



GREEN

ENVY



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**YES, WE ARE ENVIOUS... THIS SMALL CIVIC
IS AN AUDIO VISUAL GREEN GIANT WITH
ONE HELL OF A KIT LIST IN AN EYE-POPPING
INSTALL WITH A SWAG OF FINE TOUCHES...**



“... HERE WE HAVE A STUNNING GREEN CIVIC WITH THE WORKS DONE TO IT ON THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE... AND IN A BIG WAY!”



This is another one of the many Option Audio installs around the traps. Owner James Martin has really gone all out and not only chose his electronics and speakers wisely but he also made the decision that his 1998 Honda Civic was going to stand out. So here we have a stunning green Civic with the works done to it on the inside and outside... and in a big way!

CUSTOM'ED TO THE MAX

Let's start with the extraordinary interior design. After being stripped, the Civic was sound deadened to the

hilt. Option Audio's own acoustic treatment was applied throughout, which means the roof, the quarter panels, the floor and of course the doors.

Now the doors have been retrimmed in green vinyl and green gloss fibreglass. Custom pods were constructed to house the Option Audio split speaker system.

The same green vinyl was used to line the dash in full. A beautifully shaped and formed custom fibreglass shelf extends from below the centre instrument panel and is home for the iPod dock. A similarly styled custom curved shelf/centre console

also serves as an arm rest between the custom green leather seats and houses an LCD screen. This arm rest arches over the Pedders hand brake lever and extends rearwards all the way and splits the back green seats. This terminates in a fibreglass pod housing one of the multitude of screens. Steering wheel and gear knob are Isota and further serve to accent the overall look of style. Instrumentation was via Honda Integra.

The exterior is another shade of green but with a twist. It's a 'candy apple green' which has been accented with tribal graphics and flames. Of course

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Driver Licence

Australian Incar Entertainment

Name: James Martin

Car: 1998 Honda Civic CXi



1. What got you into car electronics?

I just wanted to be heard

2. How long have you been into it for?

6 years

3. Occupation?

Apprentice coach builder

4. Favourite music for testing audio gear?

Anything with bass

5. Dream car?

I have it

6. Other hobbies/interests

Painting, re-building cars and hotrods

7. Where to next?

Hotrods



INCAR INFO

OWNER : James Martin
VEHICLE : 1998 Honda Civic CXi

ENGINE: 1.6L V-TEC
INDUCTION: Turbo T3/4
CONTROLLERS: Micotech LT108
TRANSMISSION: 5-speed
EXHAUST: Mandrall Bend 3-inch
SUSPENSION: Whiteline adjustable coilovers
WHEELS: 20-inch x 7.5
TYRES: 20-inch x 225 x 30
BRAKES: Integra VTI-R front and Civic Type-R rear

SYSTEM

SOURCE: Pioneer AVH-P5950DVD
GAME CONSOLE: Sony PS2
OTHER SOURCE: iPod dock installed on centre console
FRONT SPEAKERS: Option Audio 6.5-inch components
REAR SPEAKERS: Option Audio 6.5-inch components
SUBWOOFERS: Option Audio Titan Series subwoofer
FRONT AMPLIFIERS: Option Audio OAC160 600 watts 4-channel amplifier
REAR AMPLIFIERS: Option Audio OAA160 160 watts 2-channel amplifier
SUB AMPLIFIERS: Option Audio OAX3200 3000 watts Class-D monoblock
FRONT SCREEN: 3 x Option Audio OA70HR 7-inch LCD screens, 2 x 10-inch monitors in floor
REAR SCREEN: 6 x Option Audio OA70HR 7-inch LCD screens, 2 x 5-inch headrest monitors
VIDEO DISTRIBUTION: 2 x 8-way splitters for LCD screens
REAR CAMERA: Flush installed
CAPACITOR: Option Audio
WIRING: Stinger throughout
BATTERY: Full River HGL 60-12 deep cycle
LIGHTING: 14 x down lights, 12 x strobe lights, 8 x LED strip lights
SOUND DEADENING: Option Audio
INSTALLED BY: Owner installed
CREDITS: Adam, Kurt, my dad, Mark from Option Audio, Charlie and everyone that helped along the way

the brilliant colour has been extended to the full body kit, including the attractive but rather aggressive-looking eight piece front spoiler. The finishing touches are applied via the large 20-inch chrome wheels with rubber band-thin tyres.

SYSTEM OPTION

The Civic has a, um... comprehensive system of electronics by Option Audio. And yes, comprehensive is the word because there's a pretty long list of both audio and visual stuff on board; we'd say some hundreds of kilograms worth. To start off, we've got two sets of Option Audio 6.5-inch yellow Kevlar-like splits beautifully integrated within the custom gloss green low pods on the doors with the two tweeters up high just below the glass line and above the custom steel window winders.

The sound within the front of the cabin is reinforced by the first batch of LCD screens. Of course there's the in-built 7-incher in the Pioneer AVH-P5950DVD head unit. Just below that and flush-mounted on the custom centre console is an Option Audio 7-inch screen with the iPod dock on a custom

green shelf above it. On the floor, both passenger and driver's sides are another two 10-inch screens; you know, for those times when you'd like to watch movies between your legs. Two Option Audio 5-inch headrest monitors supply further vision for rear passengers.

Continuing our tour of the electronics show sees us looking at two further screens on the rear cabin walls and the aforementioned screen (mounted on a funky angle) on the gloss green pod high on the rear seat's centre. On the rear extension of the centre console and sitting flush around the vinyl surface is a Playstation 2. Another set of 6.5-inch Option Audio splits handles the rear sonics.

Front and rear amplification is handled by Option Audio OAC160 4-channel unit and OAA160 stereo amplifier respectively. Subwoofer amplification is handled by the ultra powerful Option Audio OAX3200 3000 watter monster amp.

The Civic's hatch is another treasure trove of Option Audio wizardry. In a craftily curved and organic fibreglass enclosure – again in gloss green – we find the monster sub amp (the splits amps are

just out of view below) mounted kind of as if floating to the right of the massive 1800 watt Titan Series Competition subwoofer. Sitting asymmetrically below the sub are a further three Option Audio LCD screens. All this screenage is distributed by two 8-way video distribution units.

Lighting has also been thought of, and rightly so, as good lighting can add to the in-cabin ambience, especially when such a striking colour scheme is used. There's a total of 14 downlights, 12 strobes and eight LED strips to help keep things nicely lit.

CONCLUSION

Anyone who appreciates good audio, vision and hot cars would be green with envy and admiration when you come to this Civic. The look is stunning – take a look at the shots!

But we're equally impressed with the level of detail and care that has gone into this install. There's a staggering amount of customisation on-board here. And we must say that the Option Audio system is also to be admired; not only is the list extensive but there's quality to burn. Awesome! <<<