

SOME PEOPLE GET THEIR KICKS KNOCKING BACK A FEW DRINKS ON A SATURDAY NIGHT. MARK SAWBRIDGE GETS HIS THRASHING THE NUTS OFF HIS FAST AND FURIOUS SUPRA REPLICA

**R**emember the scene in *The Fast and the Furious* where the Supra pulls up next to the truck and that cheeky monkey jumps on board to try and rob it? It all goes pear shaped and they end up fighting while swinging from the back of the truck. It's one of the coolest scenes in the film. So we thought we'd recreate it. Only this time, instead of DVD players the truck was carrying pet food, and we were in Leicester rather than California. Oh yeah, and the car was a UK-built replica...

We featured the original nitrous fuelled monster back in Issue 42. It had mad looks, a mental interior, and it was no surprise that it went straight to the top of peoples' wish lists. And most of us left it at that. But not Mark Sawbridge.

He paused the DVD, nipped to the paper shop, got himself an Autotrader and began looking for a Supra. His mission was to build his





The Supra's winter coat...

PAINT

After hearing great things about Avon Custom Engineering, Mark entrusted them with the job of transforming the dull white coupe into a bright orange street racer. The Suprastore.com in the US wouldn't give the exact paint code so Avon Customs spent ages getting the closest match possible. The standard of workmanship has to be seen to be believed - these boys do things properly.



...and the Supra's Fast and Furious coat



own *Fast and the Furious* replica. Mark wanted a high-powered base car for the conversion. There would be no point having a non-turbo car which looked the bollocks but didn't have any grunt. So he went for ready modified import. *Japvillage.com* sourced a motor with a reputed 600bhp, and the project was on.

We first saw the car eight month's ago when Mark brought it along to *Redline Records 3*. It looked every inch the Jap street racer. But after a few disappointing runs it clearly wasn't running as it should. But big respect to Mark for treating his new toy with no respect! He went away disappointed, but even more



In town the Supra caused many young chaps to walk into lampposts

determined to build a show stopper. Mark spent the next few weeks doing some research - basically, watching the DVD over and over again. He soon realised a) that there was no real storyline to it and b) that he had his work cut out getting the bits. But he didn't give up. While the rest of us were

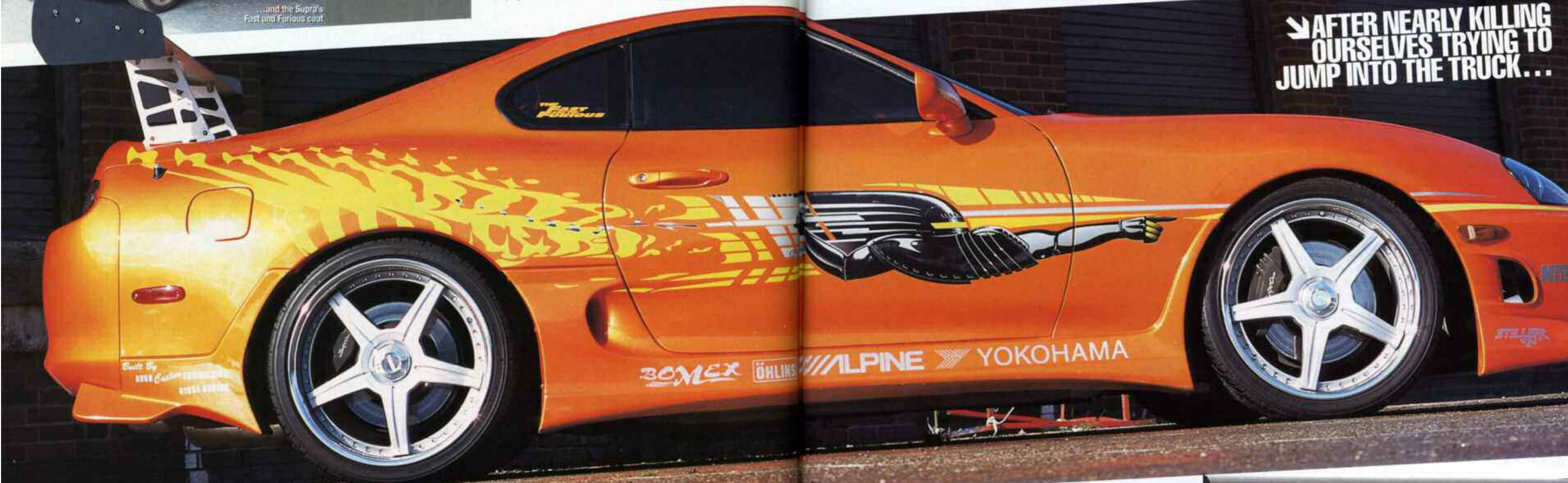
searching the interweb for naked dwarf wrestling sites (*no, that's just you - Dan*), he'd already contacted the *Suprastore.com*. They shipped over the original bodykit, spoiler, bonnet and wheels. The car then went to Avon Custom Engineering, who

THIS ONE'S MINE MARK SAWBRIDGE

Contrary to his surname, Mark has never seen a bridge. Although he did once chop suey and has been known to break wind.



AFTER NEARLY KILLING OURSELVES TRYING TO JUMP INTO THE TRUCK...

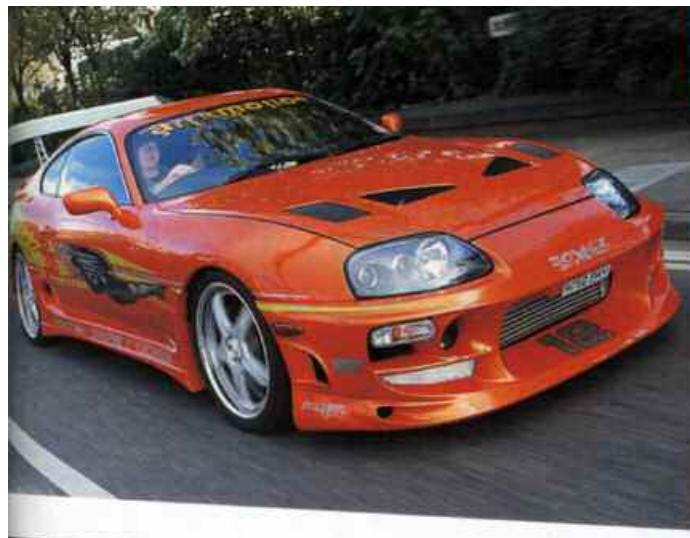


The headlamps nestled safely in their glass cocoon

BODYWORK

The Bomex bodykit was shipped over from the States. That's the front bumper, sideskirts and rear valance, together with the huge APC rear spoiler and TRD bonnet. Avon Custom Engineering fitted everything and made a few other mods like relocating the side repeaters and fitting late spec headlights. For the finishing touch the graphics were added before the windows were treated to tinted smash resistant film. And the result? A top quality *Fast and Furious* replica.





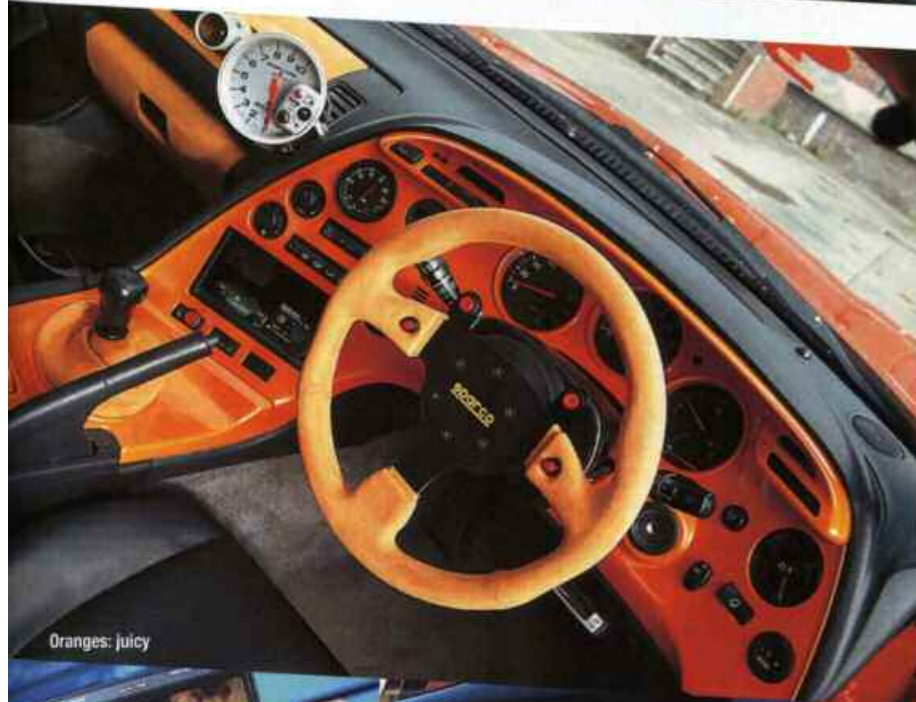
## FAST & FURIOUS SUPRA



### WHEELS

It would have been easy to cut corners with the wheels, but Mark wanted the real deal. The 19in five-spoke Racing Hart M5 rims were shipped over from the States (which wasn't as simple as it sounds) – the same as the ones on the original. The 9.5x19in rears and 8x19in fronts look wicked. In keeping with the theme the tyres are Yokohama AVS, which more than cope with the regular hammering that Mark gives them.

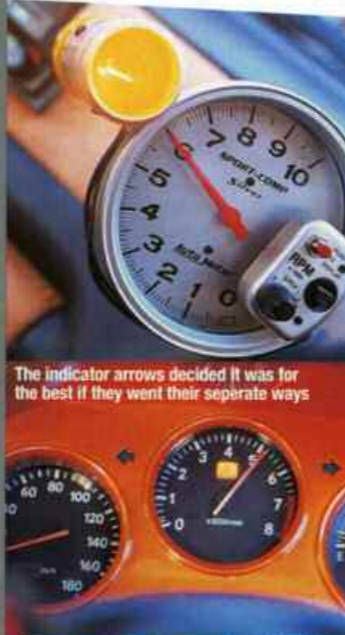
And for the metal starfish was fossilised forever within the wheel



Oranges: juicy

### INTERIOR

When Mark bought the car it had been completely stripped out. The roof lining, carpet and rear seats had gone, and there were two mismatched bucket seats in the front. Rather than copy *The Fast and the Furious* interior of blue Alcantara, Mark wanted to do his own thing. So he bought a wrecked Supra which he nicked the interior out of. Then Avon Customs got to work on trimming the door cards, roof lining and Sparco wheel in orange Alcantara. The seats were trimmed in black leather before the dash was colour coded and a huge rev counter added. Bloody nice it is, too.



The indicator arrows decided it was for the best if they went their separate ways



Cruise is burning, Cruise is burning, fetch the engines, fetch the...



Is that Dav or Mr Stretch?

### ICE

With the rear seats already taken out of the Supra there was plenty of space for a good sized install. And because it was Mark's plan to take the car to all the big shows, the whole ICE system had to be absolutely spot on. The chaps at Car Electrics in Leicester built an install to house two W7 12in subs, a 15in flat screen monitor, Phoenix Gold amps and an Xbox. Up front there are Alpine components and an Alpine TV headunit. And finally, the whole boot build is trimmed in... yep, you've guessed it – that lovely orange Alcantara. Job's a good 'un!

All the essentials for a cracking install

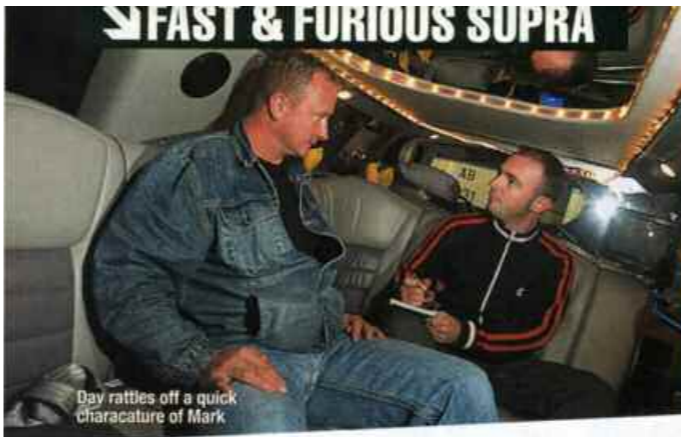


promised to turn the standard looking Supra into a movie star.

The whole conversion took around six months, but the quality of the work is flawless. When the car was ready an excited Mark called us and told us to come and see it. Which brings us back to the beginning of the story.

After nearly killing ourselves trying to jump into the truck, we took the car into town to test the reaction.

Within seconds of parking up outside the council offices, a Pug 306 came flying round the corner after us. It skidded to a halt and three lads fell over themselves trying to



Day rattles off a quick character of Mark



Testing One, Two, Sound check! Sound CHECK!

### ENGINE

The standard twin-turbo Supra lump isn't shy, with over 280bhp on tap. But to create a true monster the engine needed serious power. The 3.0ltr 24V lump has been heavily worked on. The twin turbos were ditched in favour of a massive HKS T88 single unit, there are 850cc injectors, forged pistons, a huge intercooler, and 1.8 bar of boost to produce a claimed 600bhp. And as if that little lot wasn't enough, there's another 100bhp of nitrous on it's way – just as soon as Mark can work out where to put the bottle!



Can you guess which bit was modelled on an elephant's schlong?

### SPEC CHECK

#### TOYOTA SUPRA

HOW LONG OWNED: EIGHT MONTHS  
ARE YOU THAT UNDER COVER COP FROM THE FILM? NO, NOT IN MY VEHICLE  
SO YOU'RE NOT THAT DIESEL VAN THEN? NO

#### ENGINE

3.0ltr six-cylinder 24V, HKS T88 single turbo, GReddy induction kit, 650cc injectors, forged pistons, competition head gasket, HKS manifold, HKS intercooler, uprated fuel pump, HKS Superdragger exhaust with 5in tailpipe, launch control, turbo timer, boost control, Running 600bhp @ 1.8bar boost, Racelogic traction control

#### TRANSMISSION

Six-speed manual with AP Racing paddle clutch

#### BRAKES

Supra calipers front and rear with 350mm discs and fast road pads

#### SUSPENSION

Lowered 50mm on Ohlins springs and dampers, strut brace of unknown origin.

#### WHEELS AND TYRES

8x19 Racing Hart M5 (front) 9.5x19in (rear) with 235/35 Yokohama rubber

#### INTERIOR

Seats retrimmed in leather; carpet and glovebox from donor car. Door cards, roof lining, sun visors, gear gaiter, dash and Sparco steering wheel trimmed in orange Alcantara. Colour coded dash, transmission tunnel, door handles, Autometer revcounter with shift light

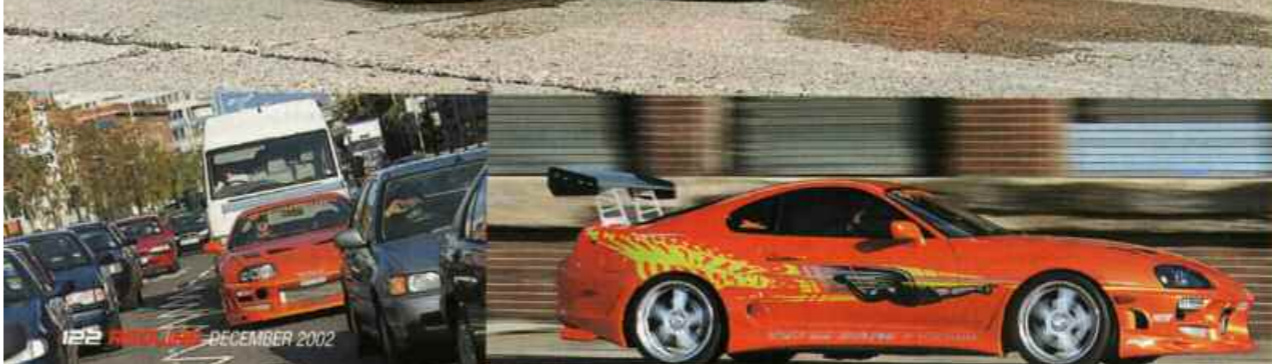
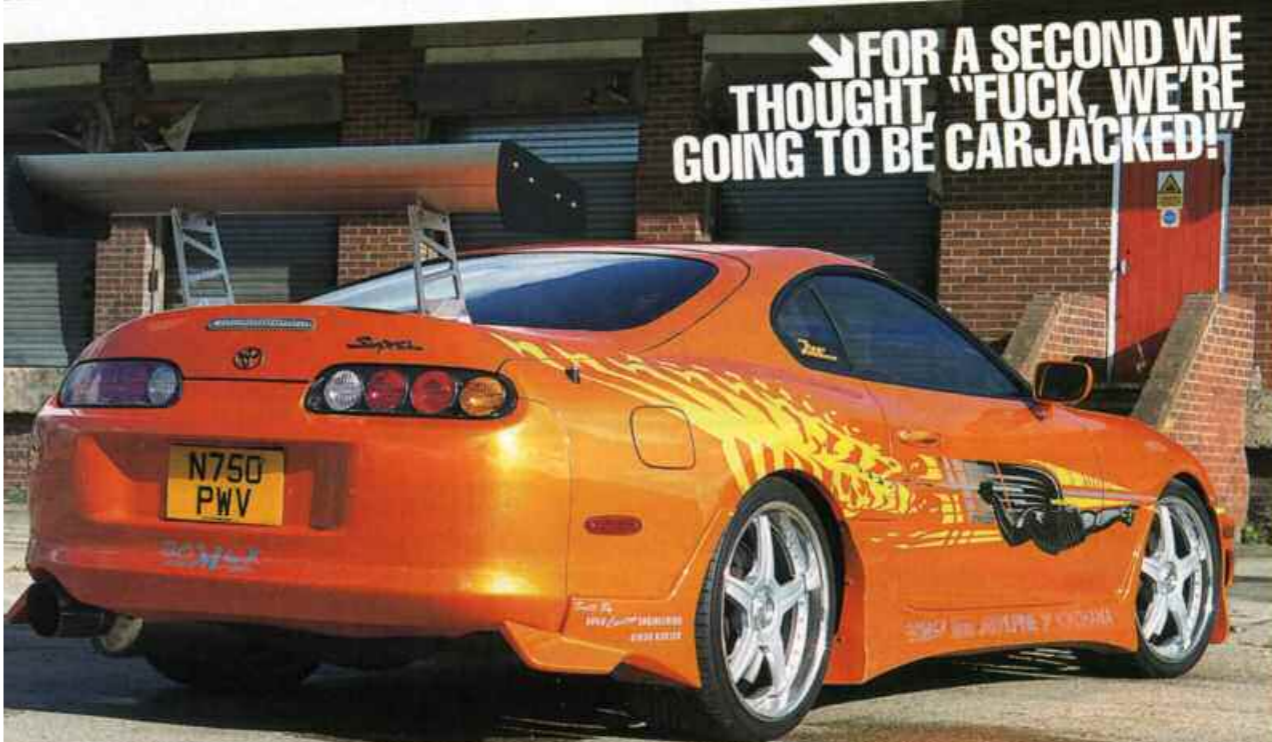
#### EXTERIOR

Full Borrex *The Fast and the Furious* bodykit including – front bumper, sideskirts, arch extensions and rear extensions. TRD bonnet, APR Racing rear spoiler, late spec headlights and clear indicators, side repeaters smoothed, rear wiper and washer jet removed. Painted *The Fast and the Furious* Orange with full graphics

#### ICE

Alpine CVA-1006R screen, Alpine DHA-5680P DVD player, Phoenix Gold ZPA0.3 150w, and ZFA0.5 1000w amps, MB Qsd 216 amp, Phoenix Gold PLO1 signal boost, Centurian 15in flat screen monitor, Phoenix Gold bass cube, 2x LJ Audio W7 12in subs, Alpine components, Phoenix Gold titanium power core, Xbox, Optima Red Top battery

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get out. For a second we thought "fuck, we're gonna be carjacked." But when they got out the video camera, we all calmed down. The only damage these boys were going to do was dribble on the Alcantara.

"People can't believe their eyes when they see it," says Mark, "everyone wants to know if it's the real one. They tend not to notice it's a right hooker without the targa top." So with a car which can drop jaws at 20 paces, what's next we asked Mark... "Well, the sequel to *The Fast and the Furious* features a Skyline, so I reckon I'll build one of those." Mark, you're a bloody hero, mate. 'Nuff respect!