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Car Report

Nitro Sport

Greater power and improved handling make Traxxas' entry-level RC truck a better-than-ever deal.

Traxxas has released the Nitro Sport, a new 2WD entry-level stadium truck. It comes completely ready to run, with everything in the box but batteries and fuel. The Nitro Sport is loaded with features and quality components that make it easy to set up and run for a long time — trouble free.

The Nitro Sport comes equipped with the Traxxas Pro .15 electric start glow engine, well known for its ease of tuning, smooth reliable idle and long lasting performance. The Pro .15 is a true ABC engine with ball bearings, and it also employs a heavy duty aluminum connecting rod for long-lasting fun.

The EZ start setup works great. Simply plug the box into the square plug at the rear of the truck, then push the button to activate the starter and glow plug at the same time. LED's let you know that the starter motor is engaged and whether the glow plug is good or bad. If the glow light is out, then the plug has most likely failed — a convenient way to prevent someone from wasting 10 minutes in trying to get a good engine started with a bad glow plug. The Pro .15 is one of the easiest motors to tune, which makes it a very friendly first nitro engine, helping new users to understand the tuning procedure of a nitro motor without the usual aggravation.



Traxxas' Pro .15 engine and tuned pipe make more than adequate power for the 2WD Nitro Sport. EZ starting is quick and pretty much effortless.

Radio gear is basic but infinitely reliable, and the Nitro sport's front and rear coil-over suspension is effective at all speeds. This is an ideal stadium truck.



While the power of the Pro .15 takes the Nitro Sport to its 38 M.P.H. top speed, you need a good chassis to keep everything together. The Nitro Sport's chassis has what it takes. The transmission is full ball bearing to give it super smooth operation and last through many hours of fun. Oil filled, coil-over Ultra Shocks just soak up the bumps and handle the landings, even from the big jumps, and the high torque steering servo keeps the steering accurate right out of the box.

I am sure that, sooner or later, most of your customers have stripped a steering servo gear or two because the standard servo in some bargain basement ready-to-run couldn't cut it. You won't have that problem with the Nitro Sport because Traxxas has headed that one off at the factory. Reliable servo performance helps save money for your customers while keeping your store in a front running position.

As an added bonus, the chassis layout allows easy access to everything for cleaning and maintenance. It is constructed of tough 6061-T6 aluminum and fiber composite material to keep it both light and super strong for those big jumps or hard landings. Everything on the chassis is also shielded from dirt and dust, with the receiver and batteries each in their own protective plastic boxes. The suspension arms are made of a tough compos-



Nitro Sport really digs into the corners. Handling is outstanding.

ite material, and offer different holes to allow movement of the shock angle to aid in tuning for different track conditions. The upper link rods are made of strong metal with large ball ends for long-lasting smooth operation. The rear drive shafts are oversized plastic with universal joints at either end to draw less power from the motor and help prevent wear. Finally, a tuned exhaust was added to give the Pro .15 a little extra power — an upgrade on a lot of other entry-level trucks.

The brake is very effective in the corners, and easily brings the Nitro Sport to a stop from top speed. The included TQ RC system is the same radio that Traxxas has used for so long with so much success. Simple to operate, comfortable, with the buttons clearly marked, the TQ also has reversing and a low battery indicator.

I drove my nitro sport over many different surfaces — pavement, mulch, dirt, grass and sand —and the tires were great. The chrome rims add a nice

visual touch, and the factory-painted body really gives the truck a sharp look to go with its top performance. Bodies are available in your choice of red, black, silver or blue.

The Nitro Sport really impressed me. It has good power throughout its R.P.M. range, and good top speed for a single speed transmission. It handles very well in the corners and on the jumps. Summing up, I think that with all the great features and ease of use, Traxxas Nitro Sport is a great starter nitro truck that anyone could use to get into the RC racing world or just banging around at home. You can't beat the features for the price, and the electric start it makes getting the nitro sport up and running. **HM**



A great running stadium truck at any speed over any surface, Traxxas' Nitro Sport gets on the step and up to speed in a hurry.