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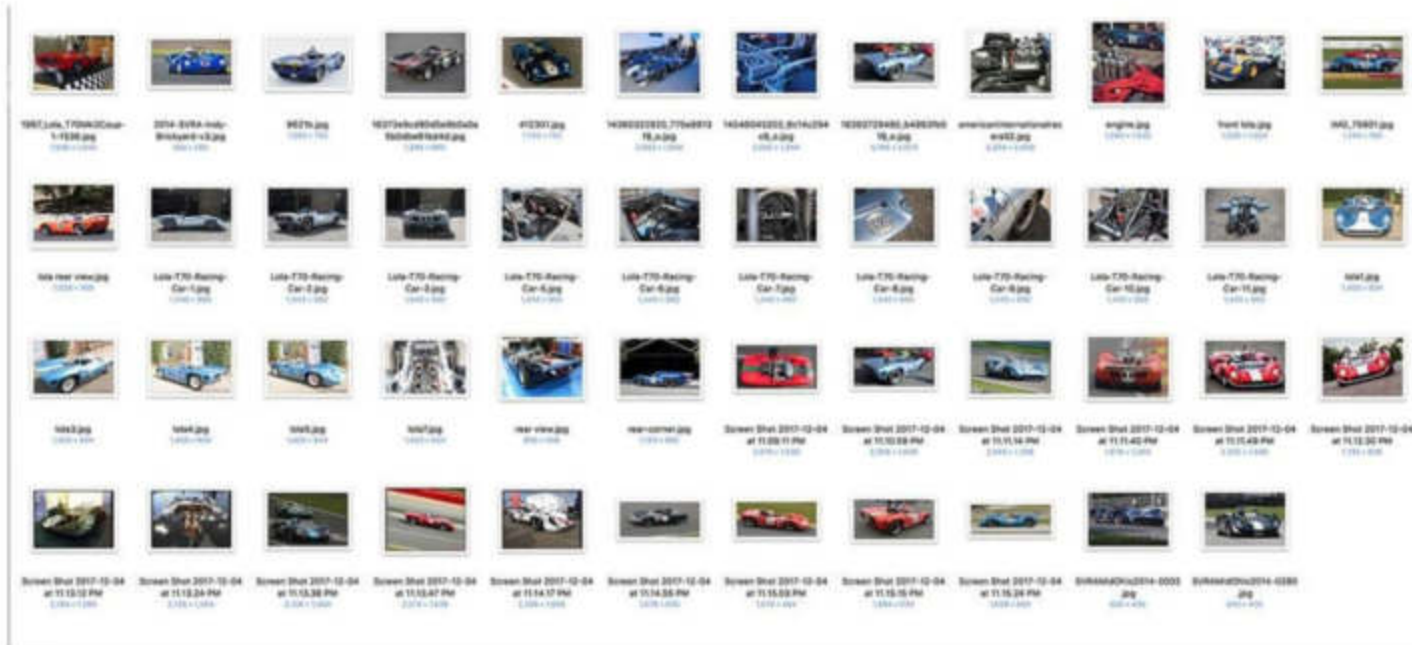


This build started with the Lola T70 Spyder CanAm that I picked up from Slot Car Canada back in November 2017.



The "striped" paint scheme was inspired by the REVOLT HEV LEMANS CONCEPT car (see below).

As I do with most of my slot cars: research, research, research! The on-line world had lots, as well as a great engine by Dan Gurney to reference.



The Mesh came from scraps of a Tamiya Model kit. It's a black plastic mesh than bends to form the screen. Then coloured with Molotow Chrome markers. I "pool" a bit of the chrome paint on a clean yogurt lid and then brush it on to the screen. Much easier to get into all the nooks and crannies. The outer edge of the screen is bare metal chrome.

As you'll see, there's lots of masking involved. I use the Tamiya masking tape and cut it into very thin 1-2mm strips, which makes it easy to bend along the curvature of the body surface.



I prefer House of Kolor paints. This Lola uses the Holographic effect paint on the white base, then Oriental Blue for the stripes. The Blue is painted lightest to darkest, masking off light lines, then medium areas, then darker areas. You can see best in the work-in-progress photo. I let the holographic paint with a thin clear coat dry for three days before masking and painting the stripes. And "try" to paint the car within 24 hours of masking, otherwise the tape starts peeling off and you'll get bleed through, which is a pain to fix.

This Lola T70 has the 6 step polishing Revell Micro-mesh: <https://www.revell.com/tools/88-7020.html>.

Plus the three Tamiya Polishing compounds: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/TAMIYA-Model-Polishing-Compound-Combo-Set-Coarse-Fine-Finish-87068-87069-87070-/191804022866>.

I was very impressed with the Thunderslot kit. It has three engine configurations, as well as a couple windscreen & dash options, and quite a few roll bar options. Two different driver heads are also included.





Did I mention this Thunderslot goes like a bat out of hell on the track! One of the best racers in our club, Alwyn S. took it around Luf's track and was very impressed, said it handled like it had magnets, and better than his! All I did was add Luf's tires and true them.

The number 5 was my own design. I wanted something that didn't take away or cover up the stripes and looked modern.

I've been an avid model builder for years, and have taken on 1:8 scale Pocher kits, so this slot car kit didn't intimidate me like some of the guys in our club.

Have no fear and build one for yourself!

Cheers,
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