

BOLINK '91 SPORT

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| Type | On-road |
| Scale | 1/16 |
| Price | \$99.95 (without electronics) (\$129.95 with motor and speed controller) |

DIMENSIONS:

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| Overall Length | 18.25 inches |
| Width | 9 inches |
| Wheelbase | 10.185 inches |
| Track (f/r) | 7.25 inches |

WEIGHT:

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| Gross (with battery) | 44 ounces |
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BODY:

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| Type | Bulck Grand National |
| Material | Polycarbonate |

CHASSIS:

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| Type | Pan |
| Material | Fiberglass |

DRIVE TRAIN:

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| Primary | Pinion/spur |
| Transmission | None |
| Differential | Ball diff |
| Bearings/Bushings | Oilite bushings |

SUSPENSION:

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| Front: Type | Fiberglass crossbar |
| Damping | Coil-spring |
| Rear: Type | T-plate |
| Damping | Silicone tube |

WHEELS:

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| Front: Type | One-piece plastic |
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| Dimensions (DxW) | 1.875x1.25 inches |
| Rear: Type | One-piece plastic |
| Dimensions (DxW) | 1.875x1.5 inches |

TIRES:

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| Front/Rear | Low-profile foam |
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ELECTRICS:

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| Motor | Bolink stock motor* |
| Battery | 6- or 7-cell stick or saddle pack† |
| Speed Controller | Mechanical† |

OPTIONS TESTED:

Futaba Magnum Junior radio and S132H high-speed servo; Tekin TSC 410S speed controller; Race Prep 140 modified motor; Sanyo 1700 SCE saddle pack.

COMMENTS:

The Bolink '91 sport is the updated version of the performance-proven Eliminator Sport. The aluminum motor mounts and the silicone-tube damper greatly improve performance, but the price remains the same. More for your money; this sounds like an economic breakthrough to me!

* Included in \$129.95 version
† not included

black-and-white assembly photos, a list of replacement and optional parts, and a very interesting page titled, "Racing your Eliminator." This short article gives set-up tips that both novices and experienced racers will find valuable. The tips include info on everything from fine-tuning caster to side roll and the "amount of twist" the T-plate has in relation to the chassis. Even the front springs get attention, and there are recom-

mendations on tire and traction compounds too.

PERFORMANCE

My version '91 Sport didn't include electronics, so I added these items: the Tekin® TSC 410S speed controller, a saddle-pack battery consisting of six 1700 Sanyo® SCE batteries, a Race Prep® 14-turn, double, modified motor and the Futaba® Magnum Junior with an S132H high-speed servo. The kit included tires and

wheels and Oilite bushings, which I didn't change, because I wanted to see how the car would perform out of the box.

After a few warm-up laps, the '91 Sport started to show its real colors. Maybe I should put that another way: it started to show its real colors if I could have seen them as it sped by! The '91 Sport's speed was impressive. Granted, much of the credit for that goes to the motor and the batteries,

but the '91 Sport took almost everything I could put to it.

Novice racers will find its handling more than adequate. Only a slight rear-end drift showed up when it entered a turn too fast, and adding a set of wing mounts and a wing would cure this. The side-roll adjustment screws allow you to adjust its cornering characteristics by redistributing weight to one side. Unlike many sport-level cars, this flexible Bolink design lets you adjust the car's handling.

Beyond this basic, out-of-the-box performance, Bolink offers you the chance to convert the '91 Sport into a full-bore racing Eliminator. You can install a thinner T-plate, a full rear-shock assembly—even a light, one-piece rear pod. The '91 Sport was designed with growth in mind: both the car's and yours. No wonder the "good ol' boys" are such an impressive force in Grand National racing!

*Here are the addresses of the companies mentioned in this article:

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Sanyo Electric, Battery Division, 200 River Rd., Little Ferry, NJ 07643.
Race Prep, 20115 Nordhoff St., Chatsworth, CA 91311.
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