

RACER'S

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EDGE

• Stillen's GT F-150 •



Truckin' Cover Feature

► High-performance driving is a skill that takes intense practice, concentration, and dedication. The art of stuffing a car through the apexes at triple-digit speeds is not for the faint of heart. Professional race car driver Steve Millen has competed in some of the world's most prestigious races, including 24 Hours of Le Mans, and while jamming through the turns, most of the other racers were looking at Millen's back tires. Retired from racing, Steve now sits at the wheel of Stillen as President and CEO, spending his time driving the company in a high-performance and style-minded direction.

► A set of Street Scene signal mirrors ensures the driver's intentions are clear.





Shrinky Dink

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We simply couldn't leave one of the baddest tire-shredding drag trucks out of the Top 100. Gary Glandon, owner of Southwest Custom Trucks in Apache Junction, Arizona, is a quarter-mile addict and spends his extra time piloting this bad pro-mod '55 Chevy truck to 7.69-second quarter-mile passes at 178 mph. A full tube chassis serves as the structure for all the race gear to hang on to, while a 440ci small-block complete with Air Flow Research heads and a Littlefield supercharger gets the rear Weld 15x15-inch wheels and 33x17x15-inch Phoenix slicks moving. Zoomie headers send spent gases out of the motor, and a Sherwin Williams Red basecoat makes the mostly fiberglass Chevy look alive on the track. Running 25 pounds of boost through the blower, this classic drag truck lays 1,600 hp and 1,000 lb-ft of torque down on the Arizona asphalt with a firm stomp of the throttle. A narrowed Ford 9-inch rearend gets the power to the ground with 3.89 gears and Summers Brothers 32-spline axles.



Wilwood disc brakes with large rotors bring this package to a halt at the time slip end of

the track after Gary rows through the two-speed Powerglide transmission.

High and Mighty

Ernie Vole of Vernon Hills, Illinois, attended a *Truckin'* photo shoot after last year's SEMA Show by mistake. He was suppose to go to *OFF-ROAD* magazine's photo shoot at another location, but wound up following the *Truckin'* crew to our secret photo spot instead. Impressed by his '02 Chevy Silverado, we placed it in front of our lenses and clicked away. The truck features a 21-inch lift with custom Atlas leaf spring packs, front and rear. It rides on 43.5x14.5x20-inch Michelin rubber mounted on polished 20x12-inch Weld Dakar wheels and sports a Dynatrac straight-axle front end. Sway-A-Way Race Runner shocks dampen the highly detailed suspension, while Glasurit Black and Red paint spice up the body. Gibson headers and exhaust free up some power from the otherwise-stock 5.3L V-8, while JL Audio subs provide a little cruising entertainment inside the cab. As far as lifted rides go, Ernie's truck is definitely one of the coolest high-rolling haulers on the show circuit.



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