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69 Malibu

I sold my original 69 Malibu in 1980 just after my daughters were born as it really wasn't a true family car. In April of 1997 I acquired another 69 Malibu with no drive train, tranny or front clip. Slowly I started to take it apart until just the frame was left. The frame was blasted and coated with Epoxy primer then finished with Imron Black. Suspension components were upgraded with polyurethane bushings and a disc brake conversion from a 70 Wagon. At this point I decided to make it into a "Super Sport Tribute" including front and rear sway bars, boxed control arms and a 3.73 Posi rear.



While the interior was out, the doors, trunk and behind dash were painted with rust resistant paint. Over the next three years the body was slowly completed including an original fender, SS hood and grill. During this time various engine and tranny parts were being attained.



It now sports a TH 400 transmission with a few upgrades. The engine of choice was a 427 incher. All engine parts were new with the exception of the block and heads. Compression ended up at 10 to 1 with 450 horsepower and 499 pounds-feet of torque.

New wiring was installed throughout and a set of factory gauges finishes off the dash. Interior components were replaced including a set of buckets instead of the bench seat. New chrome all around including bumpers and guards. Tinted glass finished off the exterior look.

My wife Judy made the important decision of the color so it received a coat of GM Dark Blue with a little pearl, finished off with three coats of clear and a vinyl top. Exhaust is a Flow Master system comprised of mandrel bent 2.5" pipes. It is held to the road with P255 front and P255 rear skins mounted on a set of Corvette Rallies. It has been know to slip a little in first, second and third gears.



We needed some serious tunes for cruising so the stock radio was replaced with an AM/FM unit including a 10 disc CD changer in the glove box. Since the car was finished in June of 2001 we have been enjoying Cruise Nights and Shows whenever the opportunities present themselves.

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