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With any sport truck build, the first thing you need is a plan. Often the easiest way to formulate a course of action is to have a commercial artist unleash his or her artistic skills on a high-quality rendering of your truck that experiments with different combinations of wheels, tires, body mods, paint, and graphics. This type of illustration not only gives you an idea of what you're getting into but lets

you take a look at what you're gonna get when you're through.

Case in point: This '93 Chevy C1500 started out as a bone-stock vehicle but was soon transformed into a premier custom sport truck by Jeff Biane at Belltech in Fresno, California; Jeff Gangwish at Paintin' Place, also in Fresno; and artist Kristina Biane, who conceptualized the House of Kolor paint scheme. Thanks to its careful design, the paintwork really stands out. But the makings of a true sport truck aren't just in the

paint but in the entire package of components, so it's important that everything is compatible.

Giving this truck a severe case of the lows—suspensionwise that is—was the top priority. This truck gets down and dirty with 2-inch dropped Belltech spindles and 3-inch dropped springs for a 5-inch drop in front, while a Belltech 6-inch flip kit and 1-inch dropped shackles bring the rear end 7 inches closer to the earth. A set of Nitro-Drop shock absorbers and larger-than-stock Belltech front and rear antisway bars round out the suspension tweaks. For rolling stock, Center Line Cobra wheels measuring 17x8 were placed in front and shod with BFGoodrich Comp T/A P235/45ZR17 rubber, while the back received larger 17x9.5 Center Line wheels covered in BFGoodrich P275/40ZR17 skins.

After the truck received a suspension alignment, it was driven over to Paintin'

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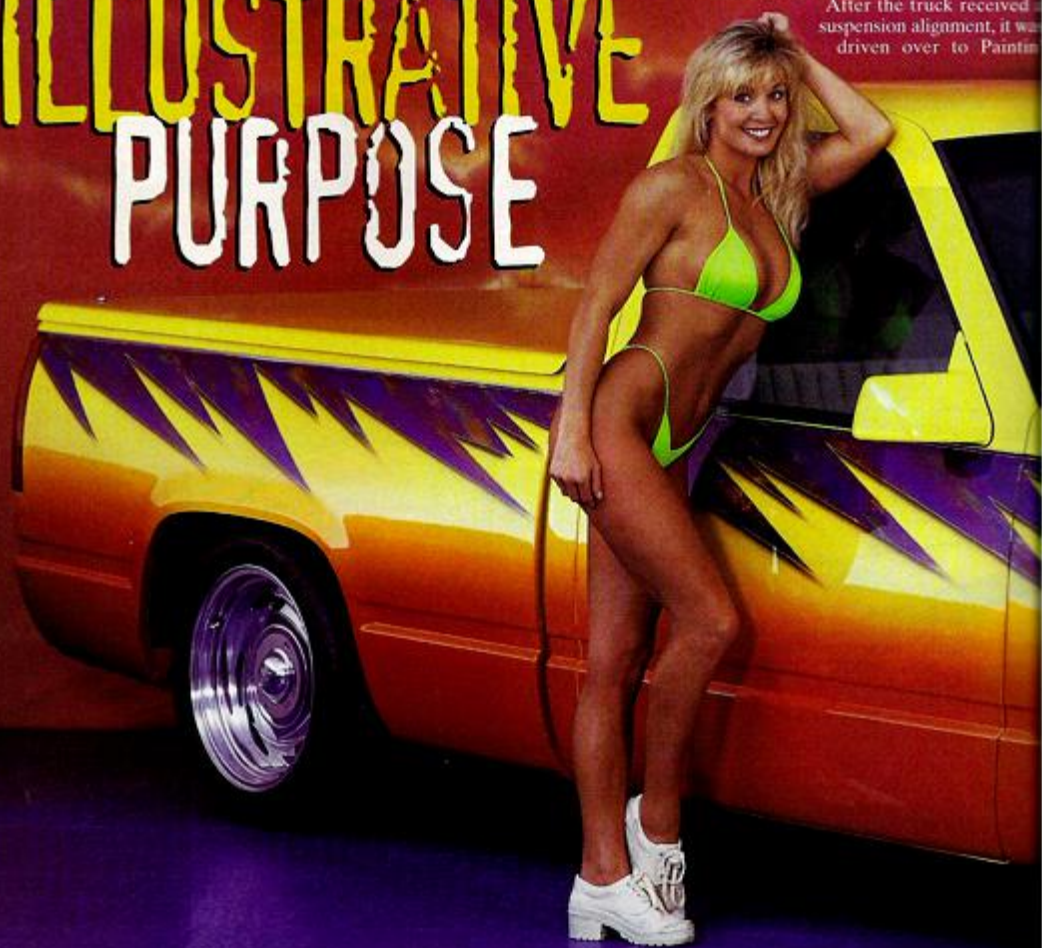
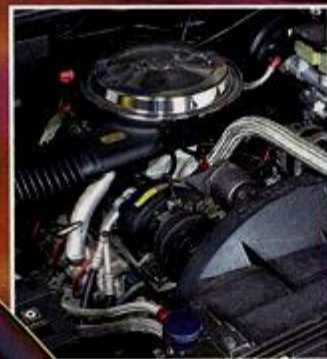


ILLUSTRATION: KRISTINA BIANE



Specifications

Vehicle	'93 Chevy C1500
Engine	5.7L V-8
Transmission	4L60E
Suspension	
front	Belltech 2-inch dropped spindles, 3-inch dropped springs, Nitro-Drop shock absorbers, and sway bar
rear	Belltech 6-inch flip kit, 1-inch dropped shackles, Nitro-Drop shock absorbers, and sway bar
Wheels	
front	17x8 Center Line Cobra
rear	17x9.5 Center Line Cobra
Tires	
front	P235/45ZR17 BFGoodrich Comp T/A
rear	P275/40ZR17 BFGoodrich Comp T/A
Paint	House of Kolor

