

# Hot Sauce: This Chevy Packs a Wallop From Roof to Rocker

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Crafting a custom truck takes mixing just the right combination of mods to pull off a look that will drop jaws and not appear overdone. Eric Conner from So Cal Suspension in El Cajon, California, owns the bright red, chopped and body-dropped Bow Tie beauty radiating off of these pages, and the truck is proof positive that the “less is more” theory applies to more than just the application of aftershave.

Eric purchased the truck from friend Omar Aramburo who had picked it up from Jason Fry of No Regrets truck club. The C/K had a great start with the rockers planted and a roofline haircut by Max Fish, Steve Wilk and Jon “Chip” Sanchez of Bio Kustoms. The custom bones were there just wrapped in a flat black package and sitting on four different spare wheels. The truck was badly in need of color, some solid rolling attire, interior and finished detail.

For color, former owner Omar Aramburo delivered the truck to WWC just five days prior to the Forbidden Fantasy show. Omar, along with Dave Turner and Nick Gardener, landed on PPG Torch Red as the color of choice to blanket the shaved and smoothed metal landscape and thrashed on the truck to make the FFF debut.

Fast-forward 6 months, Eric’s name was on the title, and it was time for him to put his stamp on the truck. A pair of 22 x 9-inch Redsport RSW77 wheels mounted on Nitto P235/35R22 front and P245/35R22 rear rubber tuck deep into the fenders when the rockers head south. Bio Kustoms performed all of the chassis and suspension work to get the ’rails on the ground and the rockers level with the tarmac via a traditional 3-inch body drop. McGaughys dropped spindles, airbags and Bilstein shocks handle front suspension drop and control, while the rear is hammered using airbags and a custom link set up by Bio Kustoms. The fenders were rolled and reinforced for clearance and strength.

To finish the truck off, Eric delivered it to Aemando Sarabia at Lindy's Auto Upholstery for a striking combination of black leather bordered with red piping combined with gray carpeting. The combination provides a striking balance to the bold and bright exterior. Al 'n' Ed's Autosound installed a Pioneer head unit, Rockford Fosgate speakers and amplifiers feed the juice via Rockford Fosgate wiring, Stinger battery and sound deadener.

Eric Conner's custom C/K is the perfect blend of subtle and radical mods covered in a simple monotone and stuffed with classy and cool style. Eric would like to thank his wife Sage and his kids for always supporting him; the crew at Bio Kustoms (Max Fish, Steve Wilk and Jon "Chip" Sanchez) for the suspension work, chop and body mods; Dave Turner, Nick Gardner and Omar Aramburo at WWC for the paint and body work; Gabe Agosta for the trick pinstriping; Aemando Sarabia of Lindy's Auto Upholstery for the sick threads; Rob Waite of Al 'n' Ed's Autosound for the killer beats and everyone else who has supported him along the way.



A 3-inch chop top performed by Bio Kustoms uses the stock glass and sets this C/K apart from the custom pack.

Truck Specs  
Owner  
Eric Conner  
1998 Chevrolet C/K 1500  
El Cajon, CA  
Fellas CC  
  
Engine  
5.7L V-8 350  
K&N intake  
Custom exhaust  
Flowmaster muffler



#### Suspension

Shops: Bio Kustoms/So Cal Suspension

McGaughys dropped spindles

Air suspension

3-inch body drop

Custom rear link setup

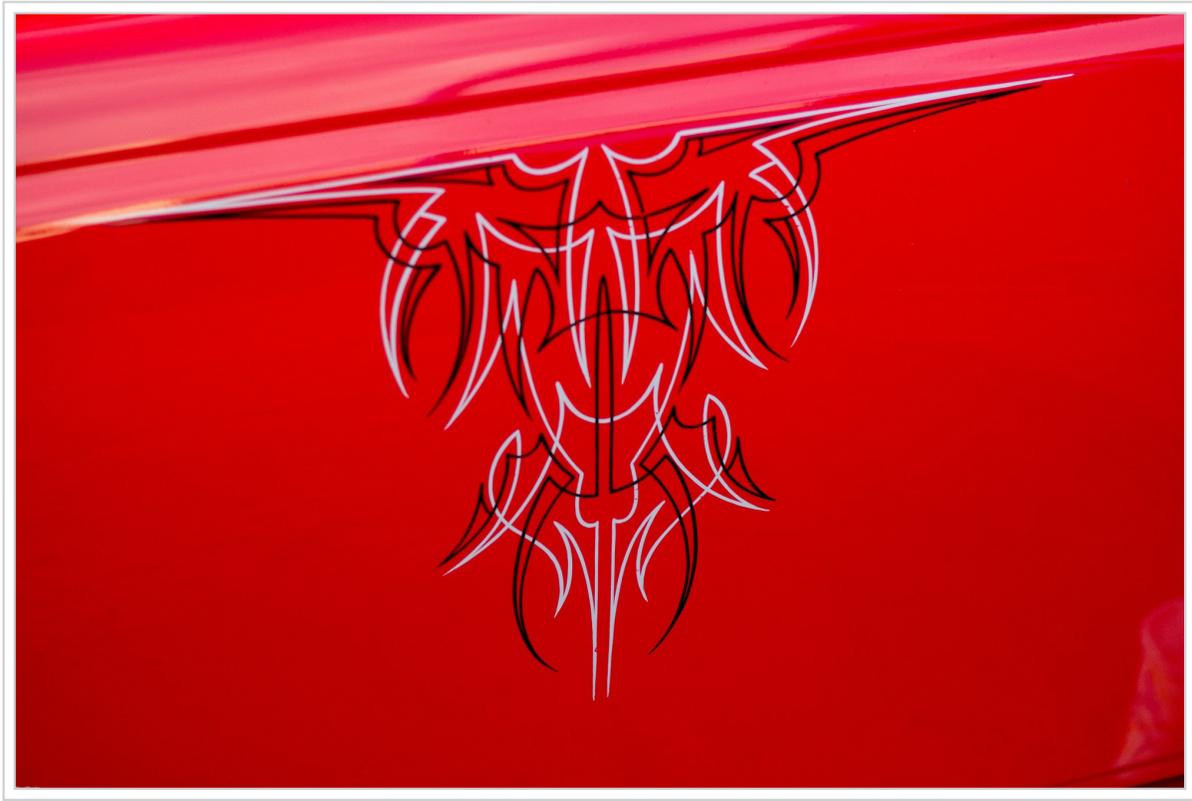
Bilstein shocks

Copper hard air lines

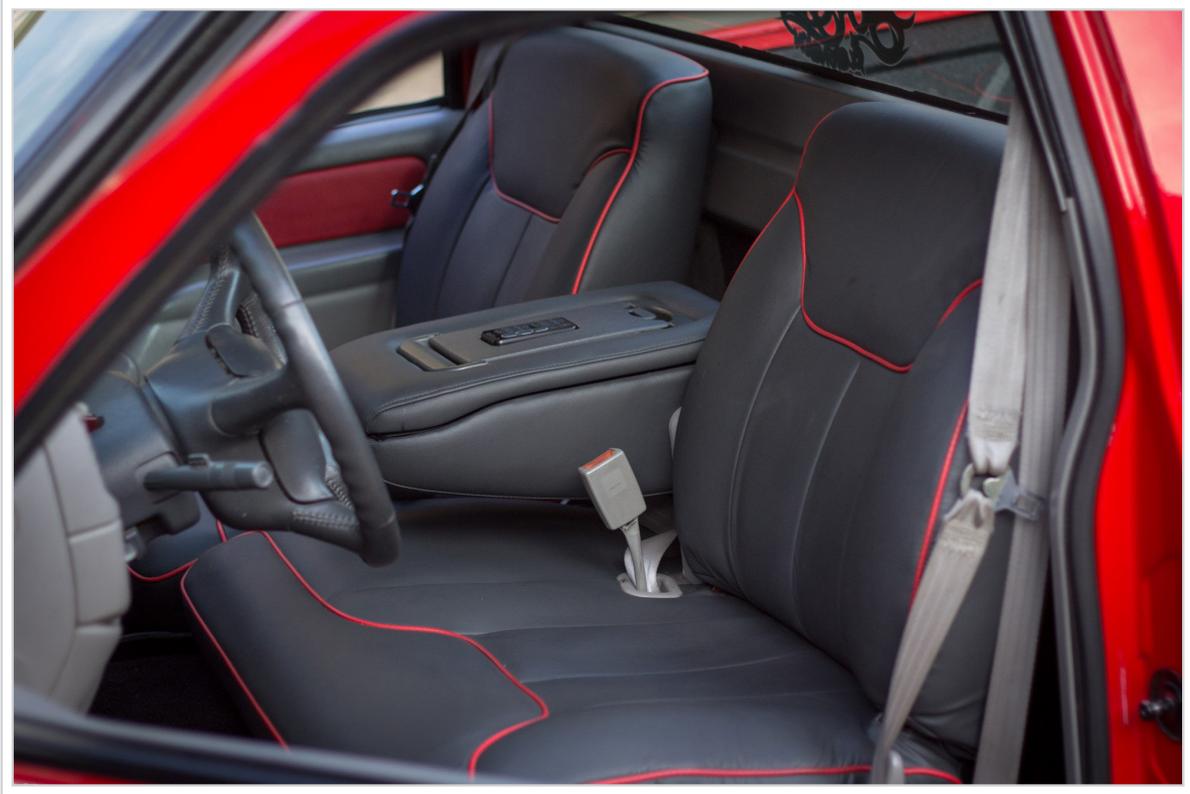
Accuair VU4 valve block



Wheels & Tires  
22 x 9-inch Redsport RSW77 wheels  
Nitto 235/35 & 245/35R22 tires



Body & Paint  
Shops: Bio Kustoms/WWC  
3-inch chop top  
Shaved door handles  
Grant Kustoms roll pan  
Rolled and reinforced fenders  
Raised bed floor  
Shaved tailgate  
Shaved gas door  
Shaved stake pockets  
Motorcycle mirrors  
PPG Torch Red  
Custom black/white pinstriping by Gabe Agosta  
Line-X Bed by Dallas at Line-X of San Diego



#### Interior

Shop: Lindy's Auto Upholstery/Al 'n' Ed's Autosound

Black leather with red piping

Gray carpet

Pioneer head unit

Rockford Fosgate wiring

Rockford Fosgate speakers

Rockford Fosgate P2 subwoofers

Rockford Fosgate P300.1 amplifier

Stinger battery

Stinger Road Kill sound deadening

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