

MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2013/06/29 22:17

Hi guys. Going to create a project thread here for my new MR2. If its not in the correct area please let me know.

Bought this car in June 2013 and have it insured as a classic car.
It's a 1991 Rev 1 GT T-Bar. It is a UK import with the same UK owner for the last 21 years! :)

It's totally original and has some nice upgrades/features.

- Entire professional respray.
- Rev 3 alloys.
- Full leather interior.
- OEM upgraded Leather Momo steering wheel from MR2 G-Limited.
- Clifford alarm.
- Rare OEM Premium Sound System.

The car the day I got it:

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http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1013_zpsdbfb34ca.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1012_zps9fa9eae0.jpg

The car now in March 2014:

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/DSCF0194_zps0e7334ea.jpg

Current Spec:

- Full leather interior.
- Full professional respray.
- Genuine Momo G-Limited steering wheel.
- Clifford alarm system.
- MR2 Rev 3 alloys.
- New rear 'X' brace sprayed 205 metallic black.
- Rare 'Man in Dandism' optional extra mats.
- Toyota cup & coin holder single din.
- Genuine TRD Oil cap.
- TRD wheel dust caps.
- Upgraded Bass speaker unit.
- Clear side indicator lenses.
- Clear front indicator lenses.
- Rare EI-glow MR2 boot badge panel optional extra from Japan.
- New Exedy Clutch.
- New brake pads.
- Upgraded interior light with X2 40SMD LED boards.

Future Plans:

- Fit upgraded OEM speakers/ tweeters.

- TRD radiator cap.
- Leather seats refurbished.
- Upgraded shocks.
- Oil change.
- LED interior conversion.
- Turbo rainguard.
- Vented service back side panels. (Not horrible TOMs scoops :laugh:)

Thread start:

Today I bought a new X-brace (Thanks got92tubby) and sanded it back down.
Painted it 205 metallic black. Turned out really good.

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http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/Athens/IMAG1182_zpsdae5db93.jpg
http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/Athens/IMAG1181-1_zps8d36bb75.jpg

Took it for a quick drive then tonight.

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http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/Athens/IMAG1184-1_zpsa844135a.jpg
http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/Athens/IMAG1187_zpsadd11be3.jpg

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Japohara - 2013/06/29 22:29

look forward to watching this thread ... good man ... nice to see another 2 getting the royal treatment

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by got92tubby - 2013/06/29 22:41

Looks great dude . Kcd for starting the tread

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by cozz90 - 2013/06/29 22:55

beautiful car bud throw a bit of laquer on the xbrace bring up the shine a bit :) land on an induction kit the noise those engines make are unreal B)

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Bommie - 2013/06/30 11:27

looks like you got yourself a nice one there Rex :) Kc'd for luck with it ;)

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by corkmr2 - 2013/06/30 20:03

Nice to see another red rev1 ;)

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2013/07/03 19:55

Thanks for all the encouragement folks.

So I also got a Rev3 OEM lip from got2tubby. I sanded it down with both wet and dry sandpaper.

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http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1188_zps223d655a.jpg

Got the base coat on this evening. Seems to be turning out well. I'll try and line it up to the car this weekend and see how it looks.

What do people think, red or black?

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1193_zps9b974901.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1194_zps33c98b70.jpg

Removed horrible dealership stickers today and got a new tax/insurance disk. Then I waxed the car to celebrate my first day of full insurance :)

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1192_zps9d9aeb53.jpg

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by cozz90 - 2013/07/03 20:40

before you finish the splitter sand it back again and give it some plastic primer the ordinary primer wont last it will peel ;) red is the way to go same as the car B)

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Bommie - 2013/07/03 21:52

good work Rex! x2 on spraying it red ;)

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2013/07/08 08:58

Still waiting to spray the lip, probably will go with red :)

In the meantime I blackened the rear light trim using peanut butter as advised by members here.

Thanks!

The results were amazing!

TOP LINE = Before

BOTTOM = After

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1195_zps330cc7e2.jpg

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2013/07/29 21:01

Ok small update on this. Used silicon cleaner on the rear centre panel this evening.

Over the moon with the results. Worthy of a "man in dandism" I reckon. :laugh:

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http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1225-1_zps4aa29da8.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1227-1_zpsb1ba0c34.jpg

Also took the car to the TOC big meet. Was great to see Bommie's car as well as Mitch's old D4d Mr2.

Two lovely cars. Anyways here was mine:

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/1073190_545825628812443_835773785_o_zpsc236a183.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/996873_370384709755102_1269608284_n_zpsc838adee.jpg

Hope to do the final coat on the lip this weekend.

Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by eringobragh - 2013/07/29 21:14

nice bus - and great condition for year - if thats been in the UK have you checked the sills?

More info in here :

<http://www.mr2.ie/mr2-forum/8-performance-and-repairs/44265-sos-save-our-sills>

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by got92tubby - 2013/07/29 22:55

Looks great dude.fair play keep up the good work B)

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2013/08/13 21:55

@eringobragh

Thank for the link. Luckily the car was brought over in the mid 90s so the sill rust is minimal.
I will follow your advice and treat them hard to find places.

My clear OEM headlights arrived today. Does anyone have any idea how remove the actual lenses from the main plastic holder.

It's clipped on in 4 spots, but they look very fragile.

I might try a heat gun to seperate them as they are filthy.

Other option might be to attack them with a power washer!

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2013/08/26 17:55

The clear lenses I managed to clean, but they need some modification to fit my Rev 1 :-(

Good news is that I got some new goodies:

TRD fuel cap.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1247_zpsbd43ca3e.jpg

Valve caps.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1269_zps65c80b24.jpg

MR2 drinks holder. (Makes drive thru's much easier)

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1271-1_zpsb156b137.jpg

Trd Oil cap.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1240_zps226679a8.jpg

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Infamous - 2013/08/26 20:43

Some nice goodies there Rex! :)

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2013/08/31 17:24

Thanks a million man, yeah got lucky on eBay for most of these bits.

I got them all fitted today. Gave the a full days worth of attention today.

- Cleaned out a bunch of leaves from the air vents and fans. I literally filled a bucket!
- Took out all interior plastics and removed years of grime and dust.
- Put in my Cup/ Coinholder.
- Replaced all interior bulbs. (Clocks, Ciggy Lighter, etc)
- Resprayed wipers 205 metallic black.
- Carpets shampoo cleaned, and the same for Dandism mats!.

New Dandism mats, in great condition for their age.

Gave them 3 bouts of shampooing :)

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http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1276-1-1_zpsf081358f.jpg

Cup holders installed:

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http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1277-1_zps366fe863.jpg

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by cozy90 - 2013/08/31 19:31

fair play bud i love adding little goodies like the valve caps etc etc the car is looking great ;)

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by eringobragh - 2013/08/31 20:33

cozy90 wrote:

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I give those valve caps a week if your in Dublin! they'll be on some skangers BMX :P

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by got92tubby - 2013/08/31 20:49

Looks great man. Love the fuel cap was lookin at one on ebay myself but i was too stingy was costing a fortune from aus

will kc you later all out at the moment keep up the great work

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2013/10/28 17:37

I should have more updates on the way in the coming days.

The car is going into storage for the winter months at the end of November.

I hope to revamp the sound system, fit a new clutch, and get the underbody of the car painted during this time.

Until then...

Clear indicators.

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2013/11/09 17:41

Thanks a million to "got92tubby" for meeting up and giving me a few MR2 parts that I've after since I got the car. :cheer:

First and foremost I tackled the extremely annoying crackling in the back right speaker behind the driver.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1354-1_zpsc53bdce2.jpg

While I had the panel off I checked the sponge lining in the sides and in the sill for rust or moisture, and found none B).

I fitted the new OEM speaker and re-glued the sponge material to the back of the plastic panel. I replaced all broken clips with spares from my TTE Corolla project.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1364-1_zps38643033.jpg

Adding those guys in should make sure the plastics don't rattle on bad roads.

Next I tackled the subwoofer in the back on the car that was rattly at high volumes.

I took it out and the sound proofing sponge material had disintegrated into powder :fail:

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1353_zps8c8e58e7.jpg

I intend to replace the entire unit tomorrow with a spare tomorrow.

I finished off with the subtle repairs.

Perfect uncracked ashtray.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1358_zps6bfb2c36.jpg

Perfect uncracked door handle surround.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1351-1_zpscc539668.jpg

Next steps are to repair the subwoofer and install the new tweeters and subwoofers. :)

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by eringobragh - 2013/11/09 17:47

did you fit those woofers yourself? I have a pair of them and amps from my breaker but can see no wiring in place for them

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by got92tubby - 2013/11/09 18:13

Glad your happy wit the parts. car is really comin along looks great. Kcd for the hard work.B-)

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Re: MR2 Rev1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2013/11/09 18:29

No man they were in the car from factory.

Replacing some bits in them now though as they are rat arsed :)

Thanks a lot Gearoid, couldn't have done it without your inputs :)

Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2013/11/14 21:33

Tackled the subwoofer tonight.

Pulled out the tattered speaker from the box.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1366-1_zps6141343d.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1365-1_zps0d18de43.jpg

These are the positive and negative wires.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1368-1_zpsa87195a6.jpg

My new 6 Ohm replacement speaker.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1367_zps3582c05e.jpg

Plugged it into the unit and into the car. Sounds the job!

Only have the front speakers to tackle now.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1369_zps33e16315.jpg

These are the new front speakers I'll try to tackle this week.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1363-1_zps2aeaa6b0.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1362_zpsf6f42353.jpg

Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2013/12/01 16:37

Ordered a new Exedy clutch for the MR2, hope to have it here by tomorrow.

I checked all the fuses since my last update and there were a few missing or wrong.

Fixed them all up and got the right drivers side fan working again.

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I also just won an e glow MR2 badge on eBay.

I understand that these are extremely rare, got it for less than 20e :P

I can't wait to fit it, I'll probably do the front speakers this weekend too.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/KGrHqZHJDgFlrpKidDwBSL3-BEMPQ60_12_zpsdaed2fc1.jpg

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2013/12/30 17:30

I fitted the El Glow badge today. I tapped it into the regplate lights, delighted with how it looks.

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http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1419-1_zpsc5b6ddc4.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1420-1_zps76694b98.jpg

As the car stands now:

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1403_zps39cfccd4.jpg

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by TurboD - 2013/12/30 19:11

Well done Rex it looks great . kc`d

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by finnegan777 - 2013/12/30 19:31

great job lad.. love watching build threads and seeing the car progress B) B)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by leesw20 - 2013/12/30 23:19

Is the glow badge blue?? Mine glows green

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2013/12/31 18:23

It's kind of an aqua colour, its more green than my photo shows

Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by silverlux - 2013/12/31 19:19

nice thread Rex, KC for nice job on your 2 ;)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by cozy90 - 2014/01/03 19:59

savage car bud fair play to ya :)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2014/01/16 21:50

Thanks guys.

Alot of the jobs I've done thus far have been made easier by the advice of friendly folk on here.

I realised my thread has more pictures of car parts than the machine itself.
So charged the battery last night and started her tonight.

Since my last update I've fitted crystal indicator lenses. I think they make the car from the front.

BEFORE:

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1403_zpsa68284cf.jpg

AFTER: B)

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/DSCF0189_zps3bd445da.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/DSCF0194_zps0e7334ea.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/DSCF0192_zpsa04e2a1f.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/DSCF0207_zps43f85f96.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/DSCF0196_zpsfa8996b2.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/DSCF0200_zpsfc6afb89.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/DSCF0202_zpsb9cd1872.jpg

Where's the engine??

(Took the car to a garage a few weeks ago and this actually happened)

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/DSCF0190_zps1797df3d.jpg

Future plans:

- Exedy Clutch fitting is booked for next week.
 - LED conversion.
 - Lower car 15-25mm.
 - Fit turbo raingaurd.
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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Bommie - 2014/01/16 22:03

very nice Rex, keep up the good work B) kc+1

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Infamous - 2014/01/17 04:35

Nice update to the front of her.
She looks really well in the pics, very shiny, did you polish her?

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2014/01/17 07:56

Thanks lads.

Yeah I waxed the car before covering it up for Winter.
It was given a full respray ~5 years ago so the paint was immaculate when I bought it.

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by got92tubby - 2014/01/17 08:16

Very nice Rex keep up the great Work kcd

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by eringobragh - 2014/01/17 09:10

Hard to believe that car is 23 years old - fair play

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2014/01/17 10:11

Eringobragh - Hard to believe that car is 23 years old - fair play

Thanks, but alot of credit goes to the last owner. He bought the car in ~ 1995 and kept it until 2013!

Where did you get the dehumidifier you have in your car? B&Q?
It was a great idea of yours to have one put in the car, I think I'll get one too.

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by eringobragh - 2014/01/17 10:43

Rex Banner wrote:

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It was a great idea of yours to have one put in the car, I think I'll get one too.

Put 2 in one behind each seat they absorb 450ml of water each

Just got 2 new ones this morning in euro giant clarehall €1 each -

Heatons and home store do them as well - just don't forget about them like I did , windows were fogging up too easy last fortnight probably something to do with a litre of water stored behind the seats :P

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2014/02/02 10:56

So finally the new Exedy clutch has been fitted.

I got my local Toyota god to fit it and he said he had done much worse jobs.

The only thing that slowed him down was the fact that many of the nuts and bolts had ceased after 23 years.

While he had the wheels off he noticed the brakes were steel on steel. (So much for the NCT, which passed it)

So he changed all the pads too.

I took the car for a 10 minute drive last night and the difference is UNBELIEVABLE.

I'm going to put that car back on the road for the 1st of March for 9 months.

Plans are:

New Shocks.

Oil change.

Fit new driver side door speakers.

Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by eringobragh - 2014/02/04 08:05

sweet the new clutch is a deadly job - hopefully the last time it needs doing ;)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by slipsliderg - 2014/02/04 08:22

Kc'd for the progress Rex, possibly one of the oldest Mrk II's on the site and looking good.

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2014/02/10 14:03

Thanks for the nice words guys.
I'm trying to keep it as original as possible and upgrade it with OEM parts.
I've added the current spec + future plans to the start of the thread.
In the words of the previous owner . .

"Don't go and tart it up now what ever you do" :laugh: :laugh:

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by cozy90 - 2014/02/10 18:13

fair play bud your attention to the little bits on the car is unreal B)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2014/02/16 20:00

I spent today doing some engine bay detailing by adding 10mm stainless steel bolts and washers that I got on eBay. Anyone want a free sticker?
http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1509_zpsa2e134b7.jpg

Those of you on TOC irl may have seen that I did the same cleanup on my Corolla.
http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1520-1_zps07a730ae.jpg
http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1519_zps6067bfcc.jpg

I gave the engine bay an epic clean today as it had 20 years of leaves and dust in the corners. To combat this I used the official MR2 engine bay cleaner haha.
(Hoover with garden hose taped on)
http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1513_zpsa3a95ec0.jpg

Then finally just attacked the bay with hot water and soap, fitting my stainless steel fuse box covers :)
http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1517-1_zpse13ad7bd.jpg
http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1518_zpse656c350.jpg
http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1522-1_zps7f0a1192.jpg
http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1523-1_zps7ec77cdd.jpg

I also started the interior LED conversion.
I tucked the wiring in behind the plastics for my smd LED bar.
The factory MR2 boot light is really awful....
http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1510_zpsc7ba7683.jpg

Really bright end result. :)
http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1521-1_zpsa2bb7a52.jpg

The interior led smd board is almost finished.
The difference between the standard bulb is unreal.
http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1503_zpsb8924505.jpg

Will update soon. :)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar
Posted by eringobragh - 2014/02/16 20:06

that LED looks familiar! Is it the same one I'm running?

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar
Posted by Rex Banner - 2014/02/16 20:11

I don't think so mate. :)
It's very similar though, and a good bit smaller.
I seen your post on another MR2 site and thought it was a brilliant idea.

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar
Posted by st182r - 2014/02/16 20:40

Makes a great job of it. Kcd :)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by eringobragh - 2014/02/16 20:43

Rex Banner wrote:

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I should elaborate I copped the boot one was a bit smaller alright - I was referring to the dome one- :)

Anyway KC for you because you're just after jogging my memory - I'm removing the undertrays soon to check the underneath and rust proof where necessary - I ordered a bag of 50 stainless bolts to replace what I take out B)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2014/03/12 13:21

So only a little update.

The car is taxed on the road from now until Winter 2014 B)

So I charged up the battery and finished off the interior LED conversion for the Dome lights. I might have over killed it with x2 40 SMD LED panels. They are very bright! :ohmy:

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1550_zps7d5f930a.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1551_zps97100bed.jpg

Fitted a new bonnet prop catch from my Toyota dealer, 3euro :laugh:

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1567-1_zps29eeafb7.jpg

The car started with no issues at all and rolled out of the shed for the first time in months.

I went for a nice 20 mile spin after topping up with a full tank of petrol.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1569_zpsecbd47bc.jpg

I hope to give the car as much driving as possible in the coming months and bring it to a few shows. :-)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2014/03/16 18:36

Had an excellent day of progress with the car.

One thing that has bugged me ever since I bought the car has been the fact that only 1 of my 4 front

door speakers work. Thankfully the 3 rear ones work great. I was really at a loss as to why they didn't work as even new speaker units didn't fix the issue. With that I decided to tackle the Rev1 wiring...

I removed the kick panel, sills, and doorcard to get maximum clearance. I broke my footwell plastic, remind me to post a wanted advert. :p

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1588_zps98b9f0ee.jpg

I pulled out the entire door loom and peeled away the coverings...

And I finally saw two snapped wires. B)

This was great news.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1590_zpsa32f8f09.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1584-1_zpsed4b2f4c.jpg

These two red and mint coloured wires were responsible for...

Door speaker

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1587_zpsa03a90a2.jpg

Tweeter.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1585_zps4574179f.jpg

And courtesy light.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1586_zps73b42c3a.jpg

I performed some minor divert on the fly and turned on the radio...

SUCCESS!! All speakers work in the door!!

I cant describe how happy I'm with this. It means the car is 100% back to the way it was rolling out from factory.

Next steps is to do the other door and then install my new Sony Headunit + speakers.

Epic Sunday :)

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1591-1_zps7725cc19.jpg

Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by skybound - 2014/03/16 19:45

Well done Rex, nothing sweeter than finding 2 split wires to resolve a wiring issue..
Keep up the good work, car looks mint.. Kc'd :yes:

Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by dazzler mk2 - 2014/03/16 20:03

Well done !!

I'm sure I have 1 of those plastic trims if you need it .

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by dazzler mk2 - 2014/03/16 21:17

Well done !!

I'm sure I have 1 of those plastic trims if you need it .

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by gem - 2014/03/16 21:42

Have to say love this thread, and ill certainly be keeping an eye on this, you have a fab car, I love them in red and yours looks to be in great condition too, well done to you

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2014/03/25 10:50

@dazzler mk2: If you have one spare I'd be interested in buying it from you.

@gem: Thanks for the kind words. :) As I said before, a lot of credit goes to the previous owner.

I'm delighted now that the speakers are working as new.

Finished off the last of the easy side of SMD LED conversion.

Placed 50 SMD LED boards into the courtesy lights in the doors.

BEFORE http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1589_zps6c2f85da.jpg

AFTER

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1596-1-1_zps528f8a57.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1597-1-1_zpsc111c914.jpg

I have also removed the entire middle dash and radio, so that I can start adding in my CD/MP3/BT player. A nice modern little upgrade for the car.

I plan on changing temp control unit, clocks/dials, and ciggy/ignition barrells to SMD LED's while I'm at it.

I have posted a wanted thread looking for these bits.

- Leather seat. (Any condition)
- Driverside plastic sill + kickpanel. (All one panel, must be in V.G condition)
- Inspection panels. (Any colour, must be no dents)
- Rev3+ Tweeter covers.
- Steel MR2 sill plates with logo.

Anyone help me out? :)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by dazzler mk2 - 2014/03/25 15:11

Yeah, no problem, give me a buzz whenever you get a chance and we'll sort something , 0861767707 darren

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by dazzler mk2 - 2014/03/26 08:54

Yeah, no problem, give me a buzz whenever you get a chance and we'll sort something , 0861767707 darren

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Japohara - 2014/03/26 09:07

I have brand new reupholstered leather seats ... just sitting there ... gathering dust

Also have two full interiors ... so should have everything you need there

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2014/03/26 11:22

@Japohara.

I've sorted some items with Dazzler already.

I really only want one leather seat in any condition as the repair is very easy to make.

Have you got 1993+ plastic tweeter covers? :)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2014/04/04 11:52

Just an update on my messing around the last 2 weeks.

I took out the heater controls and old radio with the mind of expanding my smd LED conversion to the heater controls, clocks, dials, and the cig/ign ring.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1618_zps2107690a.jpg

The first step was to replace the blown bulb in the hazards switch with an LED(+10HP) :P

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1617_zpse3ba5c38.jpg

The circuit board for the heater controls look like this. There's two horrible green bulbs in there from factory.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1622_zps36d05f6a.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1623_zps9341bc1e.jpg

While everything was plugged out a cleaned the unit with a soapy handwash.

There was 22 years worth of grime and dust behind here. But it's all nice and clean and reassembled now.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1620_zpsf020f7ba.jpg

I then fitted my new SMD LED's into the unit and waited until night to see the following:

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1645_zps89602283.jpg

The camera quality makes it look worse than it really is, but there is some blind spotting occuring because the led's are 2D instead of 3D. Still a big improvement on the green colour. :)

So then I met Dazzler MK2 who provided me with some nice new parts, including a new heater control unit to play with. The guy is a gentleman to deal with! KC+1.

Since this is a spare unit to mess around with, I've really gone to town with LED's.

I've purchased a few dozen from China to get the controls to provisionally come up like this..

<http://oteck.ca/sw20/climate%20control%202.JPG>

<http://oteck.ca/sw20/climate%20led%202.JPG>

I'll attach proper photos with the final fitted product ASAP.

I'll probably create a HowTo aswell for those interested in some electronics modding like me B)

Next on the list is the am/pm clock, speedo dials, and ign/cig rings.

Hopefully then I'll get time to do the doorswitches too.

Oh and also have these spare rear bulbs from my Corolla project.

Will fit them to brakes, fogs, & reverse lights and then stick up some pics.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1619_zpsa05f4797.jpg

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by dazzler mk2 - 2014/04/04 14:28

That turned out great ,
I'm well impressed !!

Stick up a how to , I'm definitely doing that .
well done ! Kc'd :)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by eringobragh - 2014/04/04 15:17

What bulb did you use in the hazards

See my led thread for the cluster leds the dip bulb is a good upgrade

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by dazzler mk2 - 2014/04/04 20:38

Looking for that thread there,
Can't find it , will you give it a bump please ,
Cheers !:-)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by dazzler mk2 - 2014/04/04 20:42

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Cheers !:-)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by eringobragh - 2014/04/04 20:48

<http://www.mr2.ie/mr2-forum/19-body-wheels-and-kits/50508-leds#65387> B)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by eringobragh - 2014/04/04 20:50

A worthwhile mod is to mesh your front bumper - it protects the radiator from stone damage

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2014/04/04 21:45

Cool thanks for the thread links. The smd LED 501's look slick in your thread.
The hazard bulb is a T4 bulb. You can get them in most motorfactors. :)

Ha it may be too late for my radiator. It appears to have taken a few stone dinks over the years. Could be a good mod for the future though.

@Dazzler, I'll stick up a guide as soon as possible :)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by eringobragh - 2014/04/04 21:58

Read post was meant for this thread.#

<http://www.mr2.ie/mr2-forum/19-body-wheels-and-kits/65382-side-vents#65395>

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by eringobragh - 2014/04/06 20:54

Rex Banner wrote:

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I've purchased a few dozen from China to get the controls to provisionally come up like this..

<http://oteck.ca/sw20/climate%20control%20.JPG>

<http://oteck.ca/sw20/climate%20led%20.JPG>

I've another project in this by looks of things - really need to box off the projects I've in progress

Any chance you could post the specs of the LEDs you used in this or some links to where you got them?
Presume you used some resistors there as well?

Looks great by the way fair play :)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Danmr2 - 2014/04/08 01:02

Have u any pics of how and wat u used to bring up the heater controls like that I change my bulbs and was very disappointed to see feck all of a difference.. Cheers

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2014/04/08 08:40

Hi guys,

I looked at many many different tutorials on the web and used little bits of all of them.

For anyone looking to try this out these are the 3 guides that I found most useful.
(The last one from halfspec.com is really the best.)

<https://www.mr2oc.co.uk/know-your-2-knowledge-base/mr2-mk2.html?catid=11&kbartid=232>
<http://www.mr2.com/forums/threads/27352-GI-Custom-LED-Climate-Control>
<http://www.halfspec.com/services.htm>

When everything is all finished my end I'll create a full tutorial.
I mostly used standard flat top led's + 12v transistors.
You can get these in Maplins or eBay, the latter being a good bit cheaper.

I'm waiting on a batch of these guys too that I have used to great success on my TTE Corolla project.
<http://www.ebay.com/itm/2pcs-T3-T4-T5-Neo-Wedge-Dash-LED-Bulbs-Blue-White-/201067099921>

I find that while they are excellent for everything else, the smd led's are too shallow in depth for the heater controls.

While I'm here.... Phone pictures :laugh:

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/4f048c87-52cb-4eb5-82c0-e3d591d024b8_zpscdeda110.jpg
http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1648-1_zpsabb6ac05.jpg

I'm still struggling to get sound out of my new headunit, I'm sure I'm just missing an earth some place along the line... damn 91 only active audio system. "A POX ON THEE!"

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2014/04/14 09:00

I believe I've finally figured the sound system out.
Turns out it wasn't an Earth that I was missing but rather a Live connection.
I can drive power to the speakers on the right handside of the car.

I'm waiting on an Autoleads adapter (PC9-451)which will allow me to drive the amps using my headunit by converting it to 4 RCA outputs.

I'm still waiting on my LED's from China to finish the heater control unit.
So just some small updates:

SMD Led reversing lights (right side done)

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1653-1_zps9131b325.jpg

Both sides done :)

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1656-1_zpsfcec58c4.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1654_zpsf6e4ffdd.jpg

Replaced the clock that I broke, :fail: thanks Dazzler!

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1652_zps0fd4d119.jpg

Replaced the sill trim that I broke. :fail:

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1657_zps7b9ce41b.jpg

Picked up these minty mint leather seats from Japhora on here.

Straight up guy, thanks a million for these.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1659_zps221c1ebc.jpghttp://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1671-1_zpsb76918fb.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1670-1_zps66c4d57c.jpg

Also got some mesh to help and protect futher fin holocaust on my radiator fins :laugh:

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1669_zps4187f108.jpg

Washed and waxed and awaiting the TOC-irl meet next Sunday. B)

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1668-1_zps37a25195.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1666-1_zps1c37307b.jpg

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by slipsliderg - 2014/04/14 11:41

All I can say is fantastic, she looks completely mint.

Kc'd

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by eringobragh - 2014/04/14 17:46

slipsliderg wrote:

All I can say is fantastic, she looks completely mint.

Kc'd

x2 beautiful - I need to wash my car - still has the red dust on it from a few weeks back :laugh:

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by eringobragh - 2014/04/14 17:48

good call on the rad mesh - I used this guide

<http://www.mr2australia.com/uploaded/bud/sw20frontmesh2.pdf>

The mock cardboard definitely helps - make sure you've a decent snips!

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Infamous - 2014/04/14 23:12

KC'd for the work you've put in on your car, looks in great nick.
A rev3+ front lip would finish it off nicely for me.

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Dexmr2 - 2014/04/14 23:17

Looks unreal... Great work.. :)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2014/04/25 22:40

Thanks for the compliments folks.

So I've finally finished the cd deck upgrade.

The sound is sensational from the Sony Xplode. I used to have that headunit in my Corolla, but it sounds even better now with speakers, subs, and amps to play with. :)

It's nice to have Ipod connectivity and handsfree.

My only regret is that it isn't OEM.

See the video for an example :)

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1708_zpsf36626a2.jpg

I fitted the custom front grill / mesh to protect the radiator.
KC+1 eringobragh for sending me a tidy PDF description.
It's a simple job thats functional, but also looks well.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1699-1_zps761a32df.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1700-1_zps7f732a74.jpg

I'm currently getting the GPS tracker setup in the car, genius little thing.
Naturally I won't be showing pictures of where I put it or how I wire it.
Buy needless to say it runs even when the battery is disconnected.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1710_zps236615c5.jpg

We had a TOC IRL meet in Ducketts Groove in Carlow last Sunday.
It was a great day out in a great location. I fell in love with the 12v Turbo Starlet.

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/20140420_153447-1_zps8ff1a447.jpg

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http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/imagejpg1_zps5aba38e5-1_zps91a7355b.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/DSC07165_zps26ca1782.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1693_zps19cf048a.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1692_zps66bfd116.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1691_zpsa445725c.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1689_zps5f6eb5.jpg

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http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/DSC07212_zps6b5c198e-1_zps69067ebe.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/DSC07176_zps739f5519-1_zps4d4109be.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/DSC07156_zpsa1df352e-1_zps95923bd6.jpg

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by eringobragh - 2014/05/04 10:05

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/IMAG1710_zps236615c5.jpg

AFAIK that tracker is LBS based I was looking at this one myself for another project (bicycle tracking) - which is a best effort location based on the cell masts in your area - less than \$20 or so if I remember correctly

Get yourself something with a SIRFIII or better gps chipset - TLT-2H onwards are excellent as are any of the TK10X products.

Drop me a PM if you want any further info.

EDIT:

Yep this was the thread I read at the time: might work in Ireland but its far from ideal:

<http://www.suzukiswift.info/big-problems-with-my-mini-gps-tracker-not-connecting/>

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by dazzler mk2 - 2014/05/04 17:20

The car is looking great Rex,
Well done mate ,
A well deserved kc :)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar - I'm back!

Posted by Rex Banner - 2014/12/19 15:16

Right it's been ages since I posted here, a lot has been going on in the last year as regards cars. The MR2 is still on the go and driving as well as ever. She's gone into storage for the Winter and I hope to get lots done of jobs done on her between now and Spring 2015.

I was (and still am) busy working on a Celica -> Corolla vvti conversion.
I know this is an MR2 site, but I may as well post some pictures of what I've been at. :)

Basically the car is running full 1ZZ-FE externals from a Gen7 Celica. A 1.8 1ZZ-FE shares the same block as a 1.4 4ZZ-FE. So I can essentially oversize the 4ZZ-FE to create a nice little power monster :-)

- 1ZZ-FE Intake manifold
- 1ZZ-FE 220cc Fuel Injectors
- 1ZZ-FE Throttle Body
- 1ZZ-FE Airbox pipes and hoses.

Since the 4ZZ-FE ECU is self learning I was able to keep my original ECU.

The car came with ~95HP standard. At the moment she turning out 114HP on the dyno. This reading was done with a faulty TPS and MAF, so I would love to get her back on there with these sensors replaced. Certainly it feels like a 120HP car. Even with the 114HP she is putting out 109HP per tonne, which is a very nippy power to weight ratio. B)

The plan to fit a TTE exhaust system + stainless manifold to the car to reach 128HP.

Then finally, I might oversize the rods, pistions, and camshaft with 1ZZ-FE versions to reach about 142HP.

Once I have that figure I can supercharge it with a TRD Supercharger for 165HP. That's a while away yet though. :-)

Here is some pictures of how the Corolla stands:

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/Mobile%20Uploads/DSCF1058_zps30bc04dd.jpg

http://i1048.photobucket.com/albums/s371/cildon/Mobile%20Uploads/DSCF1060_zpseee5c0ad.jpg

<http://i.imgur.com/ZJw5YFx.jpg>

Up on the Dyno in Westward Engineering.

<http://i.imgur.com/qB5keof.jpg>

Oh and for those of you that may be wondering, yes it has a GENUINE stamped Toyota TTE kit. (Except the spoiler and spats which are custom :))

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar - I'm back!

Posted by eringobragh - 2014/12/20 12:26

looks good - curious how do you go about insuring something with the engine modified like that? I assume they rape you on premium?

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar - I'm back!

Posted by Rex Banner - 2014/12/31 12:15

The insurance is actually the same as it was before.

I went about it the correct way and it ended up working out for me.

When the modifications were complete, I paid my local Toyota dealer to do a full engineers report on the car.

They gave me a 3 page report of the individual test results. Overall they said that the car was perfectly road worthy and safe.

I emailed the report to my insurer and after some chatting they left my premium as it was.

All that being said, I can't wait to be back in the Mr2 in march

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar - I'm back!

Posted by Rex Banner - 2015/02/23 09:44

Feels great to be updating this thread.

With the Corolla 1.8 project coming to a close I can finally devote all my time and efforts to the MR2.

Since I last checked in I've done some work on her.

Mainly being a full Toyota service; oil change, new oil filter, etc

The big change has been to overhaul of the suspension, with brand new shock bearings put in the mounts. The previous versions had turned to dust on the front.

The result now is that the car certainly feels stiffer on the corners, as it should!
The car is now much more suitable to daily driving. Before any dip of bump in the road resulted in horrible noises and a few missing vertebrae from the bumps.

Last night I took apart the dash and interior console to fix 2 issues.

- Heater not working correctly.
- Blown bulbs at the rear of the clocks / speedo dial

I'm glad to say that the heater was an easy fix, some of the cabling that connects to the hot / cold switch had gotten lose with age. I retightened this cabling back up an now the cars warms instantly. Woo B)

Also replaced old tungsten bulbs with nice smd LED dash.
<http://i.imgur.com/EEF8bIK.jpg>

I may still opt for a coloured display as I did with the Corolla
<http://i.imgur.com/Znx430A.jpg>

BTW, does anyone know if the SW20 has a cabin pollen filter. Couldn't see one in there, would love to replace it if the car has one to freshen the air coming in.

Anyways here is how she stands now. Representing TOC-IRL at Japfest and various other meets.
(The sleeper eyes aren't permanent, I just set them manually for shows when parked up)

- <http://i.imgur.com/TP6v0zp.jpg>
- <http://i.imgur.com/O0ZiWGm.jpg>
- <http://i.imgur.com/j5xOgqI.jpg>
- <http://i.imgur.com/eN10mhj.jpg>

Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar - I'm back!

Posted by Rex Banner - 2015/02/23 09:53

Some more pictures:

- <http://i.imgur.com/bxUW7Jq.jpg>
- <http://i.imgur.com/T1zj6tX.jpg>
- <http://i.imgur.com/GGgzkxu.jpg>
- <http://i.imgur.com/8vPuOzl.jpg>
- <http://i.imgur.com/yhDxhlu.jpg>
- <http://i.imgur.com/zRQ0bMB.jpg>

Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar - I'm back!

Posted by Rex Banner - 2015/03/13 21:10

It sure feels great to have the MR2 back on the road.
She's driven 500 miles in the last 3 weeks without missing a heart beat.

So I made a purchase from GotTwoTubby in the form of a Blitz panel air filter.

<http://i.imgur.com/JRwhN3q.jpg>

So it was off to the shed to dismantle the MR2 for the night.

<http://i.imgur.com/Uc8wgkt.jpg>

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar - I'm back!

Posted by Rex Banner - 2015/03/13 21:10

It sure feels great to have the MR2 back on the road.

She's driven 500 miles in the last 3 weeks without missing a heart beat.

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar - I'm back!

Posted by Bommie - 2015/03/14 08:11

Looking well Rex, Kc'd :)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar - I'm back!

Posted by got92tubby - 2015/03/14 11:58

I have not got too tubby :laugh: :laugh:
That's just a few Christmas pounds :laugh:

Looks great as always keep up the amazing work

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar - I'm back!

Posted by Luksander - 2015/03/14 12:55

Great Job. would be good to see ya on May meeting.

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar - I'm back!

Posted by Rex Banner - 2015/03/23 11:28

Small update, I got some Lockwood door sill trims on eBay or a small fee.

They are badly scratched in places, but I plan to refurb them.
<http://i.imgur.com/R8rlaNr.jpg>

They sure are a clean fit though.

<http://i.imgur.com/FpP7yDh.jpg>
<http://i.imgur.com/bhxcKXv.jpg>

I tried 2000 grit sandpaper but it still is too rough on them.
Has anyone got any suggestions before I completely sand these back and buy new 'MR2' decals to place on them?

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar - I'm back!

Posted by eringobragh - 2015/03/24 16:49

Have you a DA polisher? I got mine back to a decent finish with mine - needs to be redone again
any difference with the blitz filter?

Also where'd you get the CREE parking lights? ebay?

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar - I'm back!

Posted by Bommie - 2015/03/24 19:37

Looking well! Did you try autosol on them and buff by hand?

Kc'd for the update :)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar - I'm back!

Posted by Rex Banner - 2015/03/24 21:25

@eringobragh; I've a cheap Lidl car polisher that I could try.

The Blitz filter hasn't made a huge difference other than some increased throttle response. But this also may be due to cleaning the throttle body.

Like all panel filters Im sure you'd see the results on a dyno. :-)

The CREE bulbs came from Aliexpress. :-)

@Bommie, thanks dude.

I think they may be too rough for hand polishing. I'll try and get some AutoAutosol and let you know how I get on

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar - I'm back!

Posted by eringobragh - 2015/03/24 21:54

lidl one won't cut just buffs. might work - as mentioned use autosol - thats what I used.

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2015/07/20 08:31

Well lads, just some updates on the MR2.

The door sills are still in the shed, I must get around to fitting them. :laugh:

I've gotten some nice stainless steel door lock protectors in the meantime.

- Its the little things that count. :)

BEFORE:

<http://i.imgur.com/Lv2Zss3.jpg>

AFTER:

<http://i.imgur.com/en4H3SE.jpg>

The MR2 actually had trouble pre NCT whereby the jack went through the sill during some routine work at home. I had suspected the car had the sill of death at the back passenger side for a while now. I chanced my arm and put it into the NCT, but it failed for the rust as I expected. So the car was sent off to my local bodyshop for a sill rebuild.

I have no photos but the rust wasn't severe at all. The affected metal was cut away and a new piece was welded on and moulded into the sill. The car was reup into the NCT and it passed no problem. So I was delighted to say the very least. :)

So this is the point where I am currently at. The same bodyshop is going to respray the sill next Monday to make the repair invisible. But this got the old cogs turning in my head...

While the car is in for respray work I've decided to do multiple jobs.

1. Colour code the sills.
2. Colour code the rear spats
3. Colour code the front lip - I have purchased (received) a Rev3 version lip from SteveH. This too will be fitted to the car and colour coded in crimson red.

I've been debating for a while whether to colourcode the car or keep it red and black. Colour coded has won out in the end.

My overall aim is for the car is to make it a colour coded crimson red rev1.

Like this... (but not as awesome)

<http://i.imgur.com/tvbnnZ0.jpg>

I'm in the market for a nice set of 15 or 16 inch alloys too. I like the Rev3 alloys I have, but I'd love a sporty aftermarket set to throw on from time to time.

Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Bommie - 2015/07/20 19:48

Good stuff rex, Kc'd :) it's the little touches that make the difference B)

Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2015/07/23 14:10

Thanks man, I cannot wait to have it back from the bodyshop next week. :)

Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2015/07/27 08:23

Dropped the car this morning into my local bodyshop along with the new front lip.

<http://i.imgur.com/aGJ3SrC.jpg>

Below are a few snaps from the TOC-irl meet in Portlaoise yesterday. I really think a 25mm drop would just suit the car perfectly.

<http://i.imgur.com/pHdx9xL.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/kKEGQFQ.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/sjAHVKo.jpg>

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2015/08/08 19:35

So the car has been away for 2 weeks getting:

Sill restoration.

Full underbody rust proof coating.

All major scratches removed.

Colour coded the skirts and rear spats.

Fitted Rev3 lip and colour coded it.

I am absolutely over the moon with the work.

The next plans I have for it:

- Slight 25-30mm drop

- TRD MR2 leads

- New disks

If anyone has these bits please drop me a shout.

<http://i.imgur.com/nBEcg6G.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/0IsIHjX.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/18tEkGC.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/8L6gBec.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/LAKTM7S.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/9siGluy.jpg>

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<http://i.imgur.com/8IZZEYH.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/STMYgeF.jpg>

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Bommie - 2015/08/09 16:31

Looks like a new car! Awesome, the colour coding makes it in my opinion. Kcd B)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2017/07/17 14:27

Time for some updates here :)

The car is back on the in 2017 road with new shoes.

Loving the BBS RX202 it just fills the arch gap perfectly.

<http://i.imgur.com/3CICilv.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/Oii3m4Q.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/FtuyCq0.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/kW8HBxO.jpg>

I bought a set of OSRAM Night Breaker 'Laser' bulbs for the car since the others had blown over the Winter. They are magnificent, I really like them. Perfect choice for me as I didn't want to go for HID's on a 25 year old car. They'd look naff and blind everyone.

This way I can keep the keep the car legal and NCT safe, while still having a lovely white light. The photos are naff, butthe light is almost a pure white.

<http://i.imgur.com/PKW9vKc.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/JVFjajt.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/OxQllbv.jpg>

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by slipsliderg - 2017/07/21 13:50

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by eringobragh - 2017/07/22 13:40

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Ive the old gen of the night breakers on mine and they are excellent great light from them

Rex where'd you get those Toyota lock covers?

Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Steve - 2017/07/24 09:37

looks very well...body is in fantastic condition...looks stunning, wheels look really good...lot of work put in over time...really stands out.

Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2017/08/02 10:39

@eringobragh

Here is the link

https://www.aliexpress.com/item/4PCS-TRD-logo-Car-Door-Lock-Stainless-Steel-Cover-Door-Striker-Cover-for-Corolla-Yaris-Highlander/32791850849.html?spm=2114.search0104.3.57.nIAGr&ws_ab_test=searchweb0_0,searchweb201602_1_10152_10065_10151_10068_10130_10084_10083_10080_10307_10082_10081_10110_10178_10137_10111_10060_10112_10113_10155_10114_10154_10056_10055_10054_10312_10313_10059_100031_10099_10078_10079_10103_10073_10102_10052_10053_10142_10107_10050_10051-10050,searchweb201603_19,ppcSwitch_5&btsid=45c13260-fc7c-4be7-baa9-38242de3037e&algo_expid=edcef426-4037-48c4-bfcc-cbc16810d4e1-7&algo_pvid=edcef426-4037-48c4-bfcc-cbc16810d4e1

My new centre caps arrived.

The caps finish the new wheels off nicely I think.

<http://i.imgur.com/1clFznS.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/mfOScBA.jpg>

I found some time to do a bit of tidying around the car too.

- The rear grill was gone a rusted and the black paint had faded.

- I sanded it down a bit and touched it up with some high temperature black gloss.

BEFORE:

<http://i.imgur.com/xzdeqXW.jpg>

AFTER:

<http://i.imgur.com/hekSDEL.jpg>

The calipers looked naff too under the new alloys. So I also painted this matt black.

BEFORE:

<http://i.imgur.com/SbTQgv5.jpg>

AFTER:

<http://i.imgur.com/nJSrQgK.jpg>

I also got some nice new drilled and grooved calipers, I'll throw them on after the NCT.

<http://i.imgur.com/Q61NhmP.jpg>

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Quandry - 2017/08/02 11:14

Very nice, looks great! :)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by eringobragh - 2017/08/10 10:43

Thanks for link ordered some

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2017/08/10 15:53

No problem mate.

Are you heading down to Cork for the Classic Toyota show at the weekend?

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Steve - 2017/08/10 16:27

that is stunning looking...looks fantastic...everything u did with it stands out really well done job...Credit to you..well done

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by eringobragh - 2017/08/10 21:15

Rex Banner wrote:

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Am working unfortunately :(Hope ye get the weather

What paint you use on calipers btw

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2017/08/14 14:05

@eringobragh

I went for Matt black this time around for something different.

Normally I go for gloss.

It's Simonz High Temperature VHT paint, only 7e in my local Auto Factors.

The Annual Toyota Classic Gathering in Cork was excellent last weekend. It was great to see some familiar new faces from MR2.ie

Here are some MR2 biased pictures.

<http://i.imgur.com/UspyDxZ.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/krP28Vh.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/Vv1U7a4.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/5au4iOu.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/XfOGl0Q.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/GfJwMeq.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/eZm579t.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/GD42MeU.jpg>

<http://i.imgur.com/1cS53CN.jpg>

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Mister2 - 2017/08/14 15:01

Nice pics!! I should have parked mine near ... it was surrounded by corollas :(

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2017/08/15 08:42

@Mister2

Thanks man, I remember seeing yours at the side of the building.
It looked unreal, love the quadlight conversion and blacked out lights, suits it down to the ground.

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Bommie - 2017/08/16 20:29

Great pics Rex, nice to see you're still working away on the mr2 B)

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Re: MR2 Rev 1 GT T-Bar

Posted by Rex Banner - 2017/08/17 09:53

@Bommie,

Cheers man, do you still have yours? Your build thread was epic, I used to love getting ideas from it. I met a few of the lads on here last weekend in Cork. They said the group has mostly migrated to Facebook now.

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