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1967 Chevrolet Chevelle Malibu - Engine: GM Performance ZZ427 - Transmission: Tremec TKO 600 5 Speed - Paint: Custom PPG Color – Bourbon “N Ice – Owner: Jim Meyer Windsor CO.

Original Parts Group Inc. (OPGI), customer Jim Meyer of Windsor, Colorado is the man responsible for the unique 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle Malibu seen here. Jim obviously lives a bit farther away from OPGI Headquarters than most of the customers we see in person, and his '67 Malibu is a bit different compared to most of the restored vehicles we usually feature in this blog. Jim spent the last several years building his one-off custom creation and in that time he ordered so many parts from OPGI that we became quite interested in his project too. When we finally received photos of the completed vehicle, we felt we had to share them here.

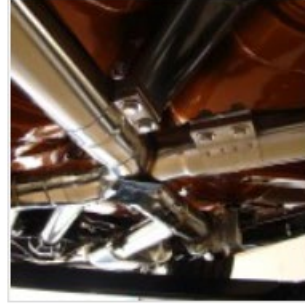
One glance at the photos and it becomes clear that Jim built himself something special. Rolling on 18- and 20-inch wheels, the lowered stance, hood scoop and custom paint make it instantly clear this is a serious resto-mod ride. When asked why he built the vehicle, Jim responded "I wanted to build a show car that was a cross between Pro Touring, Retro Mod and Custom." Judging from the photographs, he accomplished his goal.

Jim estimates that it took two and a half years and just under \$90K to put his Malibu together. Under the hood resides a GM Performance ZZ427 big block crate engine with a fully polished intake manifold and air cleaner. Jim also added a March Serpentine System and Billet Specialties Reservoirs for performance with good looks to match. The stock 4-speed transmission was replaced with a Tremec TKO 600 5-Speed unit and a 6" narrowed rear end with a 12 bolt positraction differential gets the power to the ground. Hooker Headers flow the exhaust into polished stainless steel modified Pypes Performance mufflers that exit cleanly through cut-outs in the rear bumper. Jim smoothed the fire wall, and boxed and narrowed the frame to accommodate his choice of Pro Touring style wheels (American Racing VN425 Wheels 9 X 18 Front and 12 X 20 Rear). Michelin Pilot Sport tires (245X35X18 Front and 335X30X20 Rear) handle the traction duties.

Moving to the interior, Jim had custom leather upholstery installed by Auto Weave in Denver. In addition to all new interior trim, rubber seals and window latches, the interior features also include a custom dash and gauges, black and brown leather custom seating surfaces, a new head

liner, a custom padded dash, and a custom center console fabricated by Jim. Along with extensive exterior bodywork, new inner fenders were installed, as well as new front and rear bumpers that were narrowed and smoothed (bumper bolts removed). Jim added a 1967 Corvette fuel cap and a Stinger Hood scoop, made his own custom air splitter/spoiler in front and rear, and painted both matte black to match the hood scoop. After all of the mechanical details were sorted, Jim called upon Jimmy's Customs in Wellington, Colorado to spray his Malibu in a PPG custom color called "Bourbon 'N' Ice." The final result is the stunning "Pro Touring, Retro Mod and Custom" 1967 Chevelle Malibu you see here. Jim said he wanted a classic that was "low mean and nasty," and we'd have to say it looks like he definitely succeeded.





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