

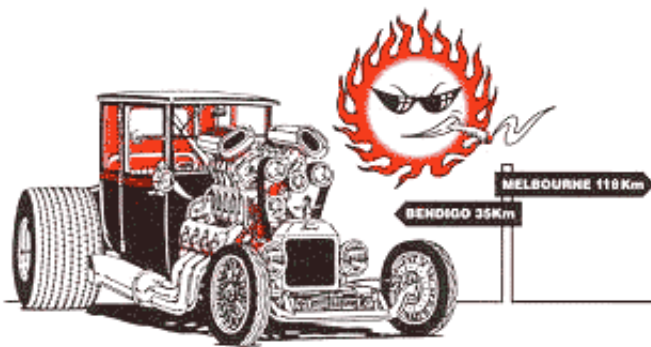


PROJECTS - V12 55 CHEV

This car is a 1955 Chevrolet BelAir Sports Coupe powered by a V12 Rolls Royce Merlin Aircraft Engine as used by P51 Mustang Aircraft. There have been some detail changes from the original artists concept, making the car stand out more. See the pictures below of the car at the Melbourne Hot Rod Show 2003 showing some of the display items as well. This car is finished and fully street registered and was shown at the Summernats in 2003 and also at the Perth and Melbourne Hot Rod Shows.

Click on any of the pictures below to see a larger version (all open in a new window). Just close the window to return to this page. If you want to see more, [click here for page 2](#) to see the car taking shape and nearly finished!





Castlemaine ROD SHOP

September 2002 Update: After road testing in August 2001, our 55 Chev was completely pulled apart again and some minor adjustments made and most of the mechanical components stripped and rebuilt ready for final assembly. The engine and gearbox were completely detailed and are shown on a frame ready for final fitting to the car. See the pictures below. The body came back from the painters, where six months work had gone into the detailed paint work, including the murals and graphics. The entire car was painted in a P51 Mustang theme and you really need to see the car to appreciate the amount of detail touches, such as bullet holes, rivets, exhaust smoke etc. We have included a couple of close up pictures below to give you some idea.

The body was removed from the chassis again and the chassis was stripped for the last time and all chassis components powder coated and reassembled. The chassis was then fully detailed for the last time and the engine and gearbox refitted. All the final work involving cabling, hydraulics etc, was finished and the car made ready in a week for the body to be refitted for final test driving and registration before being seen at some shows. Early October 2002 saw the car's debut.





The top four of the next pictures show the chassis back together with engine and gearbox back in, plumbed and wired. At this stage we were only 2-3 weeks away from bolting the body back on and driving! Four new photos added 28/9/02 at the bottom of this page show seats in, steering attached, all wiring, lines and cables attached and chassis fully driveable. We were just days from putting the body back on!

