

Victor Lopez's "RXTasy"



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IN AUGUST 1997 the Army transferred me to New York City for recruiting duty. I remember driving one early morning to pick up one of my recruits and parked next to a gas station was this clean looking RX7 with a “for sale” sign on it. That afternoon, I went back to ask about the car. I met with the owner and negotiated the price to \$2,200 for the all stock, ‘84 GSL with 89k miles on the odometer.

The cool transformation began around July 2002. At first, I was a little skeptical about changing anything on the car. I loved the way it was; all stock. It ran great and never once gave me any real problems.

One day, a friend invited me to an import drag racing/car show event. I was so taken by the event that after seeing hundreds of modified RX7s, the idea of a rare 12A Turbo project suddenly appealed to me.

The turbo set-up was not an easy part of the project. No basic turbo kit exists for the 12A engine; so one had to be custom made. First, we started with the turbo manifold. I purchased a 13B manifold and a 12A exhaust flange from Racing Beat and with some fabrication I had a 12A turbo manifold. Next, we looked into turbo applications. I wanted reliability and per-





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The Mods

PERFORMANCE

12A Street ported and polished
 1991 Transmission
 Racing clutch and pressure plate
 600 CFM Holley carb with polished Racing Beat intake manifold
 Garrett T4E turbo, P trim with .60 compressor and .69 turbine
 Custom turbo manifold and 3" downpipe
 Turbonetics boost controller, carburetor cover, and wastegate
 TurboXS blow-off valve
 Custom front mount intercooler setup and piping
 MSD Igniters and coils

EXTERIOR/INTERIOR MODS

Custom paint and bodywork – rotor shape headlight vent, TII hood scoop
 New interior pieces with 1991 leather seats
 GSL-SE 4.10 gears, rims, brakes, and suspension
 Custom head lights and clear side markers
 RX-8 shift knob
 Custom cluster odometer
 Racing Beat lowering springs
 Tokico struts and shocks
 Mazda Racing double belt pulley and 100 amp chrome alternator



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 Bosch 100psi fuel pump and pressure regulator
 Electric twin cooling fan
 Pioneer MP3 head-unit and Kicker woofers



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