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Car Report

Losi's New Desert Truck

Here's big action in an entry-level, solidly built, 1/10-scale off-roader.

The new Desert Truck from Losi was inspired by the great success of the Mini Baja Truck. With all its great features and top Losi quality, the Desert Truck's success is sure to set trends of its own. The Desert Truck is a 1/10-scale, 2WD electric truck that comes almost ready to run. Just add a NiCD or NiMH stick pack and four AA alkalines for the Losi 2.4GHz radio, and you're ready for some nasty terrain and a great time.

A factory-painted and trimmed body comes in your choice of four different color schemes. The body looks awesome on the truck, and it's very scalelike in fit and finish. It even has the clipped-on rear fenders like full-size trucks.

Just coming out of the box, you can tell that the Losi crew put some serious thought behind the performance and scale looks of the Desert Truck. It sports a full roll cage with built-in LED's in the rear, and the front boasts a large, scalelike bumper with clear LED's, all



service easy. A large, coil-over shock is at each of the four corners, and a very cool lighting system gives good visibility and great visual effects for night runs.



made from durable, molded plastics. The chassis has all the great features of Losi's winning off-road trucks — great suspension, and oil-filled, aluminum shocks to handle the largest jumps and incredibly rough terrain.

The rear suspension uses CV-style dog bones to transfer the power from the transmission to the wheels more

efficiently for greater durability and go. The full set of ball bearing helps to boost the efficiency and durability of the drive train.

All the A-arms are made from molded composites. Their wide stance and extra-long travel aids in handling anything you throw at it. The extended chassis

will accommodate a variety of battery types from NiCD and NiMH stick packs to lithium-polymers. This is a great value-added feature if a driver decides to upgrade to the Losi 1/10-scale brushless/LiPo setup.



Specifications

- Length: 17.5 inches
- Width: 12.5 inches
- Wheelbase: 11.825 inches
- Weight: 3.8 pounds
- Power: Losi LM-32K Performance
- RC: Losi system with Spektrum 2.4GHz DSM2 technology

RTR Features

- Factory-assembled 1/10-scale truck
- Factory-installed motor and ESC
- Factory-installed RC system
- Factory-installed lighting system
- Molded composite chassis
- 2WD with independent suspension
- Comprehensive instruction manual

All the rod ends in the suspension are oversize, and captured for ruggedness, durability and lasting performance. All the rods in the suspension and steering are also adjustable for optimum performance tuning ability.

The transmission is a standard, 1/10-scale truck-style unit with time-proved durability and performance. The motor is brushed with a cooling fan. It delivers 32,000 R.P.M. of tire-frying performance. I was really impressed with the speed and torque of this standard can motor; the Desert Truck is definitely no slouch in the performance department. It has power enough to keep drivers entertained for a long time.

The motor is coupled to a Losi reversing electronic speed control with an on/off switch. The Losi receiver and remote feature Spektrum DSM2 2.4GHz technology for



Losi's years of racing experience result in solid cornering. 2WD and independent suspension are easy to service and maintain.

crystal-free and interference-free operation. The transmitter has trims and a rate control knob for steering. The tires are mounted on chrome rims, and the realistic tread gives awesome traction over varied surfaces and almost impossible conditions.

Losi definitely nailed the off-road look of the Desert Truck, and the performance backs it up in spades. I ran the Desert Truck over every kind of terrain from grass to soot, and it handled everything easily — no problem. The low CG and 3 inches of suspension travel delivered everything I needed to soak up the big jumps and bumps.

The stock motor has outstanding low-end torque with good top-end speed. The good looks and solid performance of the new Desert Truck are sure to make this Losi off-roader a top entry/intermediate-level seller. **HM**



The Losi 1/10-scale Desert Truck delivers blistering entry-level performance over a variety of terrain. Speed and handling are first rate.