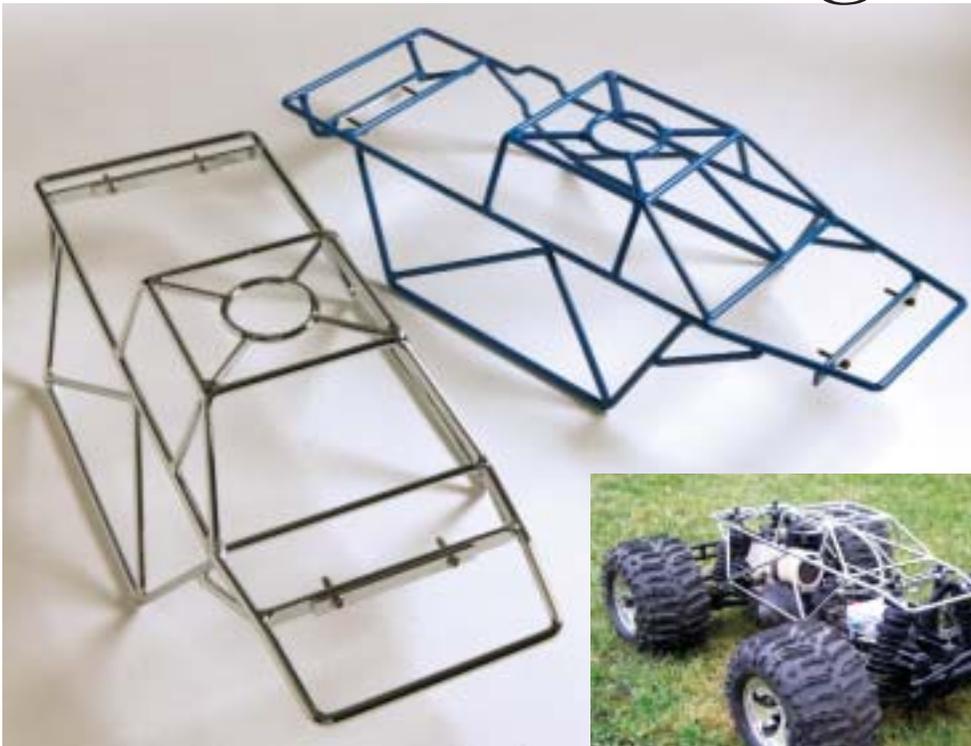


VG RACING LST Roll Cage



Over the last couple of years, *RC Driver's* Losi Sport LST has seen one astounding amount of punishment. Right from our very first photo shoot, it was, "Hey Greg, how far do you think that thing will jump?" Shortly after that, it was the star of our very first NASCAR Brickyard Challenge as I repeatedly tried to make it do back flips off of our skateboard ramp (I never did complete one). Then, it was subject of our brutal Roll Cage shootout in which we put it through the worst beating of its life, three times over, before it finally came to rest in our workshop, the guinea pig for our LST2 Conversion review. When VG Racing sent us their all new roll cages for the LST, LST2, and Aftershock, it became very apparent that it was time, once again, to pull the LST out for some punishment Erichane style!

FEATURES

VG Racing is based out of sunny Beverly Hills, CA, so it was only proper that the mirror polished chrome cage they sent us for the test had enough bling to make you say, "YEAHA! HWHAT?" Also available in bead-blasted chrome and powder-coated finishes, VG's cages feature $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch and $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch cold rolled, welded steel that makes them virtually unbreakable.

Another feature of the cage is that it is designed to fit underneath the truck's body without any modification to either, and VG's patented mounting system is designed to eliminate the need for cutting, drilling, or, in this case, disassembly of the truck. You can literally open the box and have it installed in less than five minutes!

TESTING

The hardest part of the installation was getting over the fact that it was so easy. For a few minutes, I walked around my shop mumbling, "It's really this easy? No, I must be missing some parts." Then,



the truck, I started up the engine and hit the backyard. Setting up a plywood jump about five feet high, I launched the LST off for what I like to call "back flip practice." After more than my share of WWE-style suplexes, I decided that my jump, well, it just wasn't big enough! And I knew just where to find a bigger one! One of the nicest features of my parents' detached garage is that it's built into a hill. Growing up there, that roof certainly saw the demise of many an RC car. With my jump in place on the roof, the LST went hurdling through the air, high above the driveway, just like Wile E. Coyote before he'd look down at the river far below him. After a handful of launches off the roof, my father, in true fashion, came out and yelled at me to "knock it off and get off my roof." This put an end to my test and leaves the LST and its roll cage to fight another day, virtually unscathed. ©

I lifted the LST's body posts up a couple of holes to allow enough surface for the cage's clamp-style mounts to grab onto, and I bolted up the four bolts (two per clamp) that hold the mounting bracket in place over the body posts. With the stock body (in sad shape, I might add) back on top, I took the truck outside for a test.

First, I started off doing what every cage owner wants to do, I stood on it. Well, I tried to stand on it. The cage was more than up to the task, but unfortunately, I can't say as

much for the plastic shock tower's ability to hold my nearly 200 pounds of Nathan's hot dog eating fury. With my second foot off the ground, I realize that the towers were flexing, as if to say, "Can't you just drive me like a normal person would?!"

Proving that the cage was truly stronger than

Vital Stats

NAME: Losi Sport LST, LST2, and Aftershock Roll Cage

DISTRIBUTOR: VG Racing

STREET PRICE: \$64.95

WHAT WE LIKED:

- Incredibly easy to install
- Fits under body with no modifications
- Mirror chrome finish looks stunning
- Survived me!

WHAT COULD BE IMPROVED:

- Mounting points to chassis would improve strength
- Offer anodized finishes

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