

N-FAB'S Texas Lone Star: Who Says Size Doesn't Matter?

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In June 2002 the guys at N-FAB off-road accessories were on the hunt for a new project vehicle, and they soon found it in this 2002 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4. They transformed this truck into an exceptional showcase vehicle in only three weeks time, and after coughing up a total of \$60,000. This truck comes complete with N-Fab's new custom made off road accessories for Dodge's new body style. Did I say showcase vehicle? It's not all for show; the N-FAB guys drive this beast daily. Who wouldn't? Hey, they've got to have a little off-roading fun too. Maybe they are just testing out the new products...

The first thing you'll notice when you take a look at this impressive truck is probably the incredible 13 - ½ inches of lift. This is definitely not a vehicle you'd want to park behind. It could mistake it for a curb. Full Throttle Suspension in Fresno, California supplied the tremendous 10-inch suspension lift kit; a 3-inch performance accessory body lift kit, the 6-inch rear springs, and a 4 - ½ inch block kit.

For better handling, Kar Tek off road in Corona, California supplied the Bilstein 7100 series remote reservoir shock. N-FAB fabricated a custom-built front double shock hoop to reinforce the truck's off road performance. During those off road trips, leaf springs tend to twist, so N-FAB decided to custom build some hefty four-link bars for better traction and stability, replacing the truck's potentially flimsy stock leaf springs.

The guys at N-FAB were thinking big, and they got enormous with an awesome 13-½ inches of lift in this truck. Who says size doesn't matter? With the tremendous lift, N-FAB needed some beefy tires for their monster. After installing and fabricating an array of off road accessories, N-FAB decided to install four 18.5x39x16.5 Mickey Thompson's with Woodland's Suspension's Weld Racing Super Single 16.5x12 wheels. Take a peek in the back and you'll notice a 5th Mickey Thompson conveniently placed in N-Fab's spare tire rack in the bed for easy access during those off road trips.

With all that lift, you might be wondering how the driver and passengers are going to get in, or should I say up into the cab. Well, N-FAB installed their own Nerf Steps to make climbing into the cab a little easier. No need to have your buddy boost you into the cab with these trendy steps. And N-FAB makes their steps full length (wheel-to-wheel), with a super duty 445 lb. weight rating: the highest in the industry! The welded on steel step pad and drop down steps are mega durable, and they come with a gloss black powder finish, or custom color match, a very useful idea that N-FAB manages to keep stylish. At the nose and the rear of the truck are two stylish, custom Pre-Runners...another cool product from N-FAB.

The guys at N-FAB certainly make building an off road truck like this sound easy with spending only three weeks time to build it, not that I'm saying they didn't spend back-breaking man hours sweating blood, they just make it sound simple. This Dodge was acquired as a project vehicle to showcase N-Fab's new products for the truck's new body style. This rugged machine will be in the upcoming SEMA show in Vegas at the Convention Center on November 4th and 7th. Go

check out N-Fab's new Dodge in person, but don't expect to drive it.

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