

Welcome to the exciting world

Radio-Control (R/C) puts you in total control of a model that's just waiting for your command. You can be a pilot in your own Air Force, captain of your own thunderboat or the winning driver of a stock car, street racer or monster truck. Look through this catalog, and you'll find a wealth of hobby quality R/C models with sophisticated designs, advanced electronics and cutting-edge materials. And, whether you're looking for a little relaxation or an intense racing experience, there's an R/C land, sea or air model that's just right for you!

Some are clean, quiet **Electrics**, powered by a rechargeable battery pack, motor and speed control. Others are **Nitro** (or **Glow**) models, driven by engines that burn a special nitromethane-based glow fuel. There are even a few models powered by **Gasoline** engines.

And in addition to being able to choose a power source, you can also choose the level of convenience you'd prefer. A **Kit** is a model you build yourself. They're great for "do-it-yourself" types who enjoy working with their hands and like to know what "makes things tick." For those who prefer convenience to building, there are two choices. With a **Prebuilt, ARR** (Almost Ready-to-Run) or **ARF** (Almost-Ready-to-Fly), most building is already done and only minor assembly remains. Many include a motor or engine or other "extra". Most boats and aircraft include finishing (painting or covering), while most vehicles require it. An **RTR** (Ready-to-Run) or **RTF** (Ready-to-Fly) offers even greater convenience, as well as more completeness: All are assembled and include a motor (or engine) and radio system. However, most also include

numerous extras (including start-up DVDs) and virtually all arrive painted or finished as well. Price follows convenience and completeness: ARRs and RTRs cost more, but provide you with a model that you can take out of the box and enjoy immediately!

Of course, you can also enjoy the ease and completeness of an RTR or RTF with one of our **Ultimate Combos**. It's an easy way to get virtually all required items at a package price and ideal whether you're buying your first R/C model or need the perfect gift!

You'll find them — plus requirements, replacement parts, hop-ups and accessories throughout the Tower Hobbies Catalog and on-line at www.towerhobbies.com!



R/C on Wheels!

When you're getting started, it's best to "Keep it Simple" and that's why many first-timers start with a car or truck. They're simpler to control; after all, you drive in two dimensions, but fly in three! Plus, R/C vehicles tend to be less complex (overall!) than R/C aircraft.

But whether you run a basic truck or a high-performance machine, all drivers seem to enjoy one thing: *racing!* It can be as informal as a quick run between friends in the backyard or as organized as the IFMAR Worlds. Either way, it's always exciting.

And choices? There are **Off-Road** vehicles; *stadium trucks*, *monster trucks*, *buggies* and *truggies* (a truck-buggy hybrid) — that offer high ground clearance, long-travel suspensions and more power. **On-Road** vehicles; designed mostly for smoother, paved surfaces and more speed — with lower ground clearances and sleeker bodies. Other choices include drive (2WD vs. 4WD) and scale: everything from 1/24 and 1/18 scale minis to 1/8 and 1/5 scale giants, with 1/10 scale (the most popular choice) in the middle.

You can see them all — stock cars, big rigs, baja buggies and more on pages 120 - 147, including our newest nitro star, the 1/10 scale **TOWER Terror™ RTR** (page 123.)



R/C in the Sky!

The only thing as exciting as your first takeoff in a plane is thrill of hovering your heli for the first time. While glow power has been the traditional choice for planes and helis, huge advances in batteries and brushless motors have made EP (electric-powered) aircraft increasingly popular options.

And like vehicles, there are choices galore: micro helis and IMAA-legal aerobats, tiny park flyers and .90-size helis, easy electrics, glow favorites and gas giants, trainers, 3D stunts, exact-scale replicas and sport performers, legendary fighters, long-time civilian stars and more.

One of the very best trainers for new pilots is the **Hobbico® NexSTAR™ 46 Select RTF**, which comes with a guarantee of flying success. You can learn to fly before you even reach the field with **Great Planes® RealFlight® G3.5 Flight Simulator** (pages 4-5), how to get started (on pages 6-9) and all about every airplane and heli we offer on pages 10-88.

Please note: we strongly recommend that you learn to fly with a qualified instructor. Please contact your local flying club, There are more than 1,000 R/C flying clubs all over the country that can help you find one. Or, contact the Academy of Model Aeronautics, 5161 E. Memorial Drive, Muncie, IN 47302 (on the web at www.modelaircraft.org) for the name and location of the club nearest you.



R/C on the Water!

You can make the water boil with the AquaCraft Models™ 54" **V24 One-Design** offshore racer, be one with the wind and waves with the 26" **Paradise™** sailboat — or slip beneath them with the 4.9" **Hobbico® Sea Scout™** micro sub. And with the **King's Ransom™** pirate ship, you can be ready to weigh anchor or go on display in just 15 minutes. It's an RTR like the others — and only a small part of what Tower Hobbies can offer. Other options include a wide selection of detailed, display-quality scale kits, the tunnel hull that took the top two spots at the '05 NAMBA nationals, two battery-powered hovercraft and a 1/48 scale riverboat.

For more details, see www.towerhobbies.com.