



The car whose lines revolutionised the racing world is here

## SCX® PRESENTS THE FORD ESCORT RS COSWORTH

SCX® recreates the legend woven by the Ford Escort RS Cosworth, in which the great Tommi Mäkinen made his début



SCX® launches the **Ford Escort RS Cosworth** in which the Finnish driver Tommi Mäkinen made his début, winning the 1994 1000 Lakes Rally.

The **Ford Escort RS Cosworth** is the result of an alliance between two giants of the rally world, Ford and Cosworth. This is a car with attractive lines, a 3-door coupé which combines aggression with style. Just like the real car, the decoration of the **SCX® Ford Escort RS Cosworth** adds to its competitive feel with its diagonal blue lines. Its sport wheels bear the logo of their manufacturer, Michelin, and the chassis also features a wealth of detail.



An eye-catching feature at the front of the **SCX**<sup>®</sup> car is the bank of high-powered headlights, extremely large for increased visibility during night stages. The “ordinary” lights are also unusual, with their small round shape. Underneath them the first air intakes can be seen. The second are on the bonnet, decorated with the number 7 and a large Mobil 1 logo. The **Ford Escort RS Cosworth** from **SCX**<sup>®</sup> shows the lock fitted to the real car to stop the bonnet coming open when the car passes over punishing terrain. A final noteworthy feature is the detail of the wipers on the windscreen – essential in any rally.



The top of the car is entirely white, featuring two aerials which can be removed if desired. At the back of the model the most striking features are the exhaust pipe and the two spoilers, one of them very large to generate sufficient down force and the other smaller to back it up.

The interior of this **SCX**<sup>®</sup> model includes a spare wheel in the back and the roll bars, as well as the usual detail on the driver and co-driver, the latter with a route map and both of them with helmet, gloves and safety belts.



## Track Trials



The other Ford “great” missing from the **SCX®** paddock was a 90's **Escort**. The authentic rival of Lancia, Subaru and Toyota, this is a car which meets the specifications for all 4x4 rally cars. The **Ford Escort RS Cosworth** features a double pinion system on a stable chassis with consistent behaviour.

It includes a new-generation motor. The RX-81 B, with a different internal design, makes the car nippier than ever before. After minimal running in of the double gearing of the motor against the crown gears, it moves off and adapts quickly, making the car a smoother drive. This is when we see just how easy it is to drive this **SCX®** model in “sport” style, without any surprises and with a drive which helps to gain yards reliably.



The effectiveness of the **SCX® Ford Escort RS Cosworth's** 4x4 traction is noticeable on the bends. Highly linear in its behaviour, it helps you get out of half skids simply by giving it a little gas. The model has excellent tyres fitted both front and back, a factor which helps both to hold the rear end in place and to accelerate without losing traction.

The car's system of lights deserves a special mention. It is simply spectacular to see a legendary model getting ahead comfortably on the track while showing off all the aggression of the headlights.

\* Tests conducted without supplementary magnet.

### Sport Table of Measurements

Wheelbase	79.5mm	Transmission type	4x4 double pinion
Distance	93mm	Transmission ratio	9/27 = 3
Wheeltrack	54mm	Guide type	Pivoting ARS
Wheel diameter	19.5mm	Screws	3 (0+2+1)
Car weight	86g		
Bodyshell weight	29.2g		

Motor	RX-81 B double pinion
Traction	4x4
Front	Ø 18.3 x 9.8mm
Rear	Ø 18.3 x 9.8mm

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## The Real Ford Escort RS Cosworth

The Ford cars prepared by Cosworth had already shone in 1972, a year before the world rally championship was set up, but it was not until 1994 that they earned their first victory with Mäkinen in the 1000 Lakes Rally. However, the culminating moment for this car came at the RAC Rally in the same season, when the **Ford Escort RS Cosworth** conquered the top three positions on the podium. This victory in the British event was repeated over seven seasons, giving Ford a reputation as a specialist in this terrain.

**Tommi Mäkinen** drove his **Ford Escort RS Cosworth** to a great win on his début, and the 43 year-old Finnish driver went on to win four championships, though at the wheel of a Mitsubishi.

The **Ford Escort RS Cosworth** was a car which proved to be highly effective on the road, though its first victory came on dirt tracks, in Portugal 93 with François Delecour at the wheel. But before making its début as an approved vehicle, the car went through the national competitions. In 1992 Mia Bardolet was runner up in the national championship on dirt roads.

In the world championship the **Ford Escort RS Cosworth** notched up five victories (Portugal, Corsica, Acropolis, Italy and Catalonia), which earned second place for Ford. In 1994 it won at Montecarlo and 1000 Lakes. But by then nobody could match Lancia, Toyota, Subaru and above all Mitsubishi, so in 1996 Carlos Sainz was signed. The driver from Madrid came to the Ford team with the Escort Cosworth at the end of its useful life and thinking about the Escort WRC. Sainz led development of this model, earning its only two wins.

The World Rally Championship in which the **Ford Escort RS Cosworth** competed was first held in 1973. By 1976 a total of 10 rallies were held in different countries, largely European but also including some in Africa. In chronological order: Monaco, Sweden, Portugal, Kenya, Greece, Morocco, Finland, Italy, Corsica and Britain.

In its early days the WRC was open to teams of any kind, and attracted just a handful of professionals and large numbers of amateur competitors. Today it is 100% professional and only 10 teams with about 20 vehicle take part. Just how popular the championship has become is shown by the number of countries holding rallies, 16 in all, including Monaco, Sweden, Mexico, Spain, France and Argentina.