

Old Habits

SAM ENLOE BUYS A FINISHED '69 COPO CAMARO THAT HE DIDN'T NEED TO WRENCH ON, HE THOUGHT.

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Just out of high school, Sam Enloe of Peoria, Arizona, surrounded by gearhead friends. He bought the motor off the showroom floor and immediately found himself working as plant manager of Evergreen Performance and building cars on the side. Evergreen Fert now called Alraid, kept him busy doing the work he dreamt of doing as a youngster. Being around car parts all day made impossible to avoid having projects of his own. Sam doesn't anything just a little bit, even if he intends to. With a 20-year history of overbuilding every car he has owned, he wanted a car he could just drive. The last project into an over-the-top drag car that had no business on the road. He wanted something new to him, but easy to build. F-body. He looked around at the car shows, print ads, only eBay for a nicely restored car to call his own. In September of 2009, a beautifully photographed Camaro clone caught his eye. It was garnet red with immaculate interior, all styled after the corporate order the builder/seller exchanged emails and photos for obvious the seller spent some bucks on professional photos to sell the car. Sam received over 50 high-quality photos to say, Sam was impressed. He had the car shipped over and delivered a month later it looked just as beautiful as the photos. The truck driver backed the car out of his right Sam the keys.

Sam's excitement for starting the first drive home over. He twisted the key and the big-block fired right great. Sam thought. As he put the shifter into first onto the road, he felt like something was wrong. He stock, a 454-cubic inch big-block surely should be more than this, maybe it's actually in third gear. Another yes, it was in fact in first gear, and it was horrifically That wasn't the only issue. It was also clear that the paint on the front suspension was merely a mask old parts.

