



# Monthly Newsletter March '08

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### **What to look for when buying a Trans Am (Part 3)**

Well, we have now covered over the last few months about what to look for in buying a Trans Am and a few things about the process. We also talked about the process of crunching the numbers to make sure what you are looking at buying is what it was when it came from the Factory. Now of course if you were looking for that project car and building the Trans Am you want, then the numbers crunching really does not matter. We also touched upon the whole process of "The Feeling" that you get when you find something you like. Now comes the time when we talk about the actual purchase of the car.

#### **Ask a Friend**

Now, of course, I cannot cover every situation out there, but when you do find the car that you want, you get past the "feeling" and get past the number crunching, now comes a time when you have to step back from the process and ask for help. A lot of times you get "blinded" by what

is in front of you and you forget to look at the little things, and sometimes you even pass over the big things. So when you get to this point in time, you need to step back and ask someone else to look at the car for you. There are plenty of Forums out there that you can post a link to what you are looking at (if it is online), or even take photos and write down information and do your own posting about the car you are looking at purchasing. This helps out greatly because you will now get a third parties opinion on the car who has no attachment to the purchase. You will be surprised what some people can find in the listing. Somethings that you took for granted, or maybe the owner told you and you took it at face value so you might not look at it twice and miss something wrong all together. So, post it up on the forums and ask people what they think of the car. You might be surprised at what they see and you might have overlooked.  
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#### **Coming Next Month:**

***What to look for when buying a Trans Am (Part 4)(Final)***

### **How to Install New Carpet (Part 2)**

Ok, so now we have removed the carpeting from your car. The next step is to take a look at the underlayment that resides there (hopefully still from the Factory). If your underlayment is still good, then you can proceed to clean up any loose particles that got up underneath the carpet over the years. If your underlayment has seen better days, you can always remove that and install new. Most of the Distributors will carry new sound deadener and underlayment for about \$60. If your underlayment needs to be replaced, this would also be the time to maybe take a few extra step as a preventative measure. You can always pick up a can of POR15 or similar type paint for the floors of your car to help prevent any future rust issues. Once that dries, you can lay in your new underlayment. Most of it comes in sections like a puzzle, but they provide a diagram on where the pieces install. Once the underlayment is down, you can now install your new carpet. Most of the new carpets come

pre-molded to lay in the car nicely and also some come with the center already cut out for the center console. Lay your carpet in place starting at the center console and working around the shifter, four speed or automatic, it is still the same principle. Lay your carpet in and get it centered on the floor using the center cut out and also the heel pad for the drivers side. Make sure that is in the right spot and far enough forward. Once it is centered, you can make two small slits in the carpet to bring through the female side of the seat belts on the center hump. Work your belts back and forth to fully expose them over the carpet. The slits will now be hidden by the seat belts. Now that your carpet is centered, you can start working your way out using some carpet adhesive to allow the carpet to lay flat tight against the floor. Now you can cut out the four small squares on each side for the bolts for the seat tracks. Now that it is all layed in, you can trim the sides, install your sill plates and the rest of your interior. Now you have a new carpet.



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## Spotlight of the Month - 1978 Trans Am of Joe Goss

Well, here we are in March and I have been keeping my eye on this member and his car ever since he first joined. Of course who can forget when he joined because he was the 1,000 member here on 78ta.com and the Forum. Just like many of the other spotlights for the month, Wreck really enjoys his 1978 Trans Ams and loves to show it off. He has done countless photos shoots and videos, and more photo shoots, more videos.... heck, I could make an entire list of all of the things that Joe has done. It is awlays nice to see his latest addition to his modified 1978 Pontiac Trans Am or the latest group of photos when he makes a new post.

It's a 1978 Trans Am, 4000 miles on the 455 ci. bored 60 over to 472 ci sitting on a T400. 79k on the body and 4k on the motor I do graphic design for a living. My website is located at [www.tritin-multimedia.com](http://www.tritin-multimedia.com) and a DVD I'm working on is at [www.up2nogood.com](http://www.up2nogood.com). The car was produced out of the Pontiac Plant in Van Nuys, California.

So, congratulations to Wreck and his beautiful 1978 Trans Am for being Spotlight of the Month for March 2008. We hope to see more photos and videos in the coming months. Thanks for having the Passion Joe.

Check it out for yourself on my Forum.



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