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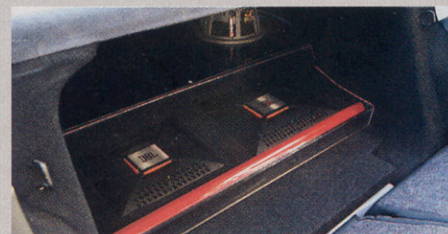
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Every car is unique in its own way—take Chelsea Yang's '97 A4 1.8T. Her car isn't a Quattro, and it isn't a twin-turbo S4. So what distinguishes it from all others? The performance tuning performed by DTM Autohaus. I'm not just talking about the 1.8T engine, which sports a PES/Garrett T28 turbo. This young lady's Audi includes interior appointments, exterior enhancements, and a serious sound system to boot. ▶





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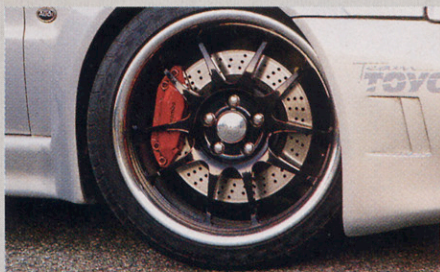
How does an attractive woman the likes of Chelsea come to own such an incredible Audi? Well, let's just say that she's tight with the crew from DTM Autohaus. The fact of the matter is she works there part-time answering phones when not at school studying. While Chelsea was in class, the Alhambra, California-based European tuning shop transformed her A4 into what you see today.

Whether cruising around the asphalt

streets of suburbia or launching on the concrete 1320, this two-wheel-drive Audi handles traction concerns thanks to a Quaife differential. Why not just build a Quattro car? Added weight, that's why. The PES-tuned 1.8T, complete with Garrett T28 turbo, RC Engineering fuel injectors, SGI 2.5-inch stainless exhaust, and Apexi front-mount intercooler, helps propel this Audi into the 13s at the track. Not bad, considering the elaborate

Audio Options assembled the custom center console, installing Apexi gauges in the center A/C housing; With the Apexi AVC-R boost controller, Apexi front-mount intercooler, and PES/Garrett T28 turbo, the 1.8T churns out more than twice its stock output; Opening the trunk uncovers the JBL 10-inch woofers; Mounted under a plexiglass floor in the trunk are two JBL amplifiers,





Black 18-inch DTM Kreuz wheels and Toyo Proxes T1-S tires cover Brembo four-pot brakes; Sabelt harnesses keep the occupants firmly in the Sparco seats; An Apexi blow-off valve keeps down the pressure between shifts; The DTM Karbon hood and FMIC offer mean looks for the front of the A4.

JBL sound system installed in the trunk.

The stock look wasn't cutting it for Chelsea, so the A4 received the DTM Autohaus treatment with the addition of aero styling components from SGI, Mattig, and DTM. Included in the package were molded-in fender flares

and custom paint by Kustom Import. Add a DTM Karbon hood and rear window diffuser, and the exterior was complete.

Suspension modifications are composed of KW adjustable coilovers fore and aft. To keep the car tight in the





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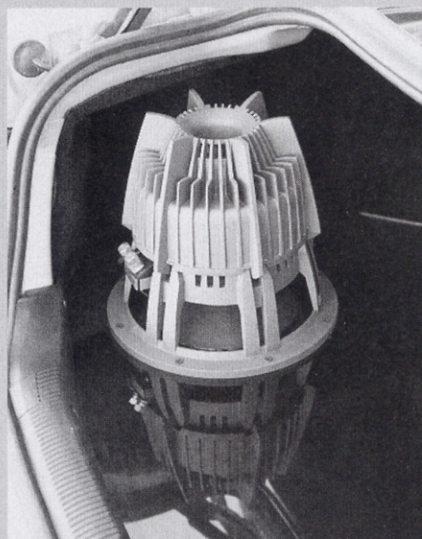
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curves, Intrax sway bars and Weichers strut braces were installed. Capping off the chassis are 18x9-inch DTM Kreuz wheels wrapped in 245/35-18 Toyo tires at each corner. To bring the A4 to a stop, oversized Brembo brakes from Race Technologies were installed.

Esthetics and horsepower combined set off this Audi; however, an interior change was the next attribute in building this epic sport sedan. Wasting no time, Apollo Upholstery stitched up a set of carbon-backed Sparco seats while Audio Options crafted a custom center console. Installed in the dash are Apexi and Split Second gauges inside a DTM gauge pod in the no-longer useful center air vents. Next was to increase the in-car dB's.

What Euro would be complete without ICE? Greg Sound spent endless hours in design and handcrafting the JBL sound system. The Audi is equipped with a Nakamichi AM/FM/CD headunit and Infinity speaker separates for front and rear notes. For bass, two 10-inch JBL GTI subs shake the rearview mirror effortlessly. Powering this system is a JBL P80.4 for mids and highs and one JBL P1200.1 for subs, producing 600 watts.

What more could you possibly want in a European car? This Audi A4 has it all. Styling, power, and an unreal sound system distinguish this Audi from the rest. The next time you roll up to a stoplight and see a woman behind the wheel, think twice...it just might be Chelsea Yang and her silver bullet. **ET**



Instead of a traditional speaker enclosure, the backs of the JBL woofers were left exposed.

**DRIVER SPECS**

**CHELSEA YANG**  
 ALHAMBRA, CA

**OCCUPATION:**

Student

**WHY DID YOU BUILD THIS VEHICLE?**

Something to do...

**HOW LONG DID IT TAKE?**

Just over three years

**WHAT PROBLEMS DID YOU ENCOUNTER?**

When you want custom work, expect a custom price to go with it!

**HOW DID YOU SOLVE THIS PROBLEM?**

I got a loan!

**[PERFORMANCE SPECS]**

HP: 310 @ 5,800 rpm

TQ: 300 lb-ft @ 3,500 rpm

1/4-MILE: 13.4 sec

TOP SPEED: drag limited

**[TECH SPECS]****ENGINE:**

1.8L turbocharged I-4, PES/Garrett T28 turbo, RC Engineering injectors, SGI 2.5-inch exhaust, Denso Iridium IK22 plugs, Apexi blow-off valve, Apexi front-mount intercooler, Apexi AVC-R boost controller, Therma Flex hoses, Split Second fuel-management system, PES-tuned GIAC ECU

**TRANSMISSION:**

Five-speed manual, Quaife front differential, B&M shifter, Sachs/Tuning Zubeheor Sport clutch

**SUSPENSION:**

KW Variant 1 coilovers front and rear, Intrax 29mm front sway bar, Intrax 25mm rear sway bar, Intrax bushings, Weichers/Tuning Zubeheor front and rear strut braces

**WHEELS & TIRES:**

DTM Kreuz 18x9-inch wheels with Toyo T1-S 245/35-18 front and rear

**BRAKES:**

Brembo four-piston front calipers, Brembo 12.9-inch front rotors, Brembo replacement rear rotors, Pagid brake pads, Goodridge lines

**BODYWORK/LIGHTING:**

SGI RS4-look aero package, DTM Provos mirrors, DTM Karbon vented hood, DTM Karbon roof diffuser, Mattig/Tuning Zubeheor badgeless grill, molded-in fender flares, shaved side moldings, Valeo Euro-spec headlamp housings, smoked rear taillamps, Sikkens Opal Silver paint by Kustom Import

**INTERIOR:**

Sparco carbon-backed seats, Sabel double release harnesses, custom gray-and-black perforated leather upholstery by Apollo Upholstery, custom center console by Audio Options, Apexi gauges, MOMO shifter knob, MOMO e-brake cover, Oettinger pedals, NR silver-faced instruments, carbon-fiber dash trim, DTM Karbon gauge pod, Split Second air/fuel meter, Apexi turbo timer

**MOBILETRONICS:**

Nakamichi MB-75 AM/FM/CD head unit, JBL BP 1200.1 400-watt and 80.4 200-watt amplifiers, Infinity Kappa 50.2CS and Perfect 6.1 speaker separates, JBL GTI W10 subwoofers, Scosche wiring installed by Greg Sound

**PROPS/SHOUT-OUTS/MAD LOVE:**

DTM Autohaus, Toyo Tires, Apexi, Kustom Import, TG Race Designs, Tuning Zubeheor, Valvoline, Eagle One, B&M, Race Technologies, Aero Duo, Autolink, PES, Quaife, KW Suspensions, Therma Flex, Intrax, Greg Sound, Apollo Upholstery, Audio Options, JBL, Stan, Jay, Brandon, Uncle Bernie, Euro Projektz, Audiwerks