

BUY THE BOOK!

Haynes have transformed a £200 munter into a show-stopping stunner for their latest Max manual. But will a book about Novas really sell? Of course it will...



£200 MUNTER

A FEW MONTHS AGO, WHILE the rest of us worried about Saddam's weapons store and a supersonic meteor heading for Burnley, the inhabitants of Sparkford, near Yeovil, had something altogether bigger on their minds. Local employer, Haynes Publishing, were supporting the lavish lifestyle of the locals by selling shitloads of the first Haynes Max Power manuals. Inside the books, they told you lot how to modify Saxos, Corsas, Golfs, Clicos, 306s and, most recently,

Escorts. But what would be next? The villagers had got used to the clider, the turnips, the new wheelbarrows, and they'd be damned if they were going to give them up. So, the pressure was on at Haynes HQ. Then, only weeks later, the Department of Modifications stunned the village with an announcement of some surprise ... 'Our new project car,' they said, lifting a shimmering blue sheet, 'will

be called the Haynes Vauxhall Nova.' A silence ran through the crowd. Someone even laughed. The Haynes boys had clearly lost the plot. But, on its Press unveiling at Max Power Live 2003, >



MAX METAL
HAYNES' NOVA



Wire-eating spanner moved in for the kill



The engine kept a clear head...

Planet Max clearly disagreed. As Bob points out: 'Taking an angle grinder to a £200 Nova makes much more sense than sticking up a £6000 Saxo. The lad's got a point. Work on an old motor like the Nova and you'll have no airbags, no seatbelt pretensioners, no model-specific stereo slots and no ECU to top up your progress. It's also free of power steering

air con, ABS and the engine's a damn sight easier to work around. That's not to say there aren't problems, though. 'We spent a couple of hundred quid on a snappy 1.2-litre Lotus to prove that you can transform a munter into a minter,' remembers Bob, 'but the head gasket pooped on the drive home and tin worm had eaten away at all the usual Nova rot spots.

Undeterred, Haynes gave the Nova pride of place in their immaculate workshop, where rumour has it, they do actually eat their dinner off the floor. With the head fixed and the rust patched, it was time to hatch a plan. Being purely a show car, the 1.2-litre car's engine would, they decided, remain as standard, save for a thorough steam cleaning and a spot of Tube-it paint to tart up



Nova-caned



From shed to red, interior leaves 'em for dead

BODY BITS

Here's a behind-the-scenes look at turning a £200 sh into a show-stopper...



It looked blue in the mirror



Sheriff measured the sc marks for clues...



Bill had the job taped

FREDDY KRUEGER'S SWEATSHIRT

the hoses. But the bodywork was a different matter entirely, so a Bat Motorsport kit was ordered straight. The rear bumper and skirts were simple jobs. The front bumper, however, was wide enough to fit a Hummer... 'When we offered it up to the car you could easily get a hat between the wing and the bumper - on both sides - but it looks top now it's finally

on,' laughs Bob. With other styling mods limited to little more than a single wiper, DTM mirrors, and stacks of smoothing, it was down to the House of Kolor paint to do the talking. And after a few weeks with the guys at Avon Custom Engineering, it was job done. Looking like Freddy Krueger's sweatshirt, with trademark slashes to match,

the California-style two-tone is one of the most perfect jobs you'll ever see. Considering the bodysheds been more batterings than a kiddie fiddle in Strangeways, that's some achievement. But the ride height was still a match for North Sea oil platforms, so Haynes swiftly dropped the Nova on Avon colovers before liding the Wallace Urban Racer 7s.

They then ripped out standard front seats and replaced them with G buckets, while Alpine and DD Audio ICE took from the rear. Now, with the main bookshops around the country, it's over to do Sparkford's village favour. Get a Nova, bits and buy the be



Luke was getting a bit near the buckle...

LUKES are more than a handful

- HAYNES' NOVA**
- » **ENGINE** 1196cc, 4-cylinder, 8-valve
 - » K&N panel filter - steam-cleaned
 - » MHW Tube-it spray painted hoses
 - » red detailing on rocker cover
 - » red spark plug leads - Rage 4in exhaust back box
 - » **TRANSMISSION** Standard 5-speed
 - » **SUSPENSION** Avon colovers - GMP strut brace

- » **BRAKES** Front - Red-Dot grooved discs and pads - colour-coded calipers - rear - standard drums painted red
- » **WHEELS & TYRES** 7x17in Wallace Urban Racer 7s - 205/40 ZR17 Avons
- » **BODYWORK** Bat Motorsport Bat 2 kit, including both bumpers and sideskirts blended and tailgate

- » spoiler - indicators removed and replaced by oval side repeaters
- » meshed grille - RGM headlight 'brows' - de-badged, de-locked
- » LED washer jets - Monostyle single wiper - smoked side repeaters
- » Demon Tweaks DTM-style cup mirrors - rubbing strips and aerial removed - LED shark fin aerial

- » ABC Design smoked rear lights
- » smoothed tailgate with numberplate removed and relocated to bumper with Venom Motorsport recess added - two-tone House of Kolor Shimlin Galaxy Grey and Blue/Blood Red with slash marks - Novatech filler cap - four Folia Tec under-car neons - ABC Design pace car strobes

- » **INTERIOR** Lockwood red dial kit - dash detailed in Folia Tec silver spray - MOMO Trek steering wheel - MOMO Raptor gearknob and MOMO Pitstop handbrake - red alcantara trim on glovebox, gear/handbrake gaiter, doorcards and ICE - Corbeau Sprint bucket seats with Luke harnesses - centre console with

- Richbrook starter button and two Folia Tec kill switches for under-car neons - in-car neons
- » **ICE** Alpine single-CD head unit - 3x Boss amps - 3x 12in DD Audio (no longer in business) subs - Boss front components and rear mids
- » **SECURITY** Microscan alarm
- » **PERFORMANCE** Max power -

- 55bhp - 0-60mph - 14.5secs - max speed - 94mph
- » **THANKS & FREE PLUG** Avon Custom Engineering (01934 830100 or www.avoncustom.co.uk)
- » Eurostyling (Folia Tec) - Richbrook (020 8543 3711) - Avon (01604 709101) - K&N (01925 636950) - Rage (0870 8400091) - Wallace

- (01621 843770) - Cooper Avon (01225 703101) - ABC Design (01928 427010) - Red-Dot Racing (020 8888 2354) - MOMO (01268 784410) - Corbeau (01424 854499) - Venom Motorsport - Raid - Microscan alams - LA & RW Piper - all the Haynes team, including Carol, Bob, Emmeline, Pete and Paul

HAYNES MAX POWER VAUXHALL NOVA

- » **AGE** New-born
- » **JOB** I'm a book
- » **HOW MUCH DO YOU COB**
- » **BARGAIN** Yes, I think so
- » **CHEERS** I haven't finish
- Buy me from your local He you'll be entered into a dr the famous Haynes Nova
- » **YOU'RE JOKING?** No, I'm