



Dressed in a sleek SC/T body kit and APR GTC-2000 carbon fiber wing, Szoke is assured that no other Grand Am on the road looks like his. And by coating his ride in layers of Lamborghini's Blu Ely Met 2C paint, otherwise known as Ocean Blue metallic, this ride just screams for attention and definitely gets its share of looks. The final piece of the exterior puzzle, the XR8ED vented carbon fiber hood, had to be custom made just for Szoke's project, as the Grand Am application is not very common.

A set of anthracite Enkei ZR-1 wheels wrapped in 225/45-series Michelin Pilot Sport rubber add to the aggressive appearance of the sedan and keep it stuck to the pavement. These 17-inch wheels feature a split five-spoke design with a polished lip and surround RSM Racing's own 12-inch, four-piston big brake kit up front and 12-inch kit in the rear.

Szoke relies on a set of Eibach Pro Kit springs wrapped around KYB GR2 struts to lower the stance of his Grand Am and firm up the suspension. A one-inch rear sway bar paired with RSM Racing strut bars in the front and rear ensures that the Pontiac's han-

dling stays predictable through the twisties. The polyurethane suspension bushing kit was also installed to keep the underbody taut and ensure the ultimate responsiveness.

The real jewel of this project car lies under the hood. Szoke and RSM Racing worked closely together to develop the Vortech supercharger kit that helps propel this Grand Am down the quarter-mile in 13.8 seconds. Yeah, 13.8 seconds! The 3400 (Pontiac-speak for displacing 3.4L) V6 engine has also been outfitted with RSM's 62-mm throttle body, upper intake manifold, and 2.5-inch Saber exhaust to improve airflow. To keep the Grand Am operating at optimum efficiency, Szoke opted to go with an MSD Ignition system to ensure a clean and true spark.

The end result of Szoke and RSM's efforts: a very admirable 233hp and 227lb/ft at the front wheels.

With the exterior and performance aspects of the car upgraded, Szoke turned his attention to the interior. Touched up with a pair of supportive MOMO racing seats and MOMO steering wheel and shift knob, the cabin mimics its performance-oriented exterior.

No project car would be complete without an upgraded stereo system. A pair of Resolution ND25A 1-inch tweeters and R5 5.25-inch midrange woofers takes care of the imaging, while the Rockford Fosgate Punch HX2 12-inch subwoofer provides the low-end bass. A trio of Rockford Fosgate amplifiers – a Punch 800a2, Punch 75.2, and Punch 55.2 to be more specific – provides the juice to power all the components. Street Wires are responsible for linking everything together while a Rockford Fosgate EPX2 Symmetry equalizer is used to fine tune the system to Szoke's liking.

Look for Szoke at all major local events as he showcases his Grand Am along with the rest of Team RSM Racing. He's looking to continue building his un-ique project vehicle, with more performance and stereo modifications already on tap. He has already garnered recognition for his efforts, taking home Best Domestic at the CSCS event where we first spotted the vehicle. His partnership with RSM Racing has proven to be very fruitful, as with this Grand Am they've managed to throw in a new platform and put a new spin on the sport compact market. **P**

