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TRINITY
GRAND STAND

There are a lot of ways to hold an RC car up for maintenance, ranging from hunk-o'-wood technology to exotic machined-aluminum contraptions. Trinity's new Grand Stand falls between those two extremes and uses an exceptionally rigid plastic frame that magically folds flat for easy pit-bag stowage.

Instead of a flat top, the Grand Stand uses a starter-box-style peg system to prevent your car or truck from sliding around. You can rotate and slide the pegs to fit just about any 1/8- to 1/16-scale car or truck (1/16-scale minis don't quite fit). Folding the stand requires no tools and takes all of two seconds; just flip up the chassis supports, and give them a twist to collapse the stand.

In use, the Grand Stand proved very stable and strong. Even if you don't wrench on your car while it's on the stand, having it raised off the pit table frees up a lot of room for working on any parts you've pulled out of the car. The Grand Stand scores with its sturdy construction, stability and transformer-like folding function, and its \$40 price tag isn't unreasonable, considering its heft and clever design. I typically prefer stands that have trays for organizing small parts, but that would interfere with the Grand Stand's folding feature. I do miss the storage, but being able to fold the stand flat saves a fair amount of space in the trunk when it's time to go home. In all, the Grand Stand is a well-made and functional product that's worth its space on your pit table.

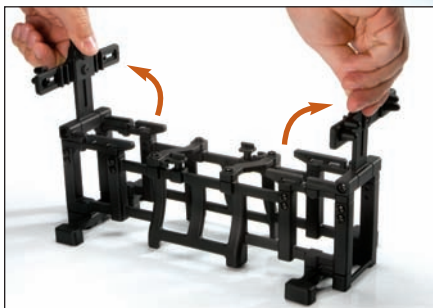
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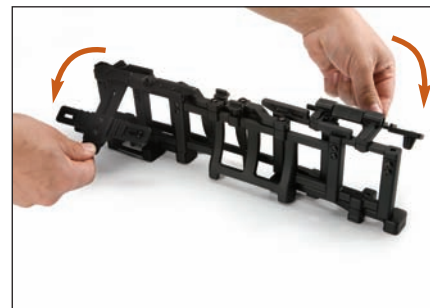
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Flip up the chassis supports ...



... give them a twist ...



... and flip the supports back down to fold the Grand Stand.