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PRIDE



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THIS PRADO'S OWNER, "HIMMY", CAN TRULY BE PROUD OF HIS 4WD RIDE. HE'S WORKED HARD IN THE FAMILY BUSINESS, GOT SOME NOT SO "EZY CASH", AND PACKED THE PRADO WITH A MONSTER AV INSTALL



**“WE’D SAY THAT HIMMY
LIKES HIS BASS!”**



We'd say that Himmy likes his bass! And he also likes his video. We say that because his gorgeous black Prado is the receptacle for a whole heap of subwoofery and video screens. I'll go through the count anon, but at this stage let's just say there's a serious amount of gear in there.

SWEEPING SUBS

Yes, streaming down like a subwoofer creek along the centre of the Prado's interior is an array of Option Audio Titan Series 12-inch subwoofers in a gorgeous curvy and glossy black custom enclosure. The whole shebang stretches upwards from the end of the centre console all the way to the back of the rear seats. Atop this bulbous black gloss enclosure sit four of the abovementioned Option Audio Titan 12-inches.

Magnet up, chromed and blinged-up with blue LED lighting, the array is visually extraordinary.

The central subwoofer 'console' is powered by two Option Audio OAX3200 3000 watts monoblocks, so there's plenty of power on tap. Oh, by the way, the amplification is fed by the Kenwood DDX6039 multimedia head unit with its own 7-inch LCD screen. The full range of the music is provided by Option Audio OA65R PRO Series 6.5-inch Kevlar splits which in turn are powered by a Soundmagus G150 amplifier. Another G150 amplifier feeds the rear door speakers, again a set of OA65R PRO Series 6.5-inch Kevlar splits. A further set of OA65Rs are fitted high just on the inside of the boot door.

The boot is an interesting place too audio-wise. A cluster of kit sits smack in the centre of the boot space. The three subwoofer amplifiers, the OA

X3200s are suspended around a duo of massive MTX9500D Thunder 12-inch subwoofers mounted vertically with magnets outwards (and they're big!). The sub enclosure sweeps around the boot and features an Option Audio logo – centred between the MTX subs – in a Perspex or glass window. Just above you'll find a large 17-inch LCD screen. Flanking the array and on the boot's side walls are flush-mounted Option Audio capacitors, one either side. Also flush-mounted on the boot floor is the pair of Soundmagus G150 amplifiers with their smoked glass covers and chrome handles.

MOVING MOVIES

The amount of screens in this Prado is mind-bending. Apart from the Kenwood head unit's own 7-incher, you've got driver and passenger sunvisor screens

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Driver Licence

Australian Incar Entertainment

Name: Himaansu "Himmy" Kumar
Car: 2004 Toyota Prado GXL

1. What got you into car electronics?
 The love of loud music

2. How long have you been into it for?
 About 8 years

3. Occupation?
 Owner of Santoshi India House

4. Favourite music for testing audio gear?
 Hip Hop and R&B

5. Dream car?
 Lamborghini Reventon

6. Other hobbies/interests?
 Singing in my band, cooking and hanging with my mates

7. Where to next?
 A Phatt Dodge Viper





INCAR INFO

OWNER : Himaansu "Himmy" Kumar
VEHICLE : 2004 Toyota Prado GXL

ENGINE: 4L V6
WHEELS: BAZO 26-inch
TYRES: 305 x 30 x 26 Kumho Ecsta
BODY KIT: Full custom made all round

SYSTEM

SOURCE: Kenwood DDX6039 7-inch multimedia head unit
GAME CONSOLE: Playstation 2
FRONT SPEAKERS: Option Audio OA65R PRO Series 6.5-inch Kevlar splits
REAR SPEAKERS: 2 x Option Audio OA65R PRO Series 6.5-inch Kevlar splits
SUBWOOFERS: 4 x Option Audio Titan 12-inch in centre console, 2 x MTX Thunder 9500D 12-inch in boot (now replaced by 2 x Option Audio Extreme Series 2500 watts 12-inch subs)
FRONT AMPLIFIERS: Soundmagus G150 4-channel amplifier
REAR AMPLIFIERS: Soundmagus G150 4-channel amplifier
SUB AMPLIFIERS: 3 x Option Audio OAX3200 3000 watts monoblocks
FRONT SCREEN: 2 x Option Audio OA9SV 8.5-inch LCD sunvisors, 2 x Option Audio 10.2-inch LCD screens on doors, 1 x Option Audio OA70HR 7-inch LCD screen (above mirror in roof lining), 1 x Option Audio OA4MFU rear view mirror GPS, Bluetooth, etc, 2 x Option Audio OA70HRDV/AV headrest LCD DVD monitors
REAR SCREEN: 2 x Option Audio OA70HR LCD screens on rear doors, 2 x Option Audio OA70HR 7-inch LCD screens on rear headrests, 1 x 17-inch monitor in boot
CAPACITOR: 2 x Option Audio 1 Farad
WIRING: Tru Connections throughout
BATTERY: Massive dry cell
LIGHTING: Custom LEDs in roof lining, light chaser effect, Tru Connections LED lighting around subs, under car sidesteps, behind amps, behind TV, under front doors, under rear doors and around number plates
SOUND DEADENING: 2 x 6m rolls of Option Audio OA6MSD Silent Armour
TOTAL SYSTEM POWER: 10,200 watts RMS
INSTALLED BY: Option Audio
TOTAL INSTALLATION COST: "Enough to buy a small village, lost count"
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via the Option Audio OA9SV 8.5-inch LCDs and a central (just above the rear view mirror) Option Audio OA 70HR 7-inch LCD. The rear view mirror itself is a screen by way of the Option Audio OA4MFU rear view mirror with tricks; GPS navigation, Bluetooth and reverse camera features built-in.

The front wing doors also feature a neat little gloss black pod housing Option Audio 10-inch LCD screens. The pods are mounted on the lower half of the wing doors and are beautifully finished and seamlessly house the screens. Headrest monitors adorn all four seats with the front seats housing Option Audio OA70HRDV 7-inch monitors with built-in DVD players and the back one having the monitor-only OA70HR screens. We've mentioned the large 17-inch monitor taking pride of place in the rear between the MTX subs. Oh, and two more OA70HRs are fitted to the rear doors. That's a grand total of 13 screens! Radiation enough to fry an egg?

The lighting equipment list is almost as impressive too. Custom LEDs were used to adorn the roof lining with a light chaser effect. Tru Connections LED stripping was used extensively around the subwoofer magnets in the sweeping cluster, under the side steps of the car, around the rear licence plate, behind the amp stack in white, behind the TV in blue, under the suicide and the lambo wing doors.

INNER SPACE

The interior of the Prado has been given the treatment too. It's been retrimmed in sandalwood leather and suede. The custom subwoofer enclosure was fabricated from fibreglass, shaped and painted in gloss black, as were the screen pods on the doors. All the door trims are custom.

The Prado was fully resprayed with Glasurit Midnight Black with House of Kolor ice white diamond flake. The door handles were shaved and of course

the front doors were modified into Lamborghini-styled wings. The tailgate was 'shaved' and the number plate recessed and LED-lit.

According to Himmy, the car has won several awards at Autosalon and Summernats. What's more, the highest SPL reached was a considerable 146.2dB but Himmy's aim is more for a clear and loud sound but not necessarily a sound that aims at pure out-and-out SPLs.

CONCLUSION

Overall, the combination of exterior touches – and not forgetting those gorgeous 21-inch wheels and lambo wings – and interior retrim make this a superb install.

Add to that an awesome array of Option Audio kit – including a stunning subwoofer cluster and visual display galore – and Himmy has more than good reason to be proud of his Prado. Well done! <<<