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ST RACING CONCEPTS ALUMINUM HOP-UPS FOR TRAXXAS STAMPEDE

I'll come right out and say it: the Traxxas electric Stampede is one of the most fun RC vehicles ever made. I've had at least one since the day they came out. But as good as the Stampede is, it can use some key hop-ups. Traxxas took care of most of these when it upgraded the truck to brushless power, but I've been known to subject my Stampede to some pretty serious abuse (read: skate park), so I know its weak spots. I've long wanted aluminum skidplates, and ST Racing Concepts (STRC) thankfully offers these parts and a whole lot more. Check out the beefy *and* beautiful aluminum goodies STRC offers.

INSTALLATION

The STRC parts are made out of CNC-machined 6061-T6 aluminum and are available in polished silver or blue anodized. The first thing I noticed about these parts was the fine quality. The logos are laser-etched, and the silver parts are polished and clearcoated. The finish is fantastic, and the overall machine work is as good as anything else you'll see in RC. The STRC parts are more than just strong replacements as additional mounting holes are included on just about every piece. STRC delivers improved looks, durability and functionality. All parts can be installed without any modification. It's as simple as removing the stock piece and replacing it with the new STRC part. I do recommend using thread-lock on the screws that thread into aluminum.

TESTING

For a serious test of the STRC parts, I took an early-morning excursion to a local skate park. Skateboarders apparently don't get up too early, so I had the big concrete jumps all to myself. I hit each jump, and with each circuit, I got braver with the throttle. It wasn't long before I sent the Stampede higher than any RC truck really should go, and I was having a blast doing it. We're talking ear-to-ear

grin here. As soon as a pack was spent, I strapped in another. STRC parts were subjected to a severe beating—and took it. None of the parts showed any signs of damage. I even back-flipped my STRC-equipped Stampede off a quarter pipe and up and over a 15-foot-tall chain-link fence—no damage. These parts are rock solid.

—Matt Higgins

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The skidplates are super-tough, and they look great.



STRC ELECTRIC STAMPEDE PARTS**

- » Front bulkhead (blue)—ST2530B; \$26*
- » Oversized front bumper (blue)—ST2735B; \$13*
- » Front skidplate (blue)—ST3623FB; \$20
- » Rear skidplate (blue)—ST3623RB; \$17
- » Caster blocks (blue)—ST3632B; \$16*
- » Front knuckle (blue)—ST3636B; \$18*
- » 6mm HD rear shock tower (blue)—ST3638B; \$24*
- » Front shock tower (blue)—ST3639B; \$20*
- » Rear hub carrier (blue)—ST3652B; \$18*
- » 12mm clamp-style alum. wheel hex (blue)—ST3654-12B; \$14*
- » 14mm clamp-style alum. wheel hex (blue)—ST3654-14B; \$17

*also fits electric Rustler and Bandit

**For silver-colored parts, change last digit in item no. to "S"



The rear shock tower has plenty of room to route the motor leads, and it is far more rigid than the stock tower.



The jewel-like caster blocks and steering blocks are direct fits, and they substantially increase durability.