

Slide Junkie

Wider is Better

With the footwork and grip issues already addressed (see our 6.05 issue), we turned our attention to making our Project Slide Junkie look like a drifter. After searching the web through the endless amounts of aero kits available for our application, we finally decided on Chargespeed's kit for the S13 Silvia.

First, we sourced a JDM S13 front clip from LS Auto in Baldwin Park, CA and had it shipped to us here in Toronto, ON. The clip came with everything: S13 Red Top SR20DET, S13 dual projec-

tor headlights and body panels / bumper, everything we needed for the transplant and facelift.

Obviously, we didn't need the body panels because we were using the Chargespeed kit. To get our hands on the kit, we went to Chargespeed's exclusive North American Distributor – Versus Motorsport in Compton, CA. The kit is made of FRP (fibreglass reinforced plastic) and usually consists of the front and rear bumper and side skirts. However, we also opted to go with the front grill, carbon fibre hood, plus front and rear wide fenders

to complete the D1-inspired appearance.

The front fenders are 30mm wider, while the rears are a tad fatter measuring in at 50mm over stock. The rear fenders come with a Chargespeed gas lid to accommodate the wider fenders. A wider wheel and tire combination was eventually selected to fill the new-found room. (Work Emotion CR Kai 18x8.5, 18x9.5)

Once everything was properly installed, Slide Junkie was brought back to life thanks to a new paintjob. The colour we opted to go with was Suzuka Blue from the Honda S2000.

Slide Junkie was left in the capable hands of International Automotive & Custom and Birchmount Collision for the fitment, installation and painting.



The stock car about to go under the knife.



The Chargespeed Carbon Fibre hood that will grace our drift machine.



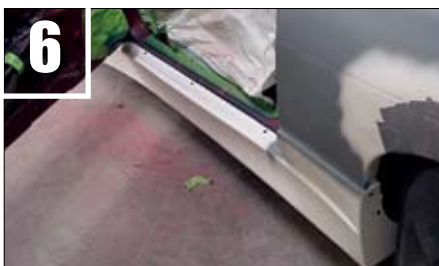
The wider front and rear fenders.



Chargespeed's front and rear bumper cover replacements.



With the body kit fitted to the car and the fenders grafted on, it was time to prep it for paint.



Note the car's interior was carefully stripped and covered up so the paint stays where it's supposed to: on the outside.



Whatever is easily removed and isn't wished to be sprayed in the blue paint, such as the taillights, are removed, leaving as much of the bare shell as possible.



With the front bumper installed, the grille is covered up so the engine bay will have no unsightly overspray.



9 The most important aspect of a kit installation is the fitment between panels. As you can see, the Chargespeed kit, along with expert installation, fits nice and tight.



10 To prep the surface for paint, it needs to be sanded so it will stick on properly. Careful not to scratch the Carbon hood!



11 Sanding needs to happen everywhere on the shell, in a consistent pressure to prevent any pits. It is particularly labour intensive in tight areas, such as the perimeter of the sunroof.



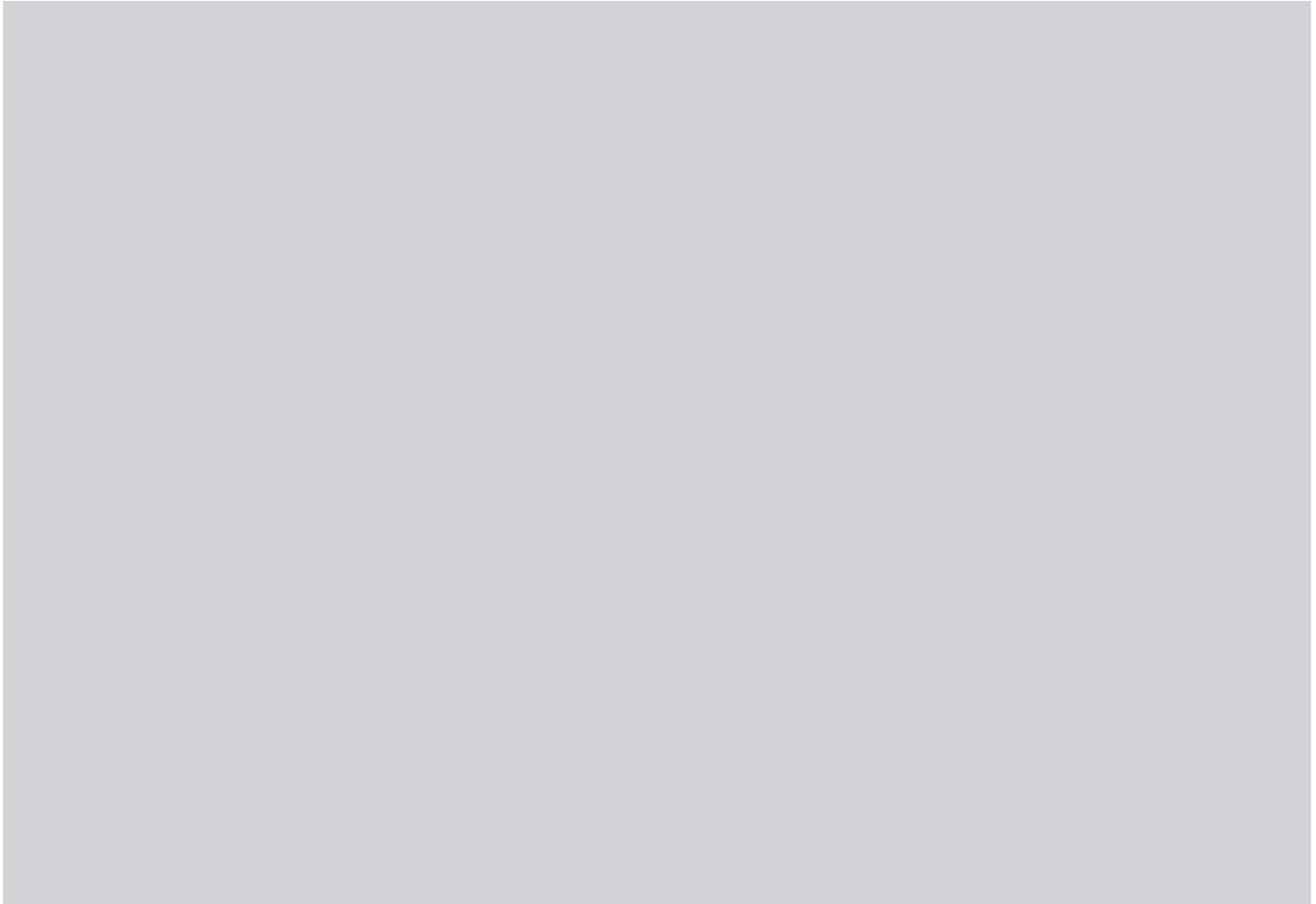
12 Inside the paint booth, the car is checked over one more time and any areas sticking out are taped up or covered.



13 The car is gone over one more time with cloth to get rid of any dust sitting on the surface. The last thing you want is trapped dust particles ruining an otherwise perfect finish.



14 Finally, we can start spraying, from the top down, just like washing a car.





15 The front bumper and fenders are sprayed thoroughly.



16 Drying and waiting to be put back together again.



17 The end result, ready to turn heads and pulverize rubber. **P&S**

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Work Emotion CR Kai Wheels (18x8.5, 18x9.5)

740cc fuel injectors, Z32 MAF, fuel pressure regulator, GReddy intake manifold

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