

DEMOLITION

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The big, brash and unapologetic Ford Excursion certainly took the already excessive SUV craze to monster-sized proportions. The gargantuan 9-seater truck is almost 10,000 pounds and can carry the contents of a 1-bedroom apartment with ease. Don Brooks of Big Tyme Industries aimed for this Excursion to tower above all others on a grand scale.

After three dedicated years, his Excursion went from a capable diesel hauler to something rarely seen on city streets. "I'm married with 5

children and needed a big vehicle... so I chose the Excursion for obvious reasons at the time," says Brooks. The diesel engine makes loads of power and is great for hauling around town. Brooks wanted to build something that would stand tall and stand out as a rolling billboard for his company, showcasing the capabilities of what they can build at Big Tyme.

The custom work started on the motor first, as the diesel now cranks out enough torque to pull down a large house. The intake was replaced

with an Airaid unit and the exhaust is a heavy duty MBRP stainless steel 4-inch turbo back with a menacing 6-inch tip. "It's straight piped and sounds like a jet plane while it's turbo spools up!" smiles Brooks. Industrial injection was contacted for some bigger injectors and a new tune to add 60 more horsepower. When the dust settled, the mighty Ford 6.0L diesel laid down 468whp with a staggering 937lb-ft of torque!

With almost 1,000 pounds of torque under the hood, Brooks did not pull any punches on >>



the exterior of the truck either. Starting with a blacked out Harley Davidson Edition Excursion, he left most of the truck black but added splashes of color. More specifically, House of Kolor Champagne and Bitter Sweet II by Super Stripes in Las Vegas. After the work was done, many coats of clear with wet sanding in between meant the paint would have a mirror gloss finish.

For suspension, an Icon Vehicle Dynamics lift kit raises the spindles 10-inches from the Excursion's stock ride height. A set of Fox Racing shocks were added for rough terrain and Icon sway bars to keep it from tipping over. Stepping up, Brooks sourced out a totally custom design of Weld Racing 24x12-inch wheels, ensuring these are the only four in existence! The custom rollers are wrapped in Toyo Open Country mudders, measuring 37x13.50R24 all around. All that extra weight at each corner meant it was also time for a brake system upgrade in the form of a Ford Racing set-up featuring 14-inch rotors with high performance 4-piston calipers.

The inside of the Excursion was like nothing we have seen in a while with its functional yet wild approach. Fat Boy Customs in Las Vegas, NV completely gutted the interior of the beast and got to work recovering or redesigning everything in sight. The seats were recovered in Black Tuscan leather with Crocodile skin inserts by Katzkin. The whole interior is recovered in tribal theme suede from top to bottom and every panel in between.



ROLLIN' DEEP //
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Finally, the stage was set for a monumental multimedia install. Something that the audio experts at Soundstream would gladly handpick for this project and spend hundreds of man hours completing. The headunit is the legendary Soundstream VIR-7355NRBT unit featuring a double-DIN LCD for high quality video and navigation. The sound processor is a Soundstream BX-4EQ which, cleans up all of the audio signals from the source unit.

From there, the lows head to twin Soundstream TRX-1000D amps where the signal is boosted before it feeds twin Soundstream TSQ 124 12-inch 4-Ohm woofers with dual voice coils. The vented >>



THE ESSENTIALS ✕
OWNER DON BROOKS
LOCATION MESA, AZ
VEHICLE 2005 FORD EXCURSION
HARLEY DAVIDSON EDITION
POWER 468WHP with 937LB-FT

ENGINE & PERFORMANCE
 Ford 6.0L PowerStroke V8

ENGINE MODIFICATIONS
 Airaid Intake
 MBRP 4-inch turbo back exhaust
 Industrial Injection fuel system

WHEELS, TIRES, BRAKES
 Weld Racing 24x12-inch wheels
 Toyo Open Country 37x13.50x24-inch
 mudgers
 Ford Racing 14-inch/4-piston brakes

SUSPENSION
 Icon Vehicle Dynamics lift kit
 Fox Racing shocks
 Icon sway bars

EXTERIOR
 Mirror gloss Champagne and Bitter Sweet II
 House of Kolor Paint
 Paint by Super Stripes of Las Vegas, NV

INTERIOR
 Black Tuscany leather with crocodile
 skin seats
 Suede door inserts
 Suede headliner
 Mercedes-Benz deep pile carpet

AUDIO / MULTIMEDIA
 Soundstream VIR-7355NRBT head unit
 Soundstream BX-4EQ sound processor
 Soundstream TRX-1000D mono amps x2
 Soundstream TSQ 12-inch subwoofers x2
 Custom vented enclosure with over
 1200 LED lights
 Soundstream TRX-4x420W amps x2
 Soundstream Tarantula 6.5-inch
 speakers x12
 Soundstream dome tweeters 1-inch x12
 Soundstream Tarantula 6x9-inch speakers x4
 KnuKoncepts wires and fuses
 Kinetik HC600 batteries x2
 Kinetik HC2000 battery
 Soundstream VHR-79 touch screen monitors
 Soundstream VCM-13DBGs monitors
 Soundstream DVD unit

SHOUTOUTS
 Super Stripes of Las Vegas, NV
 Soundstream Audio
 Kinetik Battery



AUDIO ASSAULT //
 Since space wasn't an issue inside the Excursion, the amps feed an army of booming speakers including 12 Tarantula TRC.60C in the doors and cabin along with a dozen 1-inch dome tweeters! The rear fill is facilitated by four Tarantula SST6-9 speakers mounted in the rear of the cabin.

HOUSE OF BOOM // The lows head to twin Soundstream TRX-1000D amps, where the signal is boosted before it feeds twin Soundstream TSQ 124 12-inch 4-Ohm woofers with dual voice coils. The custom vented enclosure is jazzed up with over 1,200 LED orange lights placed around it which totally sparks up the entire install.

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The mids and highs are delegated to Soundstream TRX-4.420 twin amps. Since space wasn't an issue inside the Excursion, the amps feed an army of booming speakers including 12 Tarantula TRC.60C in the doors and cabin along with a dozen 1-inch dome tweeters! The rear fill is facilitated by four Tarantula SST6-9 speakers mounted in the rear of the cabin. The system is

connected with KnuKoncepts wiring, fuses and distribution blocks all ignited by a pair of Kinetik HC600 batteries with an additional HC2000 lurking under the hood. There are a number of additional monitors and multimedia systems found throughout the cabin as well. The front monitors are Soundstream VHR-79 touch screen monitors, while the rears are VCM-13DBGs all fed by multiple source units including a Soundstream DVD unit in the rear console.

Performance, sound, style and a whole lotta attitude is really what this build is all about. With no plans for slowing down, look for this big rig at MECA and IASCA car audio events near you. *PAS*



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 AUDIO GEAR REVIEWS, NOVEMBER 2009

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