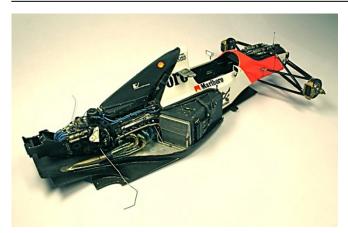


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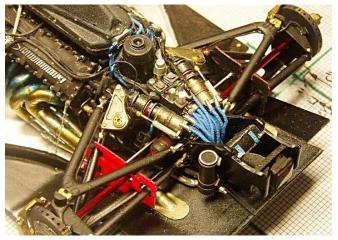


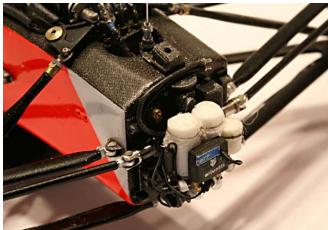


The finished model (without bodywork) has many custom metal details machined on Tom's Sherline lathe and mill. The second photo shows the presentation in Holland that won a gold medal.

Ayrton Senna's McLaren MP4/8 - GP Of Australia 1993— 1/20 Scale

Tom Castermans of Belgium is one of the many who like to take the high quality Tamiya plastic kits and use them for a basis for a far more detailed finished model. After replacing almost everything but the bodywork and basic engine components with custom made plastic and metal parts, the model come pretty close to being scratch built. This model won a gold medal at the IPMS show in Holland recently.







Above are more details of the custom components.

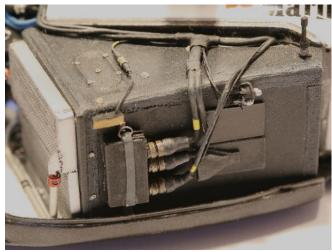
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Tom says, "This McLaren was Ayrton Senna's last. The version is the Australian GP one, which means different aerodynamics. After more than 600 hours, the only kit parts left are the wheels, the body parts, engine and gearbox casing. All other parts are home made using lathe and mill and home made PE parts."

He also used Tenco Proto 'Scale Weave', Tenco Proto flexible wire, Tenco Proto 'Scale Fabric' and Top Studio connector sets.







More details can be seen above.