

Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by pacman160778 - 2009/10/23 22:07

Wasn't sure where to post this as theres no members car section? But here is Brian's car, he's new to the forum but i was chatting to him on the phone earlier and thought i would post the photo up :D

<http://img.photobucket.com/albums/v222/pacman160778/CorofinLake3.jpg>

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by mr.2 - 2009/10/23 22:28

thats nice.personally im not a fan of replicas nor would i ever do it but i do think some of em look savage.an thats a good example..

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by slipsliderg - 2009/10/23 23:00

For something thats not my thing, I am liking that, for a replica. She seems very well put together and all matched up nicely.

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2009/10/23 23:14

Thanks 4 putting this on the site. Its my first taste of an MR2, and boy am I impressed. The mechanics are so good, messing around with the cosmetic appearance and enjoying driving it, is what its about. Practical too. Whats wierd is the effect it has on people, they love it, and so do I. Its a tribute to great style and design from the prancing horse people, coupled with solid engineering from the land of the rising sun. I see comments on various threads knocking these, but I also detect a hint of jealousy. If I wanted to burn money, maybe I'd get a real one, but right now I have the last laugh. I thoroughly recommend them to anyone thinking of getting one, there are plenty ready built, on the market :-)

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Quandry - 2009/10/23 23:22

Each to his own. Glad you enjoy your 2 and welcome to the board! :)

Quandry

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by mnixon - 2009/10/23 23:55

serious question-when people talk to you about the car do you keep pretending it's a ferrari or come clean and tell them it's a 20 year(ish) old toyota?

welcome to the club B)

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by ricky2 - 2009/10/24 10:06

seen the ferrari replica club in stoneleigh they are all great looking cars would have one if i had the time and money for it (great for a v6)

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2009/10/24 13:51

Good question. If they ask, I tell 'em its an MR2 beneath, otherwise I don't say anything at all, and let them soak up the brand (which frankly is a bit over-exposed at the moment, you can probably by a Ferrari toaster, and virtually anything with the logo on it, even a Fiat 500). I could stretch to the genuine F355, but this makes more sense in many ways. Looking forward to experimenting with 400 bhp lump in the near future.

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2009/10/24 15:16

.....the woodsport V6 MR2 conversion, might not be 400bhp, but something worth doing.

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Quandry - 2009/10/24 18:29

Is your car already 3sgte or is it an N/A?

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2009/10/24 18:32

SW20 N/A

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Spidey - 2009/10/24 18:37

Go for the 2GR V6 conversion with Woodsport :)

280hp in stock form ut without the lag! Paul Woods describbed the acceleration as "violent" :)

nice big 3.5L engine is going to give you the any-gear acceleration you need to back up the F355 looks :)

I think gouky from mr2oc.com is developing a s/c kit to bolt onto the 2GR. If I had the funds, this would be my choice of engine :)

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2009/10/24 20:50

Will definatly look into, cheers!

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Quandry - 2009/10/25 09:08

If you want to stick with the 4cyl (lighter option) - I will have a 3sgte for sale soon. But to do it properly you might be better off getting a whole rear clip so that you get all of the upgraded bits and pieces that go along with it.

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Spidey - 2009/10/25 11:46

AFAIK, the 2GR is actually lighter. This is from a MR2 wiki

"Weight/Balance: The 3vz-fe is heaviest V6 motor option, weighing in at 469 lbs. Hot Chili weighed his mr2 before and after his swap (he had a 3s-ge to 3vz-fe) and he gained 67 lbs and his front rear balance changed by .5%. A 3vz-fe with S-54 will weigh less than a turbo car because of the S-54 weighing about 50 lbs less than the E series turbo tranny. For comparison the 1mz-fe weighs 401 lbs and 2gr weighs 369 lbs, the 3s-ge without any intercooler/turbo weighs 421 lbs. I have not noticed the extra weight, because I lightened the car while doing my swap by deleting all my a/c components which saved about 40 lbs, so I only gained about 27 lbs which to me is barely noticeable. "

From, Mr2 Wiki

Back on Topic - the 2GR is a much costlier option and with scarcity of second hand 2GR's over here, you need to get on a Woodsport group buy from the US.

Absolute bargain if you can pick up Quandrys engine, which has been dyno proven at over 305hp already :) If you really want 400, then I'd not feel safe myself pushing 400hp on a block with stock internals (although it has been done). But, if you do want to go down rebuild route with forged internals, then Quandry's block is a great starting point.

What rev is your car Brian - if it's same as Quandry's, then I'm pretty sure it'll make wiring plug and play (it does on the rev3 conversion anyway).

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2009/10/25 13:54

How do I find out what rev my SW20 is?

This 2GR sound really got me excited: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRXGWk1n8to&NR=1>
Its all about BHP per ton, and agreed on the -ve impact of the 3vz-fe

Being in Ireland is a pain in the butt for sourcing standard european parts, let along US stuff (although I'm on ebay all the time, forget it trying thru the motor trade in IE.

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Quandry - 2009/10/25 14:42

I was looking at the Woodsport demo reel on Youtube and they have done some truly beautiful work.

Having said that, a turbo kit will be much easier and cheaper to achieve much more power. Unless you go truly insane on the v6 and then you might as well have bought a ferrari... I guess if you blueprinted a v6 and fitted a flywheel made of rice paper, then maybe the sound of the v6 at 10,000rpm might fit in with your Ferrari kit.

" If you're worried about lag then you're either in the wrong gear or the wrong car :laugh: "

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by pacman160778 - 2009/10/25 18:01

brianweekes wrote:

How do I find out what rev my SW20 is?

Yours is a Rev1 mate, think you said on the phone it was 1990 or 1991?

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Spidey - 2009/10/25 20:18

Quandry wrote:

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But, even though it is a FE engine, displacement does play a big enough part in real life driving.

I think I priced the 2GR (coming from the US) and Woodsport performing the conversion - all in at 5,500 euros. That's 286hp and that'll be with the 2GR not even trying. Think an Aussie company has a built 800hp 2GR :) Another 1,500-2000 euros for s/c kit ? So, about 7,500 euros for 400hp.

I suppose I was coming from the angle of a power figure I wanted - about 400-420fwhp. If you want a reliable 3s-gte, best to get forged build ? Forged build, ECU, uprated fuel system, uprated turbo, uprated cooling - quite quickly going to get near 6,000+ euros ?

I just think if a 3.5L supercharged MR2 running 400hp was to go up against a 3s-gte running 400hp, the 2GR should win ?

Maybe on the 1/4 mile, a 3s-gte might have anti-lag etc and give the 2GR a run or beat it. But I think in real life, the any gear acceleration from the bigger engine will win out? Sometimes I drive in gear for optimum acceleration but a lot of time, I might be driving "lazy" and if a "challenge was to happen", you could get caught napping. Fair enough, you will catch them and get past when the turbo gives you that huge top end. But its nice to be in front from the get-go :)

I'm not putting down the 3s-gte - amazing base for big power.

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Harper - 2009/10/27 12:54

'challange was to happen' tee hee. Love it.

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Spidey - 2009/10/27 13:01

The grass is always greener on the other side :)

I'm sure the 2GR is sounding great to me now because I've no mods done to my 3s-gte. But if I had a 400hp 3s-gte, I might not be wanting a 2GR so much :)

Just gotta get the ST205cc in, get leakdown test done to make sure engine is healthy and then just up the boost to about 1.2bar and see what power its making then.

If I happen to come across 5,500 euros, I'll get the 2GR and we'll test out both the 2GR and the 3S-GTE :)

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by stevetz - 2009/10/27 18:46

Hey Brian welcome to the club , hope those parts sorted the car for you .

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2009/10/27 21:56

Yep, very handy stuff! THis is a good website/forum

The car is getting better every week, love it. My only issue is reliability- with the exciting potential engine swaps, have had some quick cars in the past, eg a ten min drive to the office can handle anything (overheating etc- even if it means dirt on the white shirt and dirty fingernails at business meetings), at present my modified car is ok for 4 hr+ drives on shite roads. the goods news is its not my main car, so "work in progress" is fine.

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I'm a wee bit confused...

Posted by GaryDU - 2009/10/29 02:06

empty"/nnHowdy,

I'm new to this forum and just wanted to introduce myself and say "hi".

For once a reliable community with active members that I can read - which is good to look at!

I'm here to learn + get involved. How could I best contribute?

Bye For Now.

Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by dan - 2009/10/29 02:39

Do what we all do! Contribute where we feel we can!

Re: I'm a wee bit confused...

Posted by Quandry - 2009/10/29 11:30

Hey Gary,

Well if you're interested in talking MR2's then you've come to the right place. Go ahead and put a post up in the Introductions forum:

<http://www.mr2.ie/index.php/mr2-forum/11-introductions>

Quandry

Re: I'm a wee bit confused...

Posted by Quandry - 2010/01/22 08:40

Hey Brian, just wondering did you look more in to that 2GR conversion? the sound of the V6's are amazing!

Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2011/10/11 21:06

I've not been on here for a while. Made good progress with the 3VZ-FE Camry V6, which I will be putting in the car the first week of Nov 2011, here are some pics of the engine as it is now:

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<http://img690.imageshack.us/img690/3098/img2011082500100.jpg>

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by slipsliderg - 2011/10/11 21:22

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Kc'd.

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by smurfster - 2011/10/11 21:32

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Are we going for a look in person?! Kc'd Brian. Savage comes to mind B)

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Posted by slipsliderg - 2011/10/11 21:50

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Damn straight we are, but I am only available on the following days this month if it suits.

Sunday 16th
Sunday 23rd
Saturday 29th
Sunday 30th

Would be great to see the engine out of the car.

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by smurfster - 2011/10/11 22:00

23rd sounds good if it suits Brian?

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by ricky2 - 2011/10/11 22:45

Looking good my friend keep the faith B)

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2011/10/12 09:14

Hey Smurfster and Slipsliederg 23rd works, PM me with your ETA Ennis area, I'll send you the googlemaps co-ordinates

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Peggyontherun - 2011/10/12 11:01

Welcome Brian savage car and engine build going on :)

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by slipsliederg - 2011/10/12 13:41

brianweekes wrote:

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Sounds like were on for this then, where do you want to meet Smurfster and what time. Looks like Naas or Portlaoise may be best depending on what way you head west.

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Spidey - 2011/10/12 20:37

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Nice and shiny ! That 3VZ looks like it came straight from the factory :)

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Re:Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2011/10/13 19:45

Nice and shiny ! That 3VZ looks like it came straight from the factory :)

Thanks, Seems a shame to hide it in the engine bay, it'd make a nice coffee table

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Peggyontherun - 2011/10/13 19:56

Cant wait to hear this in action :)

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by corofin12345 - 2011/10/17 20:22

should be a good runner when done but im not gone on the kit.. we used extreme kits while building our 355 rep... closest kit to the 355 out there

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by smurfster - 2011/10/18 21:37

I have room if anyone else is interested in coming to Ennis for the spin on Sunday. I'll be heading from Arklow, m50 redcow exit and picking slipslide up in Naas 9ish ;)
Pm'd Brian

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Infamous - 2011/10/18 23:34

Has all the bodywork been completed on this car already or is that still on the to do list?
Engines looking great by the way!

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2011/10/19 22:03

Infamous wrote:
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Thanks a lot. This was an import to Ireland 3 years ago, the bodykit was completed in the UK a few years before that (an MR3SS Supersport). I bought the car from a chap in Naas 2 years ago and have almost totally rebuilt it (there was a lot wrong with it, but I've since got it going like a dream, had stonking good fun in the GT900 tour last year).

<http://img12.imageshack.us/img12/669/gt900b4startsupersporta.jpg>

I can't wait to get the V6 in there, am enjoying prepping it though, driving it with that lump is something I've been dreaming about

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2011/10/19 22:12

Maybe a little more adustment to the shutlines, and a respray would be nice, although 2012 I'm planning to use it a bit more. Here's another pic

<http://img687.imageshack.us/img687/8066/dromolandstage3stop.jpg>

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by smurfster - 2011/10/20 08:17

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Pm'd Brian

Room for 2 more!

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Quandry - 2011/10/20 08:25

KC for the pics Brian, your car looks amazing. I also see a Delorean in that second pic too.

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2011/10/20 09:00

Quandry wrote:

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Cheers.

Those Deloreans really turn heads (despite the fact they're unreliable, I wouldn't mind one myself).

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by corofin12345 - 2011/10/21 01:37

she looks really well to be fair, alot dont like kit cars but its not the point, its the fun of putting something together really, here our one brian, sold years ago tho

wasnt fully finished but got best replica on the day :)

the one beside us is more like your kit, we had to extend almost everything, pop ups moved forward an all

http://i928.photobucket.com/albums/ad124/corofin12345/100_0472.jpg

http://i928.photobucket.com/albums/ad124/corofin12345/100_0471.jpg

http://i928.photobucket.com/albums/ad124/corofin12345/100_0467.jpg

Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2011/10/21 09:06

Cool, I particularly like the rear and front ends, quality panels. Do you know where that car is now?

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brianweekes wrote:

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the whole kit was made from blue prints of the 355, an ex ferrari employee got his hands on them and started making them,(one of his first builds was on an episode of top gear). put this car beside the real thing and you just cant tell the difference only for the spacers on the rear wheels, the only visable mr2 bits left was the front windscreen and side windows... we went for this kit cause of the lines, if you follow from the rear to the front you can see the flow of the 355, serious work done tho but was worth it, i think the whole car was extended by a half a foot all sides, rear tires cost us near 500euro each at the time...badges cost us 1200euro :ohmy: .. seen the car once since it was sold a few years back, no sign of it lately tho :(

Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by slipsliderg - 2011/10/23 23:03

Great meeting you today Brian, thanks for the lunch and gametime much appreciated.

The engine looks great, I would say it was dirtier coming out of the factory than it is now. Best of luck with putting it together and looking forward to hearing it roar into life in the coming weeks.

Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2011/10/23 23:14

Thanks Slipsliederg. The excitement of the engine install is building, can't wait. Will definately report back. Thanks for the hot tips, I learned some stuff today. Cheers

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by smurfster - 2011/10/24 09:04

Thanks Brian for putting us up for the day! It was a great inspiration to get my own project on the move ;)

(and I haven't even heard it running yet)
Sorry for wrecking your R8. I lost her flat out through the follow through!
Cheers Slipeslider for the company/co-pilot! Made it home for 7pm

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Marty J - 2011/10/24 13:17

Brian, I don't want to jinx you but what if you was involved in a accident, can you buy individual parts of the 355 kit ?

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2011/10/24 14:25

Marty J wrote:

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Good question Marty.

The kit is basically an MR2 with F355 styled body panels. Most of the panels just bolt on, which makes damage repair a lot easier than a normal car (the panels are also easy to get hold of on the internet). Not true for such Fibreglass cars like the TVR, which is almost a single piece body tub (a real pain to repair, and light damage can lead to write offs).

For that reason, the UK Insurance industry often prices annual insurance for these cheaper than the original MR2.

...and there's another thing, if you've spent a lot of money upgrading the MR2 beneath, get bored with the look of the body at some future date, you can always remove it and replace with a different bodykit (F458 Italia, yes please!). Now that's more environmentally friendly than crushing the old beast and buying a new car isn't it.

(Appreciate real MR2 lovers might get a little upset at changing the Toyota styling, plenty of supply at the

moment though)

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2011/10/27 20:17

Last few engine pics before it goes in, and my wife is nagging me to stop messing with the duster and get on with it, so here you are, the first should take you to a slideshow:

Imageshack slideshow click on this ***

for example:

<http://img685.imageshack.us/img685/3600/dscf0021gr.jpg>

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Quandry - 2011/10/27 20:21

Looks amazing Brian. Great job and here's a karma click for your efforts!

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by smurfster - 2011/10/27 22:44

Still tryin to prolong play time in the garage?? :laugh:
Kc for luck!

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2011/10/27 23:04

smurfster wrote:

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haha, well either you or Slipslider suggested I do a photoshoot, so I had to polish some more and set it all up. I did get to refurbish the clutch slave cylinder assembly for an hour at 10pm this eve though :-0

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Infamous - 2011/10/27 23:22

Looking sweet man.
Get her dropped in asap! :D

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Marty J - 2011/10/28 00:17

The engine looks great Brian, looking forward to seeing it running in the car.

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by slipsliderg - 2011/10/28 15:44

brianweekes wrote:
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Its a sickness I have Brian, looks great Kc'd.

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2011/11/14 19:33

The Camry v6 is now up and running, here's a quick vid of the second time I turned the key (the little rattle in the 1st part of the clip is now fixed, it was the clutch cable runing on a heat shield):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGsCFuinMuc>

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

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Great work Brian. It sounds as good as it looks. Kc'd

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2011/11/14 21:10

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2011/11/14 21:13

smurfster wrote:

Great work Brian. It sounds as good as it looks. Kc'd

Cheers! Am going to enjoy sorting out the finer details over the next couple of weeks, now I'm over that milestone

Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by smurfster - 2011/11/14 21:46

On board ;)

<http://i286.photobucket.com/albums/ll118/trismurf/288499aa.jpg>

6ltr hilux :P

Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by slipsliderg - 2011/11/14 22:03

Again well done Brian KC'd

Smurfster, you have alot to live up to after seeing all the work Brian managed on his and your twin engined 6.0Ltr Hilux looked great yesterday :)

Brian is now our go to guy for the wiring ;)

Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Radical Lanzar - 2011/11/14 22:43

There's always something about replicas that looks cheap. I'm not sure if it's the body lines, paint or what. That said, I'm a big fan of replicas - stylish exotic look, with the easy maintenance and reliability of a better chassis. Welcome aboard man.

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Infamous - 2011/11/15 01:39

Great video Brian, the engine looks spectacular and sounds great, it's a real credit to you! KC+1
Once you have all your niggles worked out and everything has bedded in you should take a few videos
of in car/ fly bys for us to drool over! lol

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Marty J - 2011/11/15 11:28

Super work on the engine install Brian. Does the cross brace still fit ?

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Cheers!

I like Pininfarina designs, so love the shape of mine, add the MR2 as a drivers car, plus that V6 and it
floats my boat. Mr2 a very underestimated car- it rocks!

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Peggyontherun - 2011/11/15 20:12

Fair play to you Brian all the hours have paid off for you credit to you

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smurfster wrote:

On board ;)

Superb!

Go for it Smurster, good to see you have taken the plunge. I made a big deal about my swap, but actually its not that bad at all (famous last words)

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2011/12/18 09:50

Another clip for you (the resolution isn't great but the soundtrack is fine)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dbp5TBaXdE4&feature=g-upl&context=G2a24238AUAAAAAAAAAA>

Waiting for the right place and moment for a clip of it on the road

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Marty J - 2011/12/18 15:20

I totally agree with you Brian, that's a great soundtrack.

I also like the clean engine bay and the carbon on the engine cover, nice touch. B)

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Infamous - 2011/12/18 19:26

Very impressive man KC+1 for the video and your excellent work!

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by slipliderg - 2011/12/18 22:19

Well done Brian, looks bloody smashing.

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Quandry - 2011/12/19 08:23

Looks great - sounds incredible!

great work and kc for you :)

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2012/04/16 18:36

Here you are, a clip of what its like to drive. Please excuse the frame size, seems to have been squashed widthways during file conversion, my car is a couple of inches wider than a stock F355 actually:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4o0IDdS5U0>

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Marty J - 2012/04/16 18:59

Looks like you was enjoying your drive and the sound of the engine. :)

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2012/04/16 20:08

Yep!! also enjoyed the additional exhaust sound coming out of the loose flange, its more quiet now (shame)

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by cynosure1023 - 2012/07/03 10:41

Hi Guys/ Gals,

I'm interested in getting one of these. I have seen good couple of Ferrari replicas- Toyota MR2 on for sale. Does any1 ve sum opinion on them. How do these guys drive them in here and are they legal to drive? How do we get insurance n nct on them?

@ Brian: Any thoughts or any sort of advise. Is it worth to buy one of these.

Thanks in advance.

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by Briweekes - 2012/07/03 12:21

Hi Cynosure,

I'll send you a separate message. These are seriously good fun. I run a Facebook private group for F355 replicas, all the experts are on there, they know every kit on the market, and how to overcome any challenges. In IE insurance is now easy with AXA classic car policy which will cover it. NCT people can get funny and picky, but as long as you do a good job you'll be ok. Its far cheaper to buy one of these than build one nowadays, some great ones for sale right now (BAD kits are the best, by the way). I'm in Co Clare and you're welcome to pop over (I will show you how good they are)

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Re: Brian's 355 replica MR2

Posted by cynosure1023 - 2012/07/03 13:20

Tnx Brian. i send ye the pvt msg n FB req there alri. Yes it would be nice to pop over.

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