READERS' TRUCKS



With Help From Carl

Blair E. Debois III, started his letter by telling us that he did all the work on his '88 F-150 with just a little help from his best friend Carl. Among other modifications, the two guys installed Cragar directional wheels and 31-inch tires, a Lund visor, a chrome bed bar with KC lights, and a pushbar with brushguards. The interior features a chrome chainlink steering wheel, a custom shifter, and a JVC stereo system. A Cabernet Red body and blue undercarriage highlight Blair's ride.

Cowboy Extended Cab

Rick Burton of Deer Park, Texas, has tricked out his '90 Chevy sport truck with rock deflectors and window vents, custom slotted headlight and taillight covers, Owens Classic Nightlife running boards, slotted steel bedrails, a Customliner bedliner, 3½-inch-diameter chrome exhaust tips, vinyl graphics from 3M, front bucket seats with an ice chest console, a wood-grain dash cover kit from Build-It Products, and a JET computer chip. Rick also noted on the list of modifications that he had installed a custom cowboy bumper. Does that mean it has horns, or wears a hat?





Royal Coach

This '89 S-10 Blazer is owned by Kevin King of Livermore, California, and it's loaded with goodies. It's been dropped 4 inches in front and rear, and it uses KYB shocks, blocks in the rear, and Bell Tech spindles up front. A full set of ground-effects panels adds to the road-hugging look, and the ride rolls on 215/60R15 tires and Pure Rims that are 15x7s. The S-10 was repainted a darker blue than stock, and Herb Martinez did the graphics. At that time, the custom tube front grille was color-keyed to the body, and '87 IROC-Z side mirrors were installed and painted. The stereo system includes a Sony CD player, Kenwood amps, and MTX speakers. A custom steering wheel, door and dash inserts, and billet aluminum pedal covers trim the interior. It's all protected by a Clifford alarm unit.



Gale Force

This '92 GMC Typhoon has been lowered 2 inches in the rear and %-inch in front to further the ground effects of the body styling. A bigger rear antisway bar and rear wing add stability, and the stock wheels have been custom machined and polished. Performance alterations include a custom 3-inch-diameter cat-back system, a custom-made Ram Air duct, and a host of Kenne-Bell products such as a performance PROM chip, injectors, fuel-boost pump, cool-air intake system, underdrive pulleys, and electronic fuel-management system. This Typhoon recently won First Place in a local SCCA autocross and took fast time of the day, beating some Corvettes by a full 2 seconds over a 40-second course. And this hot truck is proudly owned by Jim Longwith, of Rock Hill, South Carolina.