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All-new three shock-design. Two VCS Micro shocks handle side-to-side dampening and tweak, eliminating tweak screws. The larger center VCS Macro Shock provides the smoothest possible, most consistent dampening.

Wider battery placement slots

Race-proven front suspension with fully-adjustable caster, camber and toe-in, and inline steering blocks

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Featherweight, energyabsorbing **foam bumper** protects the front end and body from high-impact crashes

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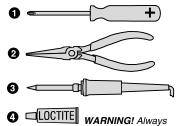
TOOLS

KIT TOOLS SUPPLIED

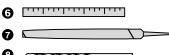
- **1** Allen wrenches, .050", 1/16", 3/32
- 2 shock tools
- 3 metal turnbuckle wrench

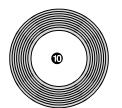
EXTRA TOOLS NEEDED

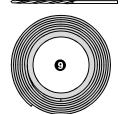
- 1 Phillips screwdrivers #2
- 2 needlenose pliers
- 3 soldering iron (40-50 watts) and a small amount of Rosin core solder. Pencil-type soldering iron is better than the gun type. DANGER! Tip is HOT!
- 4 Thread locking compound (#242 Blue Loctite© or equivalent)
- 6 hobby knife WARNING! This knife cuts plastic and fingers with equal ease, so be careful.
- precision ruler
- 7 file
- 8 hand drill with 3/32" (or #43) drill bit 6
- electrician's tape
- n strapping tape



use hand and eye protection with cyano-. acrylic glue!







HELPFUL TOOLS (NOT REQUIRED)

1 Allen drivers (straight Allen wrenches with hex shaped

such as the following made by Associated:

#6957 .050" Allen wrench #6958 1/16" Allen wrench #6960 3/32" Allen wrench

- **2** #6961 2.5mm Allen wrench
- 3 Vernier calipers

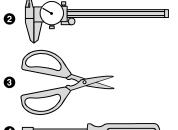
Super-strong, all-carbon graphite chassis

4 Hobby scissors Nut drivers (screwdriverhandled hex socket tools) such as the following from Associated:

#SP-86 3/16" nut driver

#SP-85 1/4" nut driver

#SP-82 11/32" nut driver



WARNING! Do not use a power screwdriver to install screws into nylon, plastic, or composite materials. The fast rotation speed can heat up the screws being installed. They can then

break or strip the threads during installation.

- 1 R/C two channel surface frequency radio system.
- 2 *Battery pack (6 cell).
- 3 Battery charger (we recommend a peak detection charger).
- 4 *Electronic speed control.
- 5 *R/C electric motor.
- 6 *Pinion gear, size to be determined by type and wind of motor you will be using.
- 7 *1:10 scale Lexan body and wing.
- * Available from Associated, See your 10L catalog.

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BEFORE BUILDING

OPEN THE BAGS IN ORDER

The assembly is arranged so that you will open and finish that bag before you go on to the next bag. Sometimes you will have parts remaining at the end of a bag. These will become part of the next bag. Some bags may have a large amount of small parts. To make it easier to find the parts, we recommend using a partitioned paper plate for spreading out the parts so they will be easier to find.

MANUAL FORMAT

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The beginning of each section indicates:

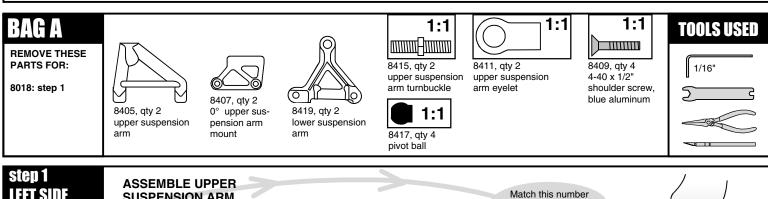
- 1 Which bag to open ("BAG A").
- 2 Which parts you will use for those steps. Remove only the parts shown. "1:1" indicates an actual size drawing; place your part on top and compare it so it does not get confused with a similar part.
- 3 Which tools you should have handy for that section.
- 4 In some drawings, the word "REAR" with an arrow indicates which direction is the rear of the car to help keep you oriented.

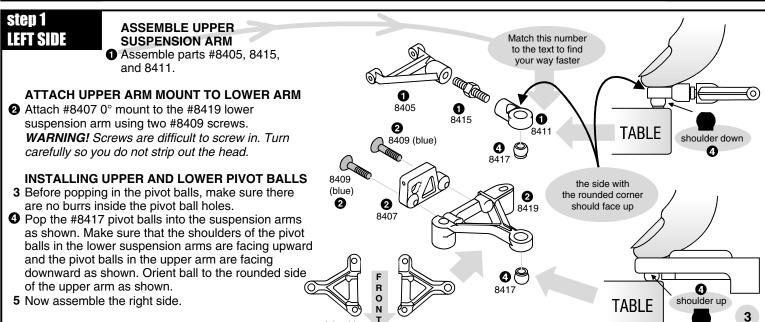
- **5** The instructions in each step are ordered in the order you complete them, so read the words AND follow the pictures. The numbers in circles are also in the drawing to help you locate them faster.
- **6** When we refer to left and right sides of the car, we are referring to the driver's point of view inside the car.

SUPPLEMENTAL SHEETS

We are constantly developing new parts to improve our kits. These changes, if any, will be noted in supplementary sheets located in a parts bag or inside the kit box. Check the kit box before you start and each bag as it is opened. When a supplement is found, attach it to the appropriate section of the manual.

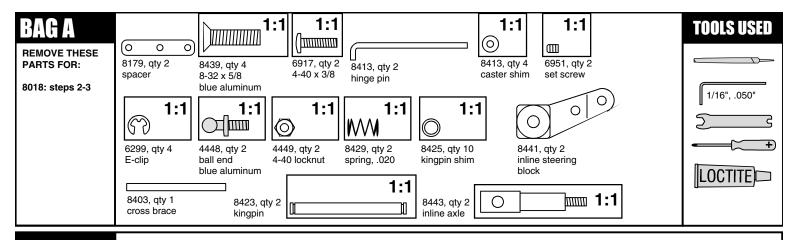
Now clear off your workbench, line up some paper plates, grab your 50-cent soda, 39-cent cheeseburger, \$12.99 music CD, and let's begin!





left side

right side

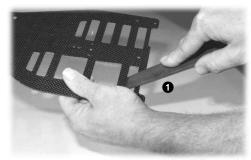


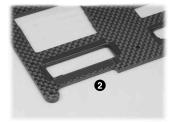
FILE THE CHASSIS

Use your file to bevel the slots on the top of the chassis so the edges won't cut through the battery cell wrap. WARNING! Graphite dust can be harmful to your health. File in a well ventilated area. Then wash the chassis with running water and dry with paper towels. Wash your hands afterward with cold water and soap. Deposit graphite filings in trash.

TAPE THE CHASSIS

2 Insulate the battery slots by wrapping the slots with electrical tape.





NOTE: The bottom of the chassis has the screw holes countersunk.

step 3 LEFT SIDE

SUSPENSION ARMS TO CHASSIS

Slip the #8179 spacer between the suspension arm and the chassis, using the sets of holes farthest forward, then bolt on with two #8439 blue aluminum screws from underneath the chassis. Do the other side.

MOUNT THE CROSS BRACE

2 Mount the cross brace to the front suspension using two #6917 button head screws.

UPPER ARM TO THE SUSPENSION MOUNT

Assemble the upper arm assembly to the suspension mount as shown, using the #8413 hinge pin and shims.

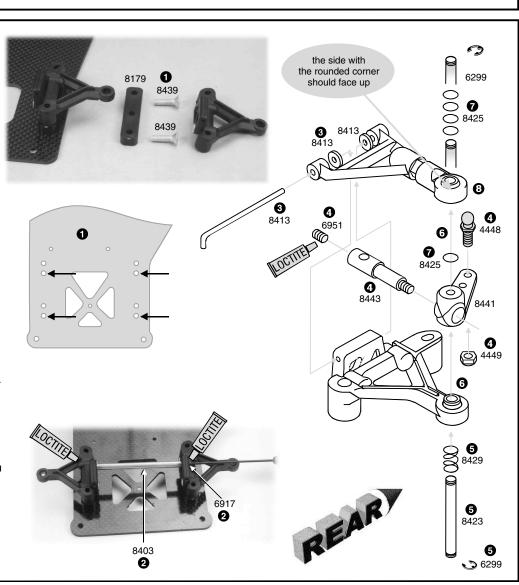
FINAL FRONT SUSPENSION ASSEMBLY

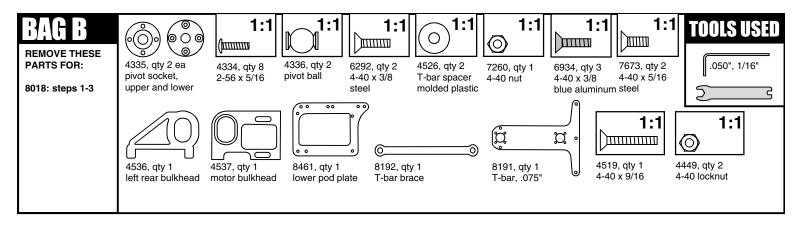
- Assemble the #8441 steering block as shown using parts #8443, 6951, 4448, and 4449. Install the ball end into the rear
- 6 hole.

Place one #6299 E-clip on the bottom of the #8423 kingpin then slide the #8429

- 6 spring over.
 - Slide the #8423 kingpin completely through the bottom of the suspension arm
- and up through the steering block. Place one #8425 shim on top of the
- 3 #8441 steering block.

Now push the upper arm over the kingpin. Place four #8425 shims over the ringpin and secure with a #6299 E-clip.

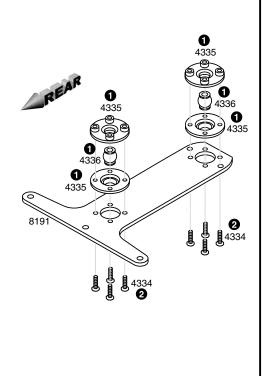




step 1 LEFT SIDE

T-BAR ASSEMBLY

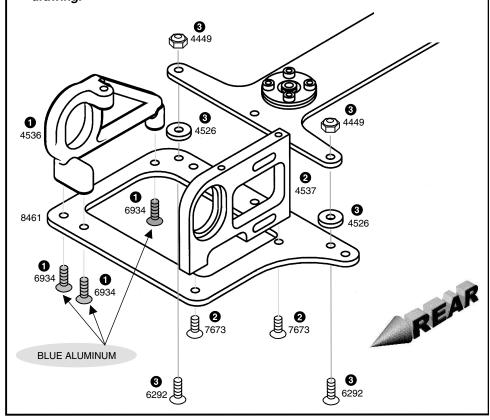
- Assemble the #4335 T-bar sockets and #4336 pivot balls.
- 2 Secure the T-bar pivot assembly to the #8191 T-bar using four #4334 screws as shown, installing both on the same side of the T-bar. The side with the screw head showing will be the bottom.



step 2 RIGHT SIDE

REAR POD ASSEMBLY

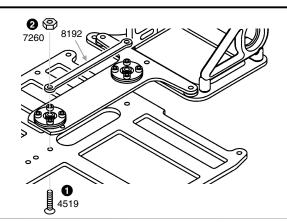
- Bolt the #8461 lower pod plate to the black #4536 left bulkhead with three #6934 blue aluminum screws.
- 2 Bolt the aluminum #4537 motor bulkhead with two #7673 screws.
- Attach the lower pod plate to the T-bar with two #4526 spacers, two #6292 screws, and two #4449 locknuts. The spacer goes between the T-bar and the pod plate. The T-bar is on top. Be sure to use the set of mounting holes shown in the drawing.

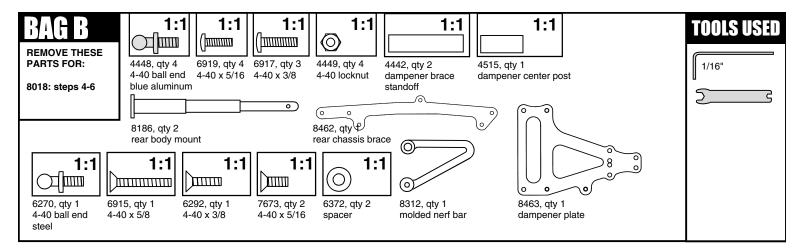


step 3 LEFT SIDE

T-BAR TO CHASSIS

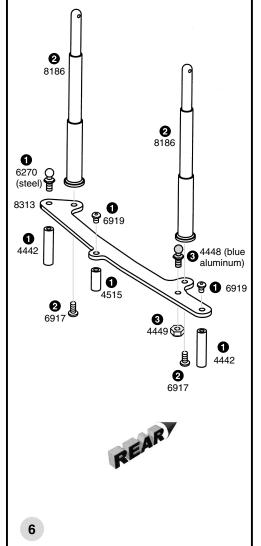
- Insert the #4519 screw through the chassis hole shown and into the T-bar.
- Place the #8192 T-bar brace over the screw and secure with a #7260 plain nut.





REAR CHASSIS BRACE ASSEMBLY

- Mount the aluminum #4442 and #4515 standoffs to the #8313 rear chassis brace with one #6270 steel ball end and two #6919 screws where shown.
- 2 Mount the #8186 rear body mounts to the rear chassis brace in the holes shown and secure the mounts using two #6917 screws.
- Mount a #4448 blue aluminum ball end with #4449 locknut where shown.

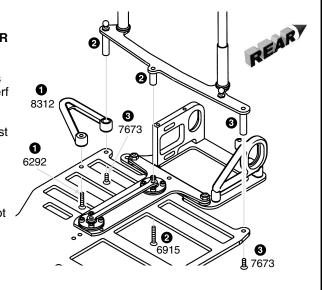


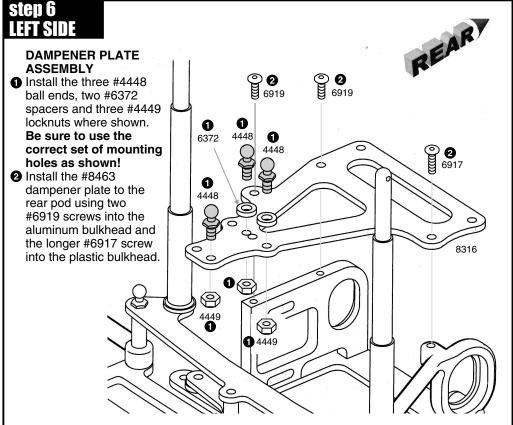
step 5 LEFT SIDI

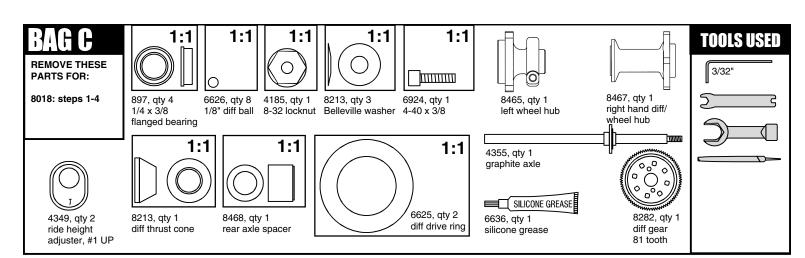
CHASSIS BRACE/NERF BAR MOUNTING

Align the #8312 molded nerf bar over the rearmost chassis holes, the large hole of the nerf bar to the rear. Mount the bar to the chassis with the #6292 screw through the forwardmost hole of the bar.

- 2 Push the outside aluminum standoff through the rear hole of the nerf bar. Insert the #6915 screw up through the chassis then into the rear pivot part of the T-bar, and screw it into the center chassis brace standoff tube.
- 3 Secure the outside aluminum standoffs to the chassis with two #7673 screws.



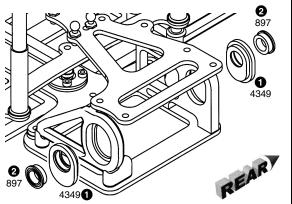


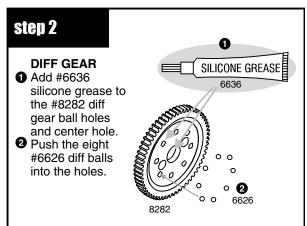


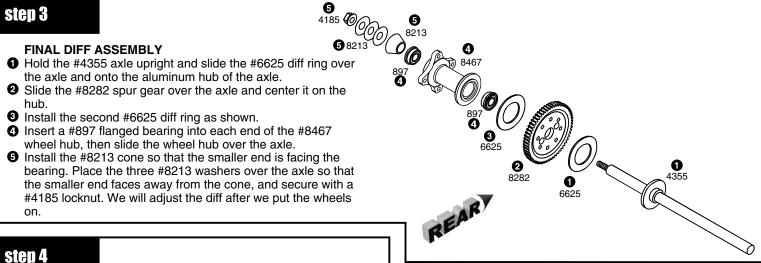


DIFFERENTIAL ASSEMBLY

- Find the #4349 adjusters that have a small #1 on them, and insert them into the rear pod. (For more info on these, see the tuning tips later in the manual.)
- 2 Insert two #897 ball bearings into the ride height adjusters as shown.







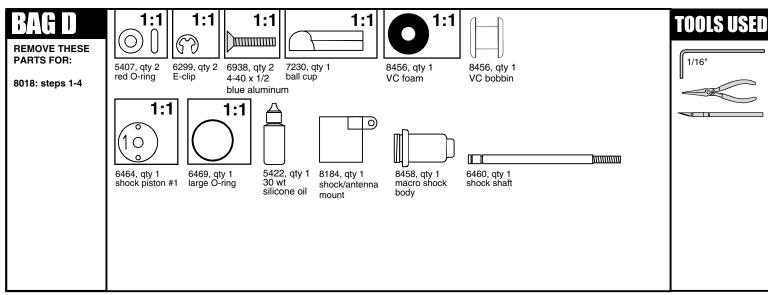
INSTALLING DIFF ASSEMBLY

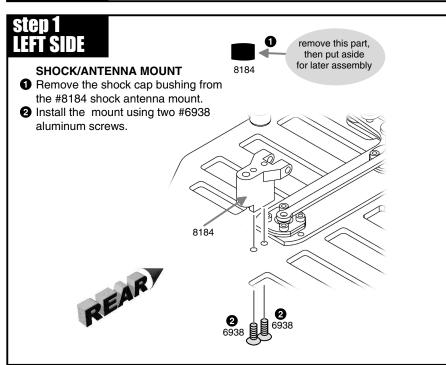
- 1 Slide the complete rear axle assembly through the motor bulkhead until it extends through the plastic bulkhead on the other side.
- 2 Slide on the #8468 left hand axle spacer, the shoulder of the spacer facing the bearing.
- 3 Install the #8465 left wheel hub onto the rear axle. Thread the #6924 screw into the hub to tighten it to the axle.

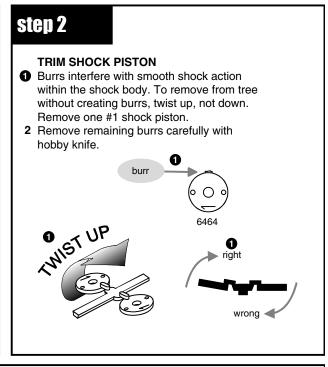
SETTING THE AXLE END PLAY

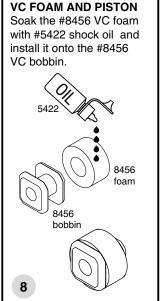
4 Make sure there is a slight (less than 1/64" or .015") amount of axle end play when tightening the left hub clamping screw.

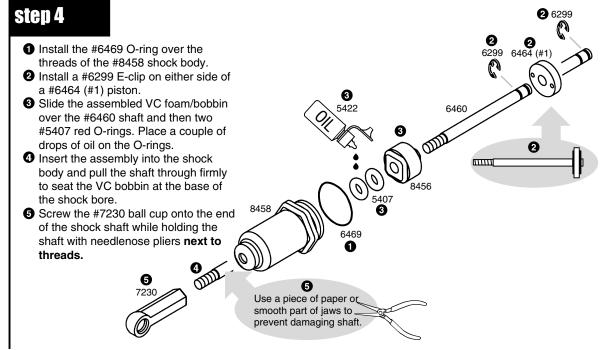
REAR VIEW SHOWN 0 8465 0 8468 shoulder faces inward 7













REMOVE THESE PARTS FOR:

8018: steps 5-7



8846, qty 1 ea. spring preload spacers, 1/4, 1/16



6474, qty 1 6474, qty 1 spring collar spring cup



7801, qty 1 4-40 x 5/8 blue aluminum



8184, qty 1 shock cap bushing



5422, qty 1 30 wt silicone oil



6496, qty 1 spring, silver



6428, qty 1 shock cap





1 8184

step 5

 Holding the shock upright, fill with oil to the top of the body.



2 Slowly move the shaft up and down several times to allow air bubbles to escape to the top.



3 Refill with oil to the top of the body.



Push the shaft up until the piston is level with the top of the body. The oil will bulge up above the shock body.



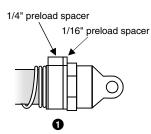
Fill The #6828 shock cap about halfway with oil and install onto the body. Try to retain as much oil as possible during assembly. The shaft will extend out as you tighten the cap down.

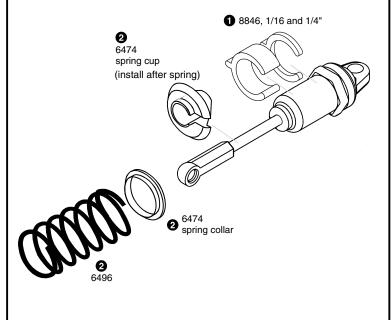


step 6

FINAL SHOCK ASSEMBLY

- Slide the 1/16 and 1/4 preload spacers onto the body.
- Slide on the spring collar, then spring, then compress the spring to add the spring cup.





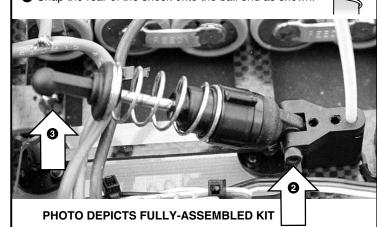
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MOUNT THE SHOCK

 Pick up the small bushing you had removed from the antenna/shock mount and insert it into the shock cap.

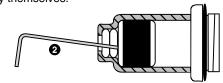
2 Install the shock cap and bushing into the antenna mount, and secure using a #7801 screw.

3 Snap the rear of the shock onto the ball end as shown.

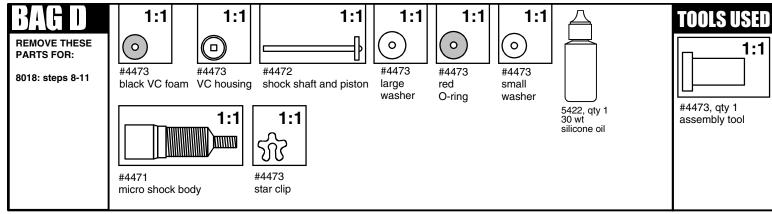


DISASSEMBLY

- 1 To take out the VC foam/bobbin, unscrew the ball cup and shock cap, and push the shock shaft out.
- Push your Allen wrench tip into the shock bottom and push the bobbin out, as shown. The O-rings should just fall out by themselves.



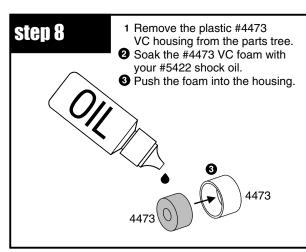
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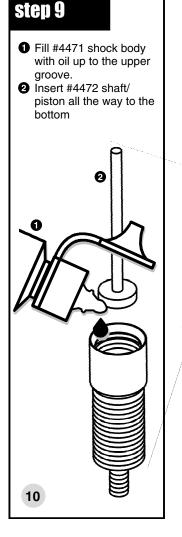


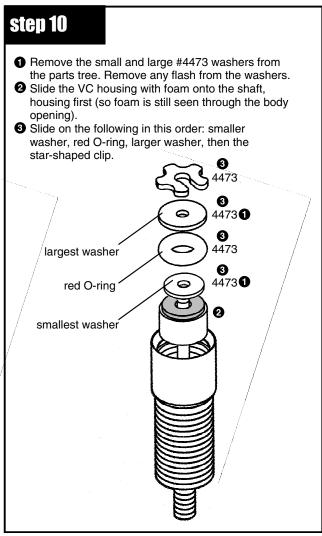
VCS MICRO SHOCK

Team Associated's VCS™ (Volume Compensating System) Micro Shock was developed as a higher-volume, lightweight, constant-travel shock to fit on most road/oval 1:10 and 1:12 cars, and provides consistently smooth, superior dampening without the need for frequent rebuilds.

The VCS™ Micro Shock body is precision-machined from aircraft-quality aluminum, and is externally threaded for convenient spring preload adjustments. Internally, the shock utilizes Associated's exclusive VCS™ volume compensating system, 7075 aluminum shock piston, molded PTFE components, and a precision-ground, case-hardened steel shock shaft which is extremely resistant to bending.

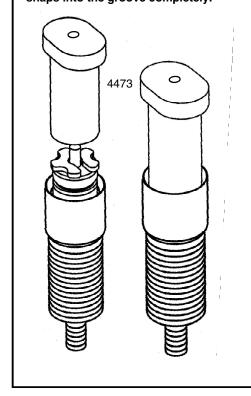






step 11

Use the assembly tool to push all the parts down into the body until the clip snaps into the groove. When you remove the tool, the shaft will push out somewhat if everything snapped into place correctly. Make sure the clip snaps into the groove completely.



REMOVE THESE PARTS FOR:

8018: steps 12-14



#6274, qty 4 ball cup



#4473, qty 2 spring adjusting nut



shock shaft end set screw

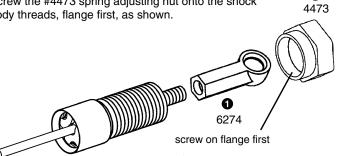
#6951, qty 2 #8451, qty 2 silver spring

.050'

disassembly rod

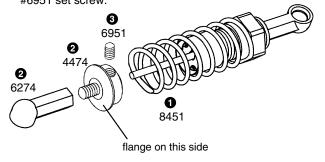
step 12

- 1 Remove the assembly tool and screw on the ball cup where shown.
- 2 Screw the #4473 spring adjusting nut onto the shock body threads, flange first, as shown.



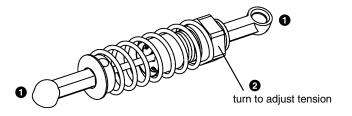
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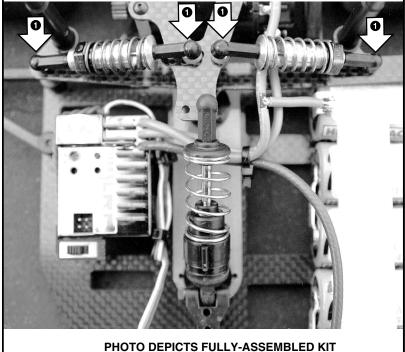
- 1 Slide the spring over the body and up against the #4473 adjusting nut.
- 2 Screw the #6274 ball cup onto the #4474 shock shaft end.
- 3 Tighten the #4474 shock shaft end to the shaft with the #6951 set screw.



step 14

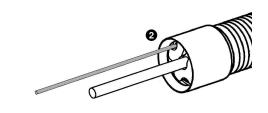
- 1 Pop the #6274 ball cups on the ball ends of your kit.
- 2 Turn the spring adjusting nut to adjust spring tension.





DISASSEMBLY

- 1 To remove the parts from inside the shock, first loosen the #6951 set screw of the #4474 shock shaft end, then slide off the shaft end and spring.
- 2 Now carefully insert your disassembly rod into one of the rounded grooves of the star clip and pop it out.





REMOVE THESE PARTS FOR:

8018: steps 1-2



6902, qty 4 3/16 x 5/16 flanged ball bearing



6924, qty 8 4-40 x 3/8



6222, qty 2 4-40/5-40 nylon locknut



#8166, qty 2 #8146, qty 2 rear wheel/tire front wheel/tire

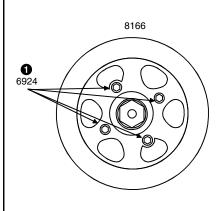


3/32"



MOUNTING REAR TIRES

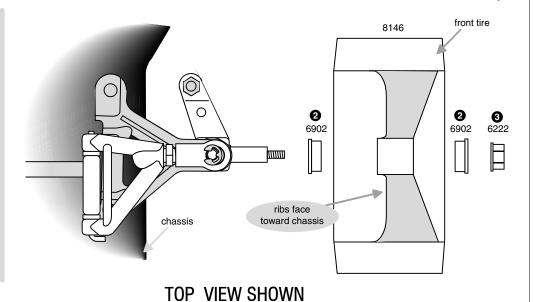
1 Install both #8166 rear tires to the hubs with four #6924 screws into each wheel hub.



MOUNTING FRONT TIRES

2 Put a #6902 flanged ball bearing into each side of the #8146 front wheels.

3 Slide the wheel on and secure it with a #6222 nut. Install the other wheel the same way.

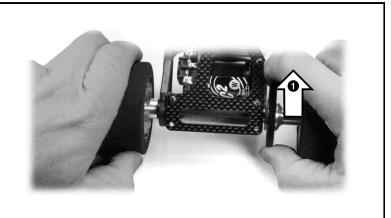


SIDE VIEW SHOWN

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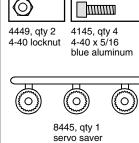
DIFFERENTIAL ADJUSTMENT

1 While holding both rear wheels with your hands as shown, use your right thumb and index finger to try and rotate the spur gear. The spur gear should be very difficult to rotate. If you can rotate it easily, then tighten the #4185 11/32" nut at the end of the axle, a little at a time, until the spur gear is difficult to rotate.

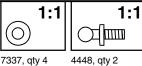




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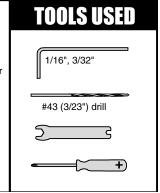


6934, qty 2 4-40 x 3/8 blue aluminum



8445, qty 1 servo saver





adapter

1:1

8435, qty 2 servo mounting block

#4 washer

DRILLING STEERING SERVO BLOCKS

1 For the 1:10 scale cars we recommend you use a larger, more standard size servo.
This would be:

Airtronics:

94102 or 94737

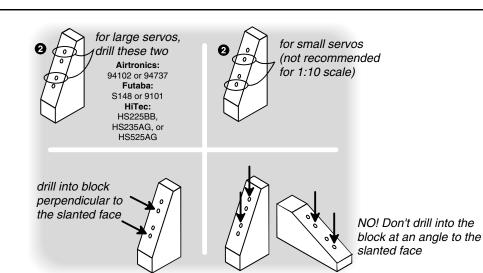
Futaba:

S148 or 9101

HiTec:

HS225BB, HS235AG, or HS525AG.

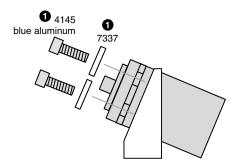
Drill two holes with a #43 (or 3/32") drill into the #8435 servo blocks where shown for your servo size. DO NOT drill at an angle to the slanted face!



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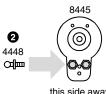
MOUNTING THE SERVO

Secure the servo to the blocks with four #4145 blue aluminum screws and four #7337 #4 washers.

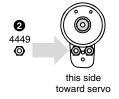


ASSEMBLING THE SERVO SAVER

2 Thread two #4448 ball ends into the front side of the #8445 servo saver. Secure the ball ends with the #4449 locknuts.



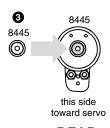
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REAR

FRONT

Try the three #8445 adapters on the servo until you find one that fits. Push that

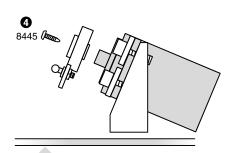


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MOUNTING THE SERVO ASSEMBLY

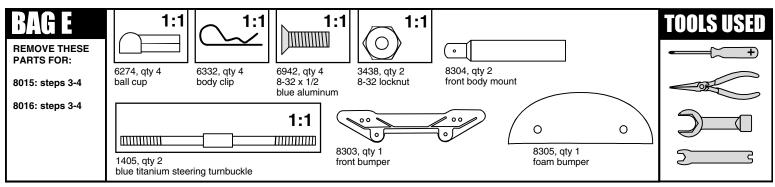
adapter into the servo saver.

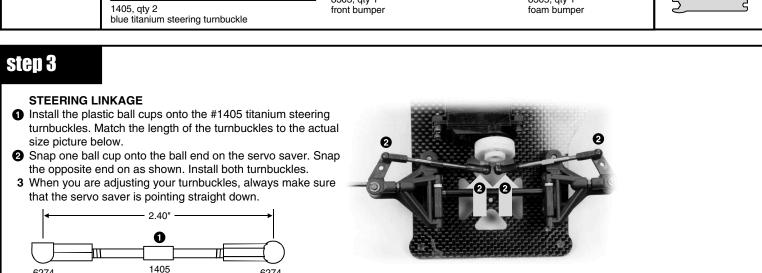
- Mount the servo saver to the servo with the #8445 screw. Note: If you have a metal gear servo, use the stock mounting screw.
- Mount the servo mounting blocks to the chassis with two #6934 screws. Be sure to use the forward set of holes in the chassis.

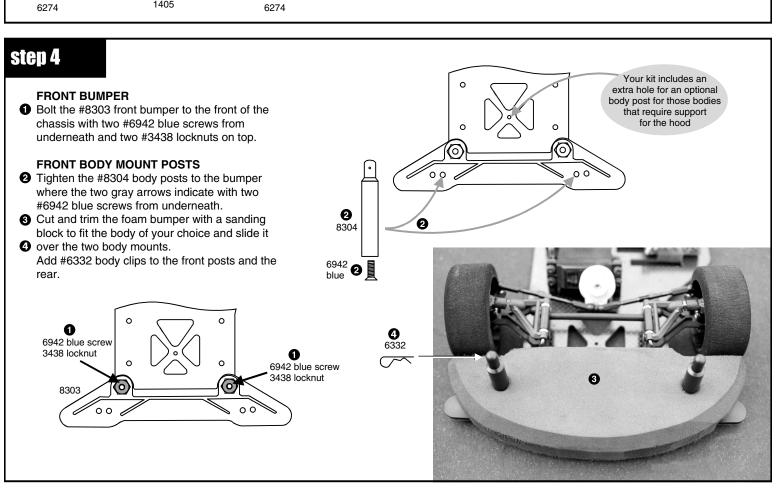












BAG E	1:1		TOOLS USED
REMOVE THESE PARTS FOR: 8018: steps 5-6		6726, qty 1 servo tape strip 3716, qty 1 antenna cap	3/32" strapping tape
step 5			
PINION GEAR INSTALLATION 1 Slide the pinion gear onto the shaft so that the gear is 1/16" away from the motor can. Tighten the set screw to hold it in place. Teeth side should be farthest from can.			
MOTOR INSTALLATION 2 Insert the motor into the rear pod assembly as shown, the pinion gear coming through the			

- right side motor bulkhead.
- 3 Tighten the motor to the bulkhead with two #6515 screws and two #7337 gold washers.
- 4 Set the gear mesh so that there is very little play between the spur and pinion gear. Note: If the gear mesh is too tight, you can lose significant power.





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