

Layin' Pipe

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Last month, we brought you the start of the latest straight-line project from the crew over at International Automotive and Custom. What started (this project) as a mangled heap, has now been stripped down, had its broken and bent parts removed and has been seam-welded to provide a solid foundation for this front-drive drag racer.

The second portion of the project involves strengthening the chassis with carefully-placed tubular steel to form not only the roll cage but also to locate the front and rear suspension. Part of the mystery behind this car is being revealed in these images as we now know for sure the car

will be a front-driver. This is based on the installation of a set of Strange Engineering Ultra Struts complete with spindles.

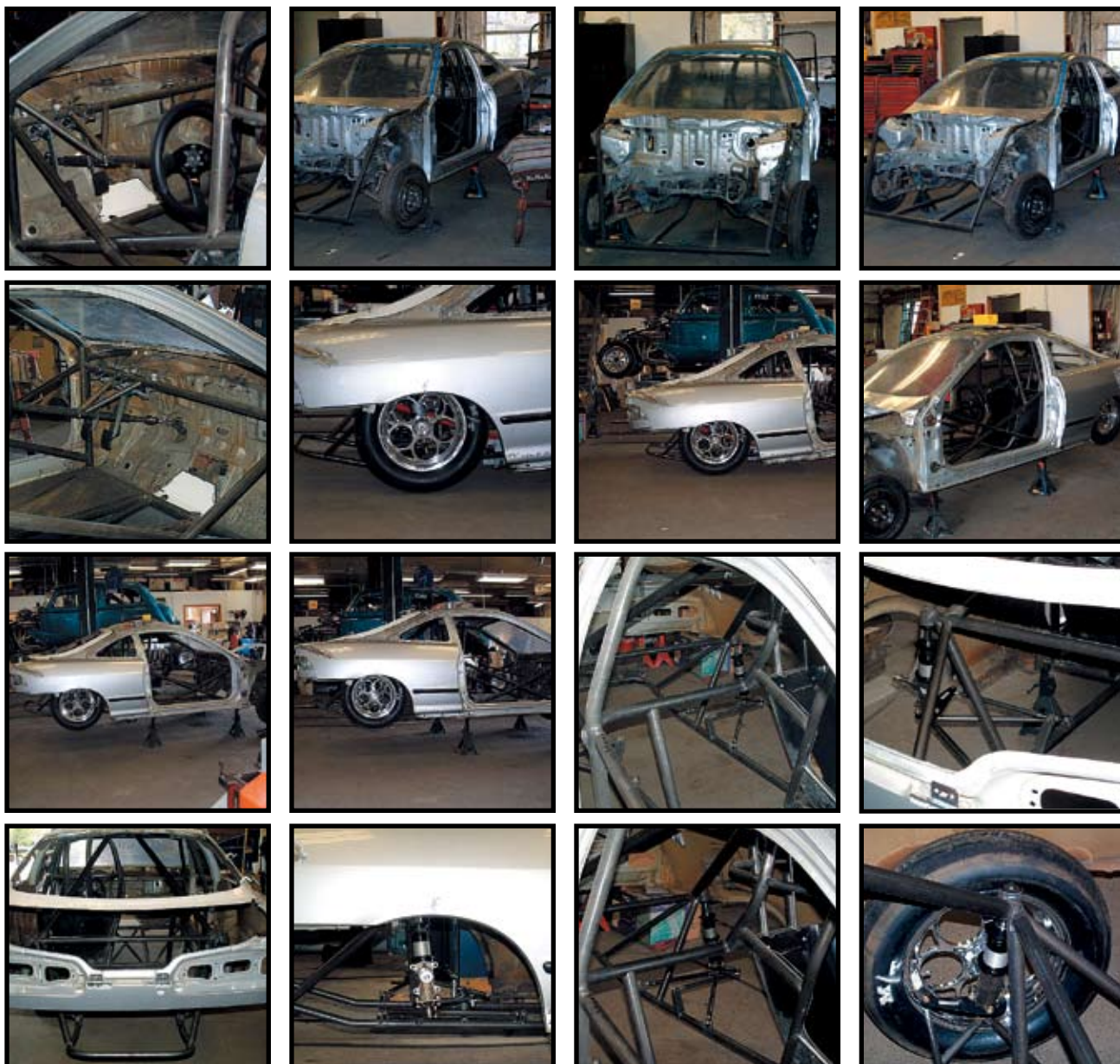
The spindles are mounted to the triangulated roll cage to ensure that their alignment remains exact once the car launches. The strut assembly is fully adjustable as is the mounting (using heim joints) so the team will be able to dial in the suspension to perfect the car's launch when the time comes. Weld Racing wheels will live on each end of the car, covered by Mickey Thompson drag slicks.

You can also see that the new steering column was installed and the MOMO steering wheel was bolted up. A set of Tilton

pedals also found their way to being a permanent fixture in the installation.

In terms of body modifications, a subtle but effective rear spoiler made a permanent home on the rear deck and rear quarters, a Lexan front windshield from Shields found its way to the front of the car and the gas cap door was permanently filled in. We also know the engine, type unknown, will rest on Enjo mounts.

Enjoy the spy shots of the car as we follow its progress and keep checking back, as we'll bring you more information as it becomes available. From the sounds of it, a lightweight front clip, doors and other body modifications are next on the agenda. **PAS**



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