

EVIL ZEE



Regular readers will recall that after last year's CES show we featured one of the star cars, a wicked Blaupunkt VW. Here we are a year later, and with another Blau showstopper... the evil Zee.

If you've been with us a while, you may remember that Blaupunkt decided Fast Car delivered the best ICE coverage around and paid for me and Spike, plus two lucky competition winners, Amy Hornsey and Justin Hawkins, to travel to Las Vegas for last year's Consumer Electronics Show – the biggest toy show on earth. Some 150,000 trade and press only types go there each year to see the latest in technology in every field from mobiles to home theatre and from computers to ICE.

Before we move on, let's wind the clock back. The image of Blaupunkt in Europe used to be a bit farty. They were the sort of

brand people expected to see on the stereo bolted in a new car – they sure weren't seen as a cool aftermarket player. But time has moved on, and all that has changed. Blau now have the hard-hitting Velocity line of hi-lightweight Class T amplifiers and other cool stuff like the first ever see-through cones and chassis woofers. Last year they really stamped their mark on the scene with an out-there Mk2 Golf GTI and VeeDub van of sickening quality on their stand. Both these rides stopped the breath in your chest and went on to star at other shows all year.

So, with Blau kicking it hard over the last few years, they had to really stun CES visitors

this year. And my how they did! The weapon they used on the punters is called Evil Zee, a 1999 Chevy Cavalier... and a total showstopper. Poor this way, of all the cars at the show, the pinnacle prize was won by the Alpine car we carried exclusively last issue, and then there were ten others. They were not supposed to know the order the cars were in, but I found out that this was car #2 in all of the lists. Once

again, UK ice car builders, read, weep, then learn, learn, learn from what yet another crucial planet-grade star father and son team have achieved.



BRILLIANT

STYLING

Get the term correct, they are not Gull-wing doors like on the De Lorean and Mercedes 300SL, rather Scissor doors like those on a Lamborghini. This was done for the installers by Robert Colwell at JC Customs, the sort of place you can go into and say, "Rip my gold-darned doors off please, mister" and they will. Heck, they'll even motorise them if you feel so bold. They did, it was something to witness happening and drew a crowd to their show stand each time they whirred into action.

There is loads of unique stuff for this look, of course. How about a Mitzl Eclipse kit as a pattern for the front air dam and Honda Civic kit as the side skirt provider? These are melded into place by sheer modification-labour and skull sweat to create the one-off effect, as was the Prelude-derived boot spoiler. It wears Lexus IS300 tail lights and Nissan Silvia headlights.

The doors and boot lid are shaved and smoothed so as not to obscure nor impede the flowing lines of the House of Kolor-Pagan Gold, Pagan Green and custom airbrushed bodywork. That'd be JC Customs again, who can take the task from angle grinder to the third layer of polished lacquer. This is right in yer face, making a statement, and the statement is, "AAAAARRRRGGH!!!"

A real Lexus cluster conversion is normally an impressive mod, but on this beast, it's simply a small detail.

CHASSIS

On the deck, a set of Toyo's finest Proxes TI-S of 235/2819-ness sit around a set of bling Racing Hart C2 hoops. For stopping with, you can see

SSBC calipers and 13-inch discs within at the front, with 12-inch discs at the rear. Of course there's air ride suspension all round; controllable (get this)

from the built-in Sony Vero laptop computer or via another one on a podium outside at shows. For all the performance and tuning, this car can now

only do two quarter mile runs, as it has a relocated fuel cell type tank of only six gallons capacity to allow all the other stuff to fit!

BOB MULL, 21

HOW DID YOU GET INTO CARS?

"Through the doors, dude. No seriously, I had an accident in my car and had to fix it up."

WHAT'S BEST, ICE OR STYLING AND PERFORMANCE?

"I am more a tuning and styling dude, that's where it all begins for me."



DRIVER SPEC



And you thought having a few Samco hoses under your lid was pretty pimp!

TUNING

Here's why it uses six gallons in an angry half mile. There's an updated Mitsu turbo, a venom VCN2000 Nitrous Oxide injection kit and Accel Generation Seven programmable fuel injection kit. Engine-wise, there's a custom built crankshaft, with prower rods and JE Pistons. Powder coated intercooler tubing for the huge Spearco intercooler and Python Designs hose locks mean 360bhp at the rear wheels before you sock up an extra hundred laughing gas meddies. It's a Pepperami job. Love those one inch thick Plexiglas Nitrous bottle holders.

Blinded out bonnet latches are going to be all the rage next year.



INTERIOR

This is where Bob Mull and his dad, Larry, got to work. Starting where your arse goes, the seats are new retrimmed Sparco jobs. All surfaces you see around you from these seats are special rebuilds. Nearly the entire interior is taken up by no less than thirteen perfectly fashioned and neatly interlocking painted panels of car body filling materials: GRP, Durglass and Bondo. Bonfied with love and something of their souls went into the curves.

Check out the mad one-inch Acrylic bent and lit bars, used to make the roll bar and in the door handles. The front passenger has a motorised tray table open up before them, but it isn't for having a meal on. It's covered in a techy Carbon Fibre-look leather and the Sony Vaio lap top is wedged in like it was born there. Very sexy.

The dashboard is the most

major construction, being a totally new item, with amazingly curvy places for all those gauges (14 in total) to go, lots of lit up bits showing off things like the Blaupunkt logo and all topped off with a mad carved Plexiglas steering wheel.

Perhaps I should mention here the five motorised amps that go up "n' down, as these are not part of the system. Despite being actual lovely Blaupunkt Class T amps with lamps and strobes inside, they do fuck all except look cool. The actual driving ones are hidden away out of sight. The blinging beauty isn't just the cabin interior but the under bonnet area too, which is lovely and gets its own singing speakers, as does the inside of the boot lid with speakers and screen just for those stood behind in all directions, you can see shirley. Welcome to Indiana.

In America, they went berserk when the gorgeous Ms Jackson showed off a nipple. ON PURPOSE! AND WITH A JEWELLERY THING ON! However, if you went to the AVN awards dinner in Vegas while we were there, you could hear porn stars making speeches as they accepted their business "Oscars" for such things as best anal scene, best blow job, best girl-on-girl and so forth. They are far more foreign than the

Fresh,
Bless 'em.



You saw it here first... neon roll cages are going to be the essential mac daddy accessory in '04.

Oddly enough, the basic dashboard array looks almost sane. We find a Blaupunkt Chicago DVD deck – IVDM7002 – in the dash, which leads all audio in the car and supplies sound to the speakers. There are speakers in the boot and engine bay as described, as well as in three other paired locations through the car, to whit, dash, doors and rear.

There is also a pair of games systems, X-Box and PS2, as well as four other DVD-ME2 player decks about the place to feed lots and lots of screens in all directions. There are three 5.8-inch IVMS-9803s, and get this, twenty-four IVMS-6502 6.5-inch screens as well. There's even a reversing and a front-pointing camera. A screen in the boot floor can only show this rear camera's output to entertain rear show viewers, and there's a

massive 17.2-inch Kon screen inset into the boot lid and the rear deck gets no less than seven screens in a row, with another four in the boot lid.

Doors and amp racks alike get screens sunk into them. They show different things depending upon the switching, which would take a week to record and is all about the brilliant A/V switcher that Blau make. Stinger wires and batteries and a six Farad capacitor bank supply and deliver power to the five hidden, working amps. There are two

class T4100 models and four T2150s. The 4100s are used to drive two each of the serious ODW1200 12-inch woofers in the superb build in place of the rear seats, while the four channel 4100s drive the rest of the speakers. One of them takes the four extreme corner speakers – those under the boot lid and bonnet. Being a set of ODX402 4-inch coaxes up front and a set of ODC650 components to the rear. These ODC650s are used in the rear quarters, and two sets in the front, all driven from the other 4100. The overall effect, as you can see, is just pure show-off overwhelm. We love it!

CHEVROLET CAVALIER 1999

CHASSIS

19-inch Co by Racing Hart, wrapped in Toyo Proxes T1-s in 235/35ZR19

TUNING

2.4-litre 4 pot

ICE

Blaupunkt Chicago IVDM-7002 DVD deck with TV screen, X-Box, PS2; Blaupunkt DVD-ME2 DVD player X4; reversing camera. Three Blaupunkt IVMS-5802 5.8-inch, twenty-four IVMS-6502 6.5-inch plus screen on the 7002 DVD deck. And one Kon 17.2-inch rear boot lid. Twenty nine in total and the record for our ground breaking magazine! Cameras in boot and front, amps in view are DBAs but motorised to move up and down like pistons. Boot and doors are motorised, as is Sony Vaio drawer. Full computer control of active suspension and all features including Nitrous venting from front. High pass and low pass filters on the Blaupunkt Class T amplifiers. TravelPilot DV-V navigation deck. Five that do nothing and six that work! Two Class T model 4100 and four 2150s. Blaupunkt Overdrive ODC650component sets times four, plus one set of ODX402 4-inch coaxes and four slim Overdrive ODW1200 12-inch woofers. 2,000-watts and nearly 150dB.

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The whole interior was carved out of the world's largest emerald... no, not really you sponge!

"WELCOME TO INSANIA"



This is the nav unit, which helps you, er, navigate or summit. We're not sure how you get the map out of it?



Yeah you're right it does take the piss a bit dunnit.



Just the three screens in the boot? What a cheapskate!

