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Taking it to the next level in scale detail



Killerbody ultra-realistic accessories & bodies

Through the doors of the *RC Driver* office pass countless numbers of cool RC products, but they are not always very original. When innovative products do arrive, the editors stop everything they are doing to go and pore over the new items. The most recent crop of products that stopped us in our tracks came from a brand new company named Killerbody.

Killerbody offers a slew of great-looking aftermarket bodies, including ones for short course, 1/8-scale buggy and 1/7, 1/10 and 1/28-scale touring cars. The bodies are available clear, printed or 'Finished', meaning not only printed with a paint scheme, but decaled with the detail accessories already installed for you. In the Killerbody lineup you will also find officially licensed bodies from the likes of Alfa Romeo, Chevrolet and Mitsubishi. This not only gives us hobbyists highly detailed production cars at our disposal, but also some fully decked-out race-car bodies complete with all the sponsor stickers, like the 2011 Chevrolet Corvette C6.R that competed in the American Le Mans Series.

What makes Killerbody stand out from other body manufacturers is its massive assortment of ground-breaking accessories that add remarkable scale detail and realism to your RC vehicle. Besides the typical light buckets with LED light kits, Killerbody makes such scale accessories as functioning windshield wipers, short course interior kits, driver figures, seat belts, functioning ratchet tie downs, simulated

This is just a small taste of what Killerbody has to offer for bodies and scale accessories.





By adding the Killerbody accessories, this short course body is transformed into a very scale looking vehicle. On the rear is the molded spare tire kit that comes clear and includes stickers. The functioning metal ratchet tie-downs help complete the look, but they are not necessary to keep the spare tires in place. Also in this photo is the rear 'X'-shaped roll cage with two fire extinguishers mounted.



I really like adding lights to scale vehicles and Killerbody has a nice package that will make this short course body stand out from the rest. Light buckets with LED lights are installed to the inside of the body at the rear of the roof line and at the rear of the body. There is also the option of adding the roof light bar that really delivers the message that this short course is now destined for some desert running.

roll cages and bumpers with light buckets to just name a few. We are going to start off by highlighting the short course side of the Killerbody product lineup and touch on the touring car products.

SHORT COURSE BODIES AND ACCESSORIES

We are going to focus this particular article on the short course (SC) product offerings from Killerbody. This is because this class is still so hot right now and there is just not enough space to cover everything that Killerbody produces. In the short course lineup, you will obviously find SC bodies along with a ton of inventive accessories that transform an ordinary short course truck into a highly realistic-looking off-road ride. The accessories include full interior kits, internal roll cage, rear roll cage, fire extinguishers, molded spare tires, functioning ratchet tie downs, side view mirrors, roof mounted light bar, light buckets for front and rear, LED light

kits with control boxes, bumpers, mud flaps, light bar for the front bumper, seats, driver figures, seat belts, window net and metal protective screens. The photos will tell the rest of the story on these accessories.

The Killerbody short course body is named Monster and is designed to fit HPI, Team Associated and Traxxas SC trucks. Dimples are molded into the body so that you can properly place the holes for the body posts of the chassis for each of the aforementioned vehicle manufacturers. The Monster body will fit other brands of SC trucks but you are on your own with mounting it onto your selected chassis. The short course body is available clear or printed in one of three unique paint schemes. Shown here are the Tattoo and Mars versions. There is also the option to purchase the printed body without any accessories or 'Finished', which includes the roof mounted light bar, polycarbonate spare tire set, rear roll bar,



The fire extinguisher accessory adds a nice touch of detail. They include stickers and brass straps to hold them in place. For our purposes, we have them mounted on the roll cage on the interior and on the rear roll cage that is mounted on the outside of the body.

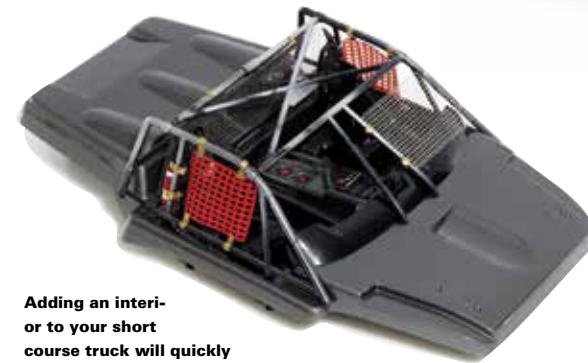
fire extinguishers, side view mirrors and light buckets. The finished body comes out of the box completely assembled for you. This basically turns the unassuming short course body into a badass desert race truck. One of the standout features on the printed bodies that you rarely find on other brand's



A close-up of the EVO to show the front molded plastic ground effects and scale working lights.



How cool is this? Functional windshield wipers! These are part of the touring car side of the Killerbody product lineup, but I can see these being used for trail trucks and other scale project vehicles. Very clever!



Adding an interior to your short course truck will quickly up its wow factor. Killerbody offers a basic interior kit, shown here, that you need to assemble or you can purchase a finished interior that comes built with the following accessories added: roll cage, fire extinguishers, window net, and metal protective screens.



Realistic plastic molded seats are available in a kit that includes two seats which can be used in any type of RC vehicle. A driver figure is also offered. The neck, shoulders and waist all pivot and the knees are hinged so that it can be posed to suit the vehicle he is 'controlling'.



The LED light kits nicely dress up the Killerbody car bodies with front headlights, rear brake lights and even side view marker lights.



Side view mirrors help complete the look of our short course truck turned desert racer. Like many of the Killerbody accessories, they can be used on any type of RC vehicle.

shells is the clear windows. Since the polycarbonate is printed when it is still a flat sheet of material, before it is molded into an SC body, getting the clear sections for the windows to properly line up in the exact positions when the polycarbonate is pulled on the mold is very tricky. That is why most manufacturers skip this step and simply use a sticker to simulate a window.

TOURING CAR BODIES AND ACCESSORIES

As mentioned earlier, Killerbody offers a host

of touring car bodies in 1/7, 1/10 and 1/28-scales and molded in numerous hot styles. The 1/7-scale bodies are designed to specifically fit the Traxxas XO-1 on-road supercar, the 1/10-scales fit 190mm size touring cars and the 1/28-scale shells work with the Kyosho Mini-Z. Included in the list of available bodies are some special, officially licensed versions like the Corvette GT2 racecar, Alfa Romeo 8C, Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution X Advan racecar and 2011 Chevrolet Camaro.

Shown here is the 1/10 Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution body that is detailed with a molded

rear wing, lower diffuser with exhaust tips, ground effects, front and rear light buckets with LEDs, stainless steel air intake mesh in the front bumper, windshield wipers and side view mirrors with integrated LED lights. This body is mounted on a Killerbody display chassis with stealth body mounts. ©

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