

WORLD CHAMPIONS 2002/2004



TAMIYA SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDS IFMAR ISTC TITLE

On Saturday October 30th, 17 year-old Marc Rheinard from Germany successfully defended Tamiya's IFMAR ISTC Touring Car World Championship title in Florida, U.S.A. Showing excellent control under pressure, Marc won the first and third race of the three race final, giving him the championship and Tamiya their second consecutive title.

Marc drove the race proven TRF415 which earlier this year took the 2004 REEDY Invitational Touring Car title with Surikarn Chaidajsuriya at the controls. Like the 414 that helped Surikarn win the 2002 IFMAR world title, the belt driven 4WD TRF415 exhibited exceptional reliability and speed over the course of the 2004 championships.

Following in Surikarn's footsteps, Marc Rheinard also first gained exposure to competition racing through the Tamiya World Championships, winning the European title in the Mini Sports Class in 1999 and competing in the Tamiya World Championships in Japan that same year. His success at the top level once again confirms that Tamiya not only designs championship winning R/C cars, but also develops and supports champion quality drivers.

Congratulations to Marc and Tamiya Racing Factory for another fantastic result!



Photos (Right - left): TRF415 used in finals; Marc on podium with trophy; Marc Rheinard; 12 year-old Marc at Tamiya World Championship (bib 41)