

Throwdown Holley LS Fest 2012- 2000 GMC Sierra

8th Place - Junkyard Dog

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When it comes to building custom trucks, most owners try for a consistent and unified style with two or three colors. Chris Volponi went in the opposite direction, and purposely built his truck with panels in nearly every factory GM color, earning it the nickname “the clown truck”. However, once it hit the track, this 650hp turbocharged monster’s performance was no joke. With a gargantuan 88mm turbo setup and built LS1, it sports a surprising amount of custom fabrication under its multicolored panels. The Sierra placed midpack in autocross, slalom, and speed stop, but Chris dominated the dragstrip with consistent 11-second runs and the fastest trap and reaction times. This was enough to earn an Eighth Place slot, a position that Chris intends to improve upon at next year’s THROWDOWN.

Year/Make/Model:

2000 GMC Sierra

Owner and City/State:

Chris Volponi Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Engine

Type: 5.7L LS1, forged pistons and rods, ARP main and head studs

Heads: 6.0L LQ9 heads

Cam: LS6 from a ZO6

Induction: Precision PT88 88mm turbo at 12psi, 1st-Try Engineering custom turbo piping, high-flow air filter

Exhaust: 1st-Try Engineering custom 4-inch exhaust with 4-inch diesel muffler

Cooling: 1st-Try Engineering custom air-to-air intercooler setup

Fuel System: Dual Walbro fuel pumps, 65 lph injectors

Ignition: Stock coil-on-plug

Engine Management: Factory ECM tuned by FJ Performance

Output: 650 whp (est)

Built by: Chris Volponi/The Auto House

**Drivetrain**

Transmission: Built 4L80E with Jake's Performance shift kit

Rearend: 10-bolt with 3.73 gears, Detroit TruTrac, Yukon axles, welded axle tubes

Chassis

Front suspension: McGaughys 2-inch drop spindles, McGaughys 2-inch lowering springs, Belltech Street Performance shocks

Rear suspension: McGaughys flip kit, weld-in C-notch, Tahoe rear sway bar with custom-fabricated mounts, Caltrac traction bars

Brakes: Stock with power Hydroboost conversion

Wheels & Tires

Wheels: Cadillac Escalade 18x8

Tires: Nitto 555R 295/45R18, slicks for dragstrip

AUTOCROSS TIME: 50.47 sec

QUARTER-MILE TIME: 11.58 @ 123.63 mph

(Fastest ET, reaction, and trap speed)

SPEED STOP TIME: 9.68 sec

SLALOM TIME: 9.29 sec

SHOW & SHINE: No points earned



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