

CONCEPT WATCH



Mitsubishi XR-PHEV Concept: Forget the fancy initials in the name, this previews what the next-gen Mitsu Outlander might look like. Which is an alien-faced ugliness "inspired" by Lexus.

PROJECT CARS



CHASING perfection

1998 Toyota Chaser JZX100

This is it. This Chaser, the man behind it's wheel, the engine under the hood. Those smooth, handsome lines. This is the reason I absolutely love what I do, sacrificing weekends, sleep, and social life. Project cars like these are few and far between, an orchestra of just the right parts and platform coming together to yield something that is damn near perfect.

They say it's love when your heart skips a beat and comes back on with punches that threaten to tear your ribcage apart. Faced with Tanweer Zaman's E-P-I-C Chaser, the scrambling of emotions and the difficulty you face in pinpointing exactly what the car has that makes your pants tighter is a feeling you really have to experience to believe.

Understatement, restraint, and a thesaurus of synonymous adjectives can be flung upon the Chaser,

inch wheels, TRD front splitter and custom boot lip spoiler all add up to a simplicity and elegance which is hard to find in today's stance and "loud" body mods crazed world. Sometimes, beauty needs simplicity and elegance over brash in-your-face attitude; think Viki Dougan instead of the internet-breaking Kim Kardashian.

Under the hood sits the first 1-JZGTE swap into a Chaser ever done in the country. 2500 cc, VVT-i, single turbo. The Supra-sourced in-line six cylinder unit has been nurtured and caressed with the best quality parts to produce 320 of the finest quality horsepower. It is impossible to imagine how a car of this size and weight can build speed that quickly, with an automatic gearbox, nonetheless. The only hints at the mental beast hiding underneath the subdued exterior are the



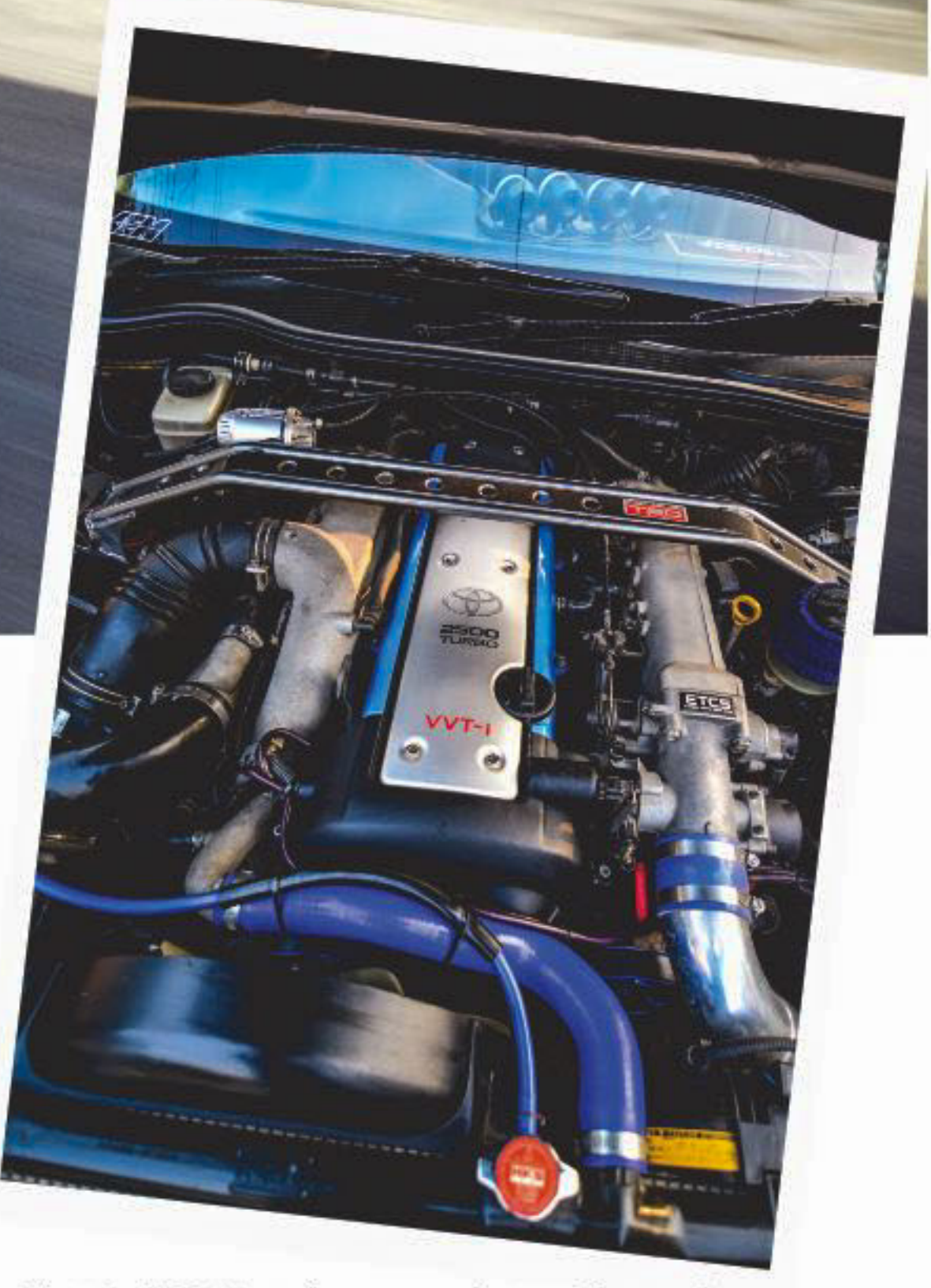
and it will brush it aside with the elegance of a veteran Audrey Hepburn-esque heartthrob not giving a second thought to the adoration of her fans. This is a brown car. Its not an exact brown, it's a fusion of bronze, silver, sandy brown, beige, champagne, and under different lighting, the near-alcoholic mix of colours give off the impression of a chameleon soul.

It really does have a split personality.

On the outside, the subtle wheel arches, wide 18

intercooler peeking out the front bumper and the muted-but-throaty Blitz exhaust out back.

Inside, it's the cleanest car from the 90's that you can find today. Find one scratch, one smudge, one speck of dust and I will print out ten copies of my article, cut them up into tiny 2x2 squares, and eat them for breakfast. Look at the hyper-rare 320 km/h TRD gauges, original TRD steering wheel, the red stitched black leather seats, Sparco gear knob, and the extra set of



First 1-JZGTE engine swap into a Chaser in Bangladesh. Supra power, Chaser looks and (relative) practicality. And look at how clean that engine bay is!

gauges sitting four abreast on the dashboard, and you get the idea that this car has been built with a meticulous attention to detail.

Tanweer Zaman has a philosophy to building up each car he lays his hands on. With each progression, however, he tries to inject something new, something more. What results are cars which look and feel wildly different from one another, but cars which are all built with strict respect for the core philosophy: completeness. Every single part comes together to work perfectly. Everything.

He drives the Chaser daily. "The K-sport coilovers make it difficult to navigate over Dhaka streets, but if you are a bit careful, it is very surprising how useable this car is on a daily basis. It is difficult to find traction for the rear wheels on dirt, sand, mud or rain soaked tarmac, however. Having a grippy set of tires is quite necessary", says Tanweer.

Remember that person you used to have a crush on in high school, the one which will always pull your heartstrings, but that person who, in a cruel twist of fate, was always hitched to someone else? If luck ever shone on you and you got your chance, would you take it or let it pass? Tanweer has a new machine to build up (it's Japanese nickname starts with an H and ends with a U, if you can guess it, I think you'll be as excited as we are at Shift), and unfortunately, he has to let this Chaser go. If you would like to be the proud owner of what is probably one of the best project cars to ever grace Dhaka's streets, keep an eye on our Facebook page.

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SHIFT ZONE

It's difficult to come across the right parts when customizing or maintaining your car in Bangladesh. Forget the right tuning parts, if you're able to find a good pair of factory specification shock absorbers that have not been tampered with in every way possible, you're a very lucky person. That makes customization a problem, because if you must change the engineering with which a car comes into your hands, it makes sense that you'd only go for tried and tested, fully proven parts and not potentially life-threatening knockoffs. It makes us admire Tanweer Zaman's Chaser even more, because it takes dedication, perseverance and vision to build a project car with the right combination of modifications. We hope our readers enjoy the feature as much as we enjoyed shooting it.

As always, hi-res images are available for download on our website and Facebook page. There is also an extended review of the Chaser on our online edition, so do visit: [www.thedailystar.net/shift](http://www.thedailystar.net/shift)

--Shaer Reaz, Sub-editor, Shift

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BIKER TIPS

Fatal statistics



Riders without helmet 40% more likely to suffer a fatal head injury

Source: Global status report on road safety 2013, WHO  
IMAGE: E.R. RONNY

We would like to hear from our readers. Similar to what we do with cars in our other weekly maintenance tips column, Shift Garage, we would like to answer your motorbike related queries and provide you with useful advice.

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A RIDICULOUSLY COOL RIM

Bolts and nuttery

Easy guide to tightening lug nuts

Wheel lug nuts are like bass guitarists: very important but usually overlooked. They hold wheels in place. That's as important a job as the guy who cleans nuclear station switches without pressing any buttons. But there's a trick to tightening lug nuts. You'll see in the images that the common thing is to follow a bit of a diagonal pattern. Reason: this helps seat the rim onto the hub properly. Also, don't completely tighten the nuts as you move from one to the next. Follow the patterns gradually to tighten them all. This should be a helpful guide to keep your nuts tight and in place.

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