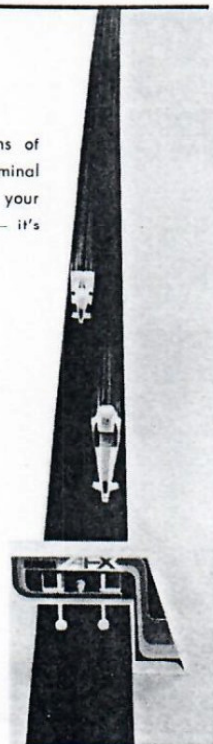
**OR WILDEST** — Set up only the straight sections of track with the AFX Dragster Xmas Tree, Clip-On Terminal and AFX Automatic Finish Line Markers; convert your cars to their Dragster form... Presto Change-O — it's 10 1/2 feet of Draggin' Delight!



The AFX National Speedsters Model Motoring Set includes 25 feet of exclusive AFX High Performance Track, AFX Safety Wall-Pak, 2 AFX Russkit Speed Controls, guard rail, pylons and race flags; the new AFX



Quikee-Lok; racing oil for the 2 AFX cars; 2 AFX Dragster body shells with front end extensions and wheels; AFX Xmas Tree and Automatic Finish Line Marker — and complete instructions for either Road Race or Drag setup. Look for it at your favorite hobby shop or department.



## IMRC SPOTLIGHT

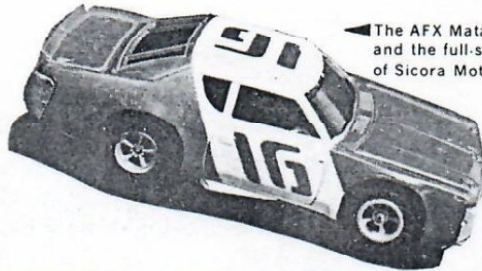
Last-minute comments on the latest word from Big A; Model Motoring People and Products; IMRC Members; What's Coming in IMRC News; and What's Happening in the Miniature Racing World . .

### WHAT'S A MATADOR?

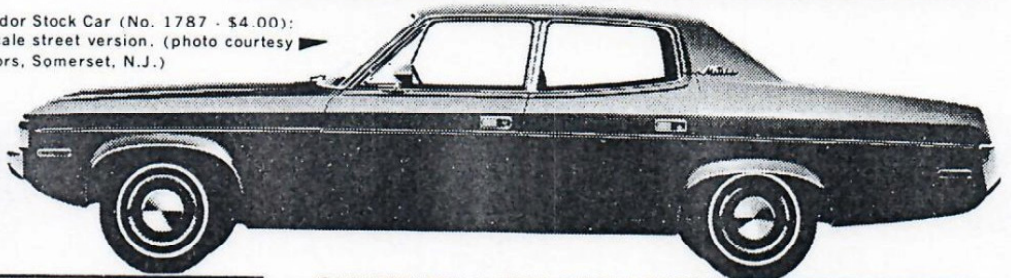
Even your garrulous garageman may not know for sure... But this little honey from AMC made the scene at Riverside in '73. It won the Winston-Western 500. It's being used by a number of satisfied law enforcement agencies across the nation, including the Los Angeles Police Department, the East Brunswick, N.J. Police and the Rutgers University Campus Police. AND, just for the Miniature Racer, it's in the Big A line-up for '73. The AFX Matador Stocker comes ready to race in red, white and blue with tinted windows, diplane up front, rear spoiler, backlight braces, and Dietz fasteners on hood and trunk. It would take a lot of patience to remove all the racing options; but no major body work would be necessary to convert the stocker to a street model and detail it, perhaps, as a police car.



Here's how the Matador looks on the Rutgers University Campus—some ambitious Superdetailer is sure to tackle the project of converting the AFX model to something like this — and we'll be looking for some pix of it for Superdetailers Showcase! (photos by Riki S. Burks)



◀ The AFX Matador Stock Car (No. 1787 - \$4.00); and the full-scale street version. (photo courtesy of Sicora Motors, Somerset, N.J.) ▶



### SUPERDETAILER'S SHOWCASE

To enter your pride 'n joy and get a chance at a beautiful IMRC Trophy, send clear, sharp black & white photos (well-fixed polaroid will do) and a short description of how you built or detailed your car, along with your name, age, 'MRC No. and address to: SUPERDETAILER'S SHOWCASE, IMRC NEWS.



This Candy-Apple Confection, a fine example of careful detailing by Doug Trachta, age 24, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, had its beginnings as an AFX Trans-Am Camaro. All race markings, including rear window braces and fuel cap, were removed; car was repainted Candy Apple Red Metallflake with high performance black hood, front spoiler and rear panel; raked rear end; side pipes, rear license plate, door handles and keyholes, front and back side lights were added; grill, headlights and turn signals detailed. White pinstripe design on hood is beautifully executed.

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