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XRAY READIES XB808 FOR 2010 RACING SEASON

AS JURAJ Hudy told us in his column last issue, XRAY found it difficult to implement major changes to the XB808 platform for 2010.

Be that as it may, the R&D boys had a very hard look at the current model and determined there were indeed areas where some refinements and improvements could be made to make it more durable and able to withstand long Main events while boosting performance in all racing conditions.

It seems quite a bit of time was spent on a redesign of the hard anodised Swiss 7075 T6 aluminium chassis.

To increase the stability and improve the handling, the chassis is now longer while the team have redesigned the weight balance, moving the engine and the weight of the car more forward with the aim of improving jumping and rough track handling.

Additionally, the rear of the chassis is now wider to increase side to side stability.

The emphasis on seeking a greater level of stability can only make the car easier to drive.

Going hand in hand with the new chassis is a new graphite radio plate with a new radio box position.

New, longer, rear drive shafts also make an appearance on the 808 2010.

There are also some new and improved mouldings.

The front and rear diff bulkheads now feature what XRAY call Labyrinth Dust Covers designed to protect the bearings from dust.

Also new are front and rear diff cases which accommodate larger, more durable 13x20 bearings.

XRAY have also upgraded the quality of the 808's front, middle and rear diff bearings and also the brakes which feature steel brake discs for ultra-efficient, fade free braking.

The car is currently in production and should be available by the time you read this.



HEI TAKE OVER XRAY DISTRIBUTION

AUSTRALIA'S leading niche distributor, HEI International, have taken over the distribution of the XRAY and Hudy range from Custom Model Cars, effective immediately.

The announcement was made late November and HEI expect to have the full range of XRAY and Hudy products in their warehouse around

the time you are reading this announcement.

"Both XRAY and Hudy are internationally renowned brands, offering top quality and luxury items much valued by racers and it is our aim to service them in a manner befitting their status," an excited Ari Bakla of HEI International told us at the announcement.