

SOME LIKE IT HOT

To take a traditional looking car and create a hot rod or custom car demands some serious dedication, hundreds or even thousands of hours of work and a certain design flair, not to mention a high level of engineering skill. The results can be truly impressive and if you want to turn more than a few heads as you cruise by, there are few better ways than this.

To some auto enthusiasts, this is tantamount to desecration of the original car, but it must be remembered that many of the vehicles that have been modified in this way would have ended up in the scrap heap long before now if it hadn't been for the restoration work carried out by the owners.

There are many aspects to creating the perfect custom car. Starting with an original chassis or replica is the first decision. The power unit is also important as engine size and shape must be compatible with the frame. Many of the cars follow a set of style rules which include: Up-rating running gear, with lowered suspension, removal of bumpers, the addition of alloy wheels, and of course a colour scheme that demands the immediate attention of anyone within a half mile radius!

For the really adventurous, the car can be augmented by chrome engine parts, tinted windows, removal of door handles (doors welded or activated by solenoids), a pretty awesome sound system and a nitrous oxide injection system which in short bursts can offer a 500% increase in power without damage to the engine.

