

## DAN'S GOLF

(PAINT) JOB'S A GOOD 'UN

To be honest, I was nervous, very nervous, as I went to pick my car up from Avon

Customs. But as I opened the door to the bodyshop there it was... My car but a thousand times better. I needn't have worried. The colour (BMW Ambr) looks more stunning than I expected, and the paintwork is damn near perfect. I've yet to find a single atom of overspray and because the car was so well prepped, the paint finish is just fantastic. They don't sell the cheapest paint jobs around, but the quality really is top drawer.

Smoothed away are the side rubbing strips, rear badges and ugly wing mounted aerial. Now fitted are a set of G60 arches, some delocked door handles (rear handles but on the front - cheap and easy) and a pair of tinted spotlamps from the German Car Company. I reckon the result is subtle but stunning and I am one very happy man - especially as there is more still to come...

### SPEC CHECK

#### DAN'S GOLF GTI 8V

TOTAL WEIGHT 1200kg (1200kg)  
 TOTAL WHEELS 4x18 (18x7)  
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#### ENGINE

1.8ltr 8V, drilled air box, Magnex exhaust system (down pipe back) with 6x4in oval tail pipe

#### BRAKES

Red+Dot Generation Discs, Red+Dot XE fast road Kevlar pads all round

#### SUSPENSION

Patec Suspension system from German Car Company, 60mm drop, Bonrath top mounts

#### WHEELS AND TYRES

7.5x18in ACE 197 HB alloys  
 215/35x18 Toyo Proxes T1-S tyres

#### INTERIOR

Revolent steering wheel, Richbrook gear knob

#### EXTERIOR

Respray and bodywork by Avon Custom Engineering, debadged rear, G60 arches (German Car Company), removed door bump strips, delocked handles, clear front and side repeaters, M3 style rear clusters, cross hair headlights, Bonrath de badged grille, Bonrath single wiper, SR window film, Ultra OTM mirrors, tinted spotlamps

#### ICE

Kenwood KDC-6080R head unit, Fusion FS-652 6in two ways in, Audiocore door pods, Fusion FS-593 6in in Auto Acoustics shelf, Clifford Virtual Key Immobiliser

#### Thanks to

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**AVON WHO?**  
 Avon Custom Engineering is based in Claverham just south of Bristol and they certainly know their stuff when it comes to painting cars. They also offer other services including fitting bodykits, special effect paint jobs, tints, re-trimming and one-off bodywork mods. They've worked wonders on my Golf and I definitely recommend them if you're after a top quality job. If my car's anything to go by we're going to be seeing a lot more of their work soon. Give them a call on 01934 830188.

Had it not been for the wheels, Dan wouldn't have recognised it in the workshop



We challenge you to find a ripple or run

**THE RIMS**  
 Seen these sexy 7.5x18in Hyperblack Ace 197 alloys anywhere before? Regular readers should remember them from Sona's cover A5 a couple of issues back. I challenged her to an arm wrestle and won, so now they're mine!! They set the car off perfectly and tuck under the flared arches a treat. It was a tricky job to get them fitted and involved cutting the arch lips away almost completely. Because the car is 60mm lower than standard, careful use of offsets and 6mm spacers at the back were required to prevent the evil scrubbage. Top of my wish list now are a collover kit and some big brakes - time for a whip round.



Dan is proud of his sparkling rim



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