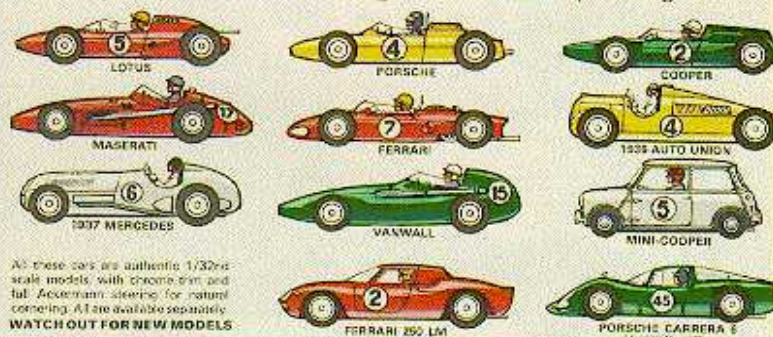


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Slot Tips!

Tip #1-

This doesn't work so hot on the older, heavier cars, but for the new, light Euro-jobbies I've found that I can use desoldering braid for contact braid! A 5ft roll costs about 2 bucks, and if you figure that each braid on a flag is an inch long, you're looking at enough braid to do 36 cars! For all you math geeks out there, that's .0278 cents per car! Cool!

Tip #2-

One of my favorite things in the slot world is the MRRC Clubman chassis. You get nearly everything and even a schmuck like me can come up with a pretty decent running kitbasher. The thing that always baffled me until recently, was a good way to come up with the spade connectors for the motor wires to connect with the braid. A simple, cheap solution is to use HO gauge train track connectors! less than a penny a piece, and all you have to do is crimp 'em and then slide 'em on in! Works great on Strombecker cars that have busted connectors too.



Tip #3 This one comes from my friend across the pond, Trev May, who has this ditty for you Scalextric folks out there: "The so called 'easy fit' guides that Scalex fit to all their cars now, do not help the cars handling. To get a mild improvement at no cost, try re-wrapping the braids and adjusting the metal springs as follows. You will see that the braid pokes through the guide blade at the front and rear and that the rear section is tucked underneath the front, making a double thickness of braid, bend this rear portion through

180 degrees to mirror the front piece, this will give just one thickness of braid, lowering the car in the slot, and lengthening the contact area of the braid as well.

On the top surface of the guide blade, the braid is kept in contact with the metal strips by spring tension of the strips. Firstly, make sure that the braid lays flat on the surface of the guide blade to give an even and smooth contact area, then check the spring strength of the metal strips. These can be carefully bent up or down to adjust the tension. The factory settings do vary!! You want just enough pressure to keep the strips in contact, but not so much that it raises the ride height. If you are not concerned about keeping the cars originality, you can remove the easy fit guide blade, and the metal springs (by drilling out the plastic rivets that hold them to the chassis) and fit a conventional guide with "hard wiring." You can use the earlier type of Scalextric guide or the Ninco guide blade, soldering the wires to the motor in the usual way. This will give a better electrical contact and a free moving guide assembly." So there you have it! Amaze your friends while they are deslotting and you are cranking out lap times that make them weak in the knees...

Tip #4 Have you ever spent a couple of hours with your 00 brush detailing your latest slot jobbie only to watch in horror as your previously crisp lines blur into a fuzzy mess after you spray clear laquer or enamel on to protect the paint job? Have you ever had your decal job wither away into looking like a series of multi-colored rasins stuck all over your car when you used the same evil aerosol clear coat? What to do?

Floor wax! Actually, the acrylic coating used on non-wax floors. I use "Mop N Glo" but you can use "Future" or the other myriad of non wax floor coatings. I thought someone was putting me on when I first heard about this. But think about it. It's water based, and for Heaven's sake we *walk* on the stuff when we use it for it's intended purpose. The cool part is that it's self levelling, meaning you can brush it on and it'll dry with no brush marks! Just make sure your paint job has fully cured, and that it's dust free when you do the job. Also make sure you don't put too thick a coat on the car, or the clear will crack over time. Some folks use an airbrush to spray it on, but I don't have that option. I just brush on one coat, let it dry and voila! When it's dry I can see my face in the finish! I've even started doing this to my RTR cars to protect the decals.



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