

Jack Denny's 2008 Chevy Silverado

Jack Denny has always had a desire to personalize his cars. A car enthusiast for his entire life, Jack has tackled many automotive projects as a matter of habit. His recent retirement has definitively done nothing to change his habits. Not even buying a gorgeous new Chevrolet pickup could hold his passion at bay.

Choosing a brand new 2008 Chevrolet pickup as a starting point for a project may seem like taking the easy way out (See figure 1 and Table 1). However, modifying a vehicle that is in showroom condition to create a unique car has its challenges and risks. Most people would love to have a new Chevrolet Silverado, so they have trouble understanding why anyone would want to modify a brand new vehicle. Jack wanted to make the vehicle unique.

You certainly want to trust the body shop doing the work on a new vehicle. That is why Jack chose Bremseth Body Shop, Inc. to perform the work. They allowed Jack to help with some of the work. Jack has worked with John and Cory Bremseth on past projects, so they have a history of working good together and achieving excellent results.



Figure 1 - Jack's 2008 Chevy prior to modifications

Starting with a new vehicle is certainly easier than working on a vehicle that has been in a barn for fifty plus years. There was obviously no rust on any of the components. The desired modifications are much easier to perform.

TABLE 1 -- The table below gives the details of what Jack started with.

Vehicle Facts Owner: Jack Denny Home: Chatfield, Minnesota 2008 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup	
Chassis	CHASSIS: Stock Silverado 1/2 ton Z85 REAR END: H.D. Positraction rear axle – 3.73 ratio.
Drive Train	ENGINE: 5.3 Liter V-8 315 hp TRANSMISSION: 4 speed automatic
Body	STYLE: Regular cab short box PAINT: GM victory red
Interior	SEATS: Select cloth seating, 6 way power seats. SOUND SYSTEM: AM/FM Stereo with MP3 CD OTHER OPTIONS: Remote start, home remote system, air conditioning, Leather steering wheel with wheel mounted cruise/audio controls.

Jack was happy with the factory 5.3 liter factory V-8 rated at 315 hp. However, he added K&M cool air intake system and Magnaflow stainless exhaust system to improve performance. He is also considering a supercharger in the future.

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To give the Silverado a sporty appearance, Jack with the help of Bremseth Body Shop performed several modifications. To start, he installed a DJM 4/6 lowering suspension which included new upper and lower control arms in the front for a 4 inch drop (See figure 2). He removed the rear axle to the top of the leaf springs and modified it for a total of 7 ¼-inch drop.



Figure 2 - Rear suspension modifications

He installed a complete SSBC disc brake conversion system, which included 14-inch discs in front and 12-inch rears.

The wheel and tire combination is Centerline Matrix polished aluminum wheels – 8 x 20 and 9 ½ x 20 – and Toyo Proxes 255/50 and 305/50 low profiles tires (See figure 3). The lower stance and wheel and tire combination went a long ways toward giving the Silverado a great new look. However, the truck still needed a lot of work to achieve

the desired look.



Figure 3 – End gate with re-located handle and new wheels

Jack had several components from Street Scene added to complements the effects of the chassis lowering kit. First, he added a front bumper and rear roll pan as well as the black chrome inserts in the grille. The paintable grille came from Chevrolet while the billet aluminum bow ties are from Empire. Next, hours of work by Bremseth Body Shop went into the relocating of the tailgate handle and the bodywork involved with it (See figure 3). Jack, John, and Cory decided on a paint scheme of Lamborghini Black Pearl and Lenticular Silver on the hood and the Gaylord tonneau cover and tailgate. Lastly, he had the door handles painted to provide a smooth look to the body (See figure 4).

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Figure 4 - Box cover and box rug.

The complete modifications to the exterior give the truck a unique sporty look (See figure 5). This makes for a nice view from the outside, but the driver needs a good view as well.



Figure 5 - Custom paint and new wheels

Jack wanted several interior modifications to improve the cab space. He preferred leather seats, but the option was not available in the regular cab. Jack replaced the factory cloth seats with leather seats manufactured by Katskin Leather in California (See figure 6). He also had armrests covered with matching material. He added billet aluminum sill plates and foot pedals from Empire.

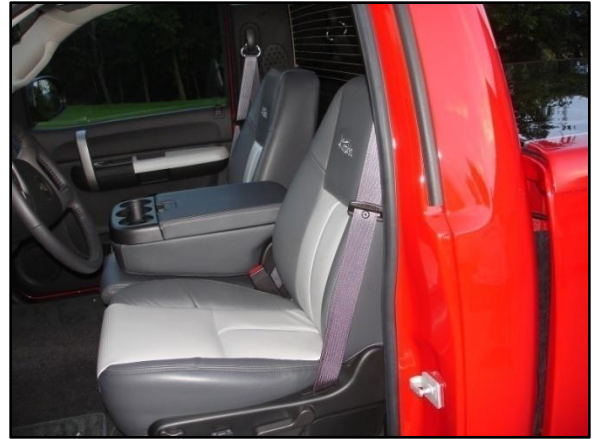


Figure 6 - Interior with new seats and arm rests.

Jack is very pleased with the work performed by Bremseth Body Shop and the project has ended with a unique Chevy Silverado pickup. Jack ended up with a pickup customized just the way he envisioned (See figure 7 and Table 2).



Figure 7 - Finished Chevy Silverado

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TABLE 2 -- The table below lists details of the finish pickup.

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Drive Train	<p>ENGINE: 5.3 Liter V-8 315 hp</p> <p>TRANSMISSION: 4 speed automatic</p> <p>WHEELS: Centerline Matrix polished aluminum - 8 x 20 and 9 ½ x 20 – and Toyo Proxes 255/50 and 305/50 low profiles tires</p>
Body	<p>STYLE: Regular cab short box</p> <p>PAINT: GM victory red, Lamborghini Black Pearl and Lenticular Silver</p> <p>BODY: Street Scene front bumper, rear roll pan, and black chrome inserts in the grill. Gaylord tonneau cover and tailgate handle relocation.</p>
Interior	<p>SEATS: Leather seats from Katskin Leather.</p> <p>SOUND SYSTEM: AM/FM Stereo with MP3 CD</p> <p>ACCENTS: Billet aluminum sill plates and foot pedals from Empire.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS: Remote start, home remote system, air conditioning, Leather steering wheel with wheel mounted cruise/audio controls.</p>