

I HAD A DREAM

I had a dream that my Austin Devon known as Devoon became a faster and safer car. I dreamt that this is what happened to it. I found a LJ Torana front end fitted under the Austin chassis with a Corolla steering column and rack and pinion steering. A Torana Diff "of course," and the Tail Shaft has been shortened and then to my surprise and pleasure I note the chassis cross member has been modified to fit a Toyota Celica 5 speed box and in front of that a 1600 Celica Twin Cam 2TGA Gt Motor Fitted with Twin Webbers. A FB Holden Radiator to keep it running cool.

The Brakes made me smile and go deeper into my dream, as I new they would hold a bit better then the old Devoon. A XF Ford Master cylinder with Nisan Stanza booster all linked to Torana Disc on the front and drums on the rear, finished of with 14" HR Holden rims.

I looked inside to see that the Devoon seats had been replaced with bucket seats from a Suzuki Balina. An Electric Speedo fits neatly into the old Speedo hole but all the other original instruments a there and working fine. I feel all warm and very comfortable and then realize that I now have a heater fitted, it is from a Mini, as are the two speed wipers. A flash new Radio (no valves) and it works!!!!

As I start to wake I remember in my dream that every square inch has been sand blasted and every nut and bolt has been replaced. I ask Her (the car) what would her new name be, as she is Austin, Torana, Toyota, Ford, Nissan, She blinked her lights and said just call me AUSTIN TO TO.

I Woke up and ran straight to my shed and it was a dream come true there before my eyes was two Austin's and my baby Triumph (but that's a another story).

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