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## Jason Gillmore's Super Duty Truck Has Landed

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**T**he aliens have landed, and not surprisingly, they drive Fords. We spotted this 2000 F-350 Super Duty invading the SEMA Show in Las Vegas this past fall. How coincidental is it that Area 51 in Rachel, Nevada is located just northwest of Las Vegas? We interviewed top SEMA officials and they assured us that they have never

accepted registrations from extraterrestrials. We put our investigative team on the job, only to find out his truck belonged to none other than our very own California chapter member, Jason Gillmore, better known at the FTW site as "zk beast."

Gillmore, a Ramona California resident, is one of the more active members of the California chapter, attending many meets on a very regular basis. For much of 2003 (or all of 2003, if you ask him) Gillmore patiently



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waited for his truck to be finished at Fisk Design Studios in El Cajon, California. Just hours before making the trek to Las Vegas for the SEMA show, it was complete. When the show was over, I was fortunate to have a ride in the beast with TEN Webmaster Michael Schuerlein and Gillmore at the wheel. The strip is known for its crazy lifestyle, but cruisin' the strip in such a vehicle was definitely not ordinary. The looks we received were priceless and made the trip very memorable.

This F-350's best asset may be its extreme paint job, but prior to the paint, Gillmore had done quite a bit to his truck. After all, he is a true Ford truck enthusiast at heart! A few interesting body modifications were performed by Fisk, such as shaving the rear roof trim and the rear cab body seams. These are things most people wouldn't think of doing, or would even notice. The end result is a cleaner looking cab that leaves you wondering what was different from all other Super Duty trucks out there. Fisk also shaved

## MEMBER PROFILE

**Real Name:** Jason Gillmore

**Member Name:** zk beast

**Occupation:** Unknown

**Chapter:** California

**Truck:** 2000 F-350 Super Duty 4x4

**Gallery:** <http://www.ftwtrucks.com/00beast/>



Jason "zk beast" Gillmore is a resident of Ramona, California. He grew up in Sacramento, California, and lived there until he met his wife. While in Sacramento, Jason worked for a speed shop called "Super Shops." He started out as a wheel and tire installer and worked his way up to store manager after about two and a half years. He left the job three years

later to work for a Corvette shop. A year later Jason decided on a career change, so he went to school to become a pipe fitter. He ended up doing plumbing and pipe fitting for a Southern California mechanical contractor and is now looking for a new career. Jason and his wife moved to Southern California in 1991.

Jason drove his first pickup, a 1985 F-150 long bed, in 1993 and from that day forward he wanted his own. So, in 1997 he was able to get a 1993 F-150 that he wanted to fix up, but was unable to due to a tight family budget. After working in the construction business for a few years he and his wife decided it was time for a new truck. In 1999 he ordered his "beast" and on January 1, 2000, his F-350 arrived. His original intention was to leave it stock, but he could not overcome the enthusiast urge to tweak the heck out of it!

At age five Jason attended his first car show and has loved cars ever since. When he got his first car it was a Pinto, which (of course) he modified. "We never had any major problems with that car, and since almost every one I knew was into Chevys, I decided to stick with Ford and have never had any regrets," Jason told us. His next ride was a 1985 Mustang GT, then a 1974 Bronco, then a 1954 and 1956 F-100. The only import he owned was a Nissan 200SX. Before turning to Ford trucks as a full-time hobby, he owned a 1979 Chevy El Camino. Oh, and then there's the 1998 Ford Taurus his wife drives. To say that it's "modified" is like saying Jason's F-350 has a tame paint job. Jason has won a few awards, which include third place at the San Diego Autoswap (before the extreme paint job), first place in the off-road class at the Summer Truck Jamboree in 2002, and best truck at the Santanna High Show in 2003.

When it comes to hobbies there is the obvious, working on his truck, and FTW Trucks – the website and the California chapter. He also enjoys R/C's, fishing, camping, gardening, photography, and movies. For his occupation, we listed it as "unknown" which fits into the ominous and mysterious theme of the feature story. What does he really do for a living? Those that found out are no longer able to tell us. We did find out that he used to be a piping foreman with a commercial mechanical contractor, though. Jason's dream vehicles include a Ford GT and a Lamborghini Murcielago. Hopefully many of our readers will find Jason's truck to be their dream vehicle. It is *certainly one of our favorites!*



the emblems prior to paint work. In order for the subwoofer box to fit correctly, the rear cab vents (located on the rear wall of the cab, behind the seat) were shaved as well.

To go along with the silver and black earth tones in the alien paint job, Gillmore decided to go with carbon fiber accents on the outside. For example, he replaced the stock side mirrors with 2004 Super Duty signal mirrors. Before he put these upgrades on, however, he had them treated to a carbon fiber facelift. He didn't stop there, as the door handles (including the tailgate handle) were also treated to this special effect. To toughen up the overall look, Gillmore added an aluminum grille guard and Bushwacker OE-Style fender flares. The bed, which is outfitted with a Reese 15K fifth wheel hitch and is frequently used to tow a fifth wheel trailer, was treated to a spritzing of Line-X spray-on bedliner, then topped with an Innovations tonneau cover, patois to match.

The heat extractor hood from Keystone Restyling received some of the most intricate

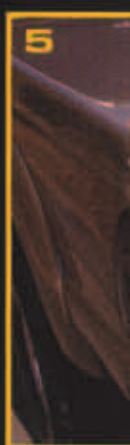
artwork from Fisk, including menacing eyes, alien innards, and Gillmore's trademark symbol for his truck — his personally modified version of a biohazard symbol. Following the hood down to the front of this beast is a custom "Switch Blade" grille from DJ Motorsports. Lighting modifications include 2002 factory clear headlights, APC clear corner lenses, a pair of PIAA Pro 80 Off Road Lights mounted to the guard, clear roof lenses, and APC carbon fiber taillights. To complete both ends, Gillmore added a new air dam to the front bumper and a new rear bumper cover from Xenon. Another accent piece, a polished aluminum gas cap, helps pull the custom look off.

Gillmore went to The Lowering Block in El Cajon, California for his suspension upgrades. The 6-inch suspension lift was made possible with Rev Tek springs, a drop pitman arm, swaybar end links, and a Doetsch Tech steering stabilizer. While the suspension lift looks great, it isn't extreme. Gillmore would love to raise this beast high enough to actually look like a spaceship landing, how-

ever his fifth wheel trailer forces him to keep it at a realistic height. What is extreme and turns heads wherever he goes is his front shock setup. If the dual Doetsch Tech remote reservoir shocks aren't cool enough, the Eliminator Motorsports shock hoop certainly is. Unlike most shock hoops, this one pushes the top of the shocks away from the fender well just enough to get more noticed. The stock rear shocks were replaced with reservoir shocks as well. When it came to his wheel and tire options, Gillmore found the Weld Racing Scorpio IV 16x8.5 wheels to carry the look he was going for. His choice of tire was BF Goodrich's Mud Terrain 315/75R16.

The 6.8-liter V10 engine was enhanced with a K&N Air Intake System to open up the top end, with a Gibson Swept Side cat-back exhaust system clearing the air out back. With so much raw stock power from the stock motor, Gillmore's only other performance modification was a SuperChip.

We've heard rumors that anyone who steps inside Gillmore's alien creation is never seen





again. Fortunately our ace photographer was able to get a few shots off and got close enough to hear strange sounds coming from the Xbox game console before running away in pure terror. Gillmore's Eclipse 7002 head unit is the brains of this beast, powered by JL Audio 500/2 and JL Audio 300/4 amplifiers. An Eclipse CH5061 6-disc in-dash CD changer mixes things up for long trips, pumping tunes into the MP Quart separates located in the doors and Infinity 6x9 combos in the rear of the cab. The boom in the back isn't what you think it is; rather it is from dual JL Audio 10-inch WS3 subwoofers tucked away behind the back seat in a custom subwoofer/amplifier enclosure built by San Diego Car Stereo in Poway, California. Dual 7-inch Fahrenheit monitors in the head rests allow for gaming or DVD video playback in the rear sector. In case he gets lost, Gillmore can navigate his way back to the mother ship with his Garmin GPS III global positioning satellite unit... or maybe that's what he wants us to think it is.

All kidding aside, this truck is an incredibly fun machine. With eight solid months in the

shop getting body work and paint, the result is a one-of-a-kind Super Duty you will not see anywhere else on this planet.

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## PHOTOS

1 - Dotsch Tech remote reservoir shocks showcased by an Eliminator Motorsports shock hoop.

2 - Dual 10-inch subs and dual JL Audio amplifiers are located snugly behind the rear seat.

3 - Performance modifications include a SuperChip and this K&N Air Intake System.

4 - Weld Racing Scorpio IV 16x8.5 wheels wrapped in BF Goodrich Mud Terrain tires.

5 - Gillmore's custom biohazard symbol adorns the tailgate, but how many other mods can you find? We count

6 - The heat extractor hood from Keystone Restyling looks, well, damn cool.

07 - 2004 Super Duty signal mirrors were added to this 2000 F-350 which were first covered in carbon fiber.

8 - The brush guard showcases dual PIAA Pro 80 Off Road lights, 2002 factory clear headlights and APC clear corner lenses.

9 - All four door handles were removed and given a carbon fiber effect.

10 - An Eclipse 7002 head unit with DVD screen stands upright above custom billet environment control knobs.

11 - A Garmin GPS III not only provides navigation, but also speed and altitude.

12 - Shall we play a game? The Xbox game console provides lasting entertainment for those long trips.

