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It is said that once a man reaches his mid-twenties, his brain is fully developed - leading to the absence of irrational decisions. As car nuts, we all know that this is far from the truth. Chris, the owner of this beautiful VF SSV Sportwagon, is a classic case of a kid who never grew up. After all, there is nothing rational about owning a V8 - it is all about the sensory activation and audio symphony that such a beast offers.

BNB were trusted with the exterior design theme and interior re-creation. The team worked with Chris, visualising a 'tougher' presence whilst maintaining a factory restraint in the design elements.

Inspired by classic two-tone wagons from the 60's and 70's, this wagon incorporates a modern colour transition; fading the Jungle Green paintwork to the black roof and rear pillar wrap. For the iconic front vents, we imagined another gradient that would give the illusion of an enlarged intake. Combined with the exterior blackout a low-placed side decals, this car demands attention.

On the inside, the BNB team delivered a restrained high quality cabin - a VF GTS seat conversion in black Italian Nappa leather complete with black SSV embroidered on the front headrests. A new 3-piece dash and clustertop trim in authentic alcantara and nappa leatherties in the seat conversion nicely. A genuine Walkinshaw badge (provided by the customer) installed where the SSV logo would typically sit on the dash face worked nicely.

Our exclusive 'Competition' padded and trimmed performance steering wheel - which was developed by BNB for Walkinshaw on their W557 Prototype - was selected to give Chris an unrivalled feel of comfort and grip.

We sat down with Chris to chat more about his story...



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BNB: Chris, thanks for sitting down with us to have a chat! Tell me what you currently own and why...

2016 Holden SSV Wagon, REDLINE. I was driving V8s for a while beforehand, and before this I was in a 4 cylinder turbo and simply couldn’t handle not having something that sounded as good as the V8! It was the last of the V8’s and had to own one. I had owned this less than 3 months before I got the modifying bug again.

BNB: Is it stock?

Ha! Not stock, no... The very first port of call was to Motorsport in Dandenong for a Walkinshaw 547 package, followed by Motorsport wheels for new wheels then here to you guys to tidy up the rest of it.

BNB: How often do you get her out?

She’s a daily driver, it is used as a workhorse. I have a trailer on it, I drive it to work, I come home, I dive, I shoot. For work, I garden / general handyman and home repairs, so the boot is used just constantly, disgusting, filthy and comments are made daily as to why this is used as a work car!

BNB: Now, Chris, a little birdie told me that you MAY have a small interest in LEGO?

Haha! Well, you’re birdie is being very modest! Even from a kid, Lego has always been something that I have enjoyed doing, staying up late at night. It’s quiet and it doesn’t annoy Mum and Dad when they are in bed. Now, as a full grown child I still do the Lego – the collection has substantially grown – forcing me to store some of the Lego at other people’s houses (and offices!) to make way for new stuff.

BNB: Favourite driving road?

Anything that would bring in a closed road, very little traffic, paved with long straights leading to a series of tight twisties combined with scenic views! I haven’t been to Tasmania, but I imagine that would be an epic road trip. It is on the cards.

Coming home through Winton, it was good coming through the Kosciusko and the snowy mountain passes – some absolutely fantastic road through there. The biggest problem is they are always too short, the roads need to be longer and there needs to be more of them!



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: 1. Shadow Black Aluminium wrap for select interior components and 3-piece dash trim, steering wheel trim and padding. 2. Walkinshaw’s W547 package is lurking under the hood. 3. VF GTS seat conversion in Italian Nappa leather. 4. Genuine Walkinshaw badge installed in the dash (badge provided), politely letting passengers know what they are in for.

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BNB: We are stoked you came to us for your interior and to assist with the design of your exterior (which I must say, turns A LOT of heads – especially the fade that the EXOTIC GRAPHICS team managed to pull off to enhance the depth of the vents). How did you find out about us and what gave you the confidence in trusting us with your pride and joy?

Like most car guys you spend hours at night, scouring the internet looking at different things – Instagram and Facebook. The original thought was to just do the seats and I looked and looked and looked and found some images of work that you guys had done of seat upgrades to someone else. I reached out to them to speak to them to find out about where they got the work done and they were absolutely stoked with how it turned out. They had had the seats installed for a while, and to me that was a big thing – everything looks good new, but how does it hold up over time – and he was very happy with the work done by BnB! Some 6 to 8 months later, his interior presented as fresh as the day it left the BnB facility.

I made contact with you guys, seen the work, seen the workshop and we sat to down and went through some ideas with Naish (Head of Design at BnB). I loved the idea that I could customise it to whatever I wanted. I could choose the materials I wanted, the design, the look, and I could have what I wanted – not a selection off the shelf!

BNB: So, future plans?

Haha! Future plans are always constantly evolving. Every other day I've got an idea or a plan. The biggest thing for this car will be to decide whether I keep it or move on.

Currently, I am trying to convince the financial advisor (the boss at home) to let me buy a ute – early 50's to late 60's Chevy C10 and have that as a show/ daily. That will be I think, the next big project. But, if I keep the wagon I'll drop the back seats out, push them back 2 inches and go full custom centre console from front to back. Director seats in the back, blackout everything and then full show car. So either way, you guys will be seeing a lot more of me in the future!

BNB: Thanks for your time Chris, enjoy!



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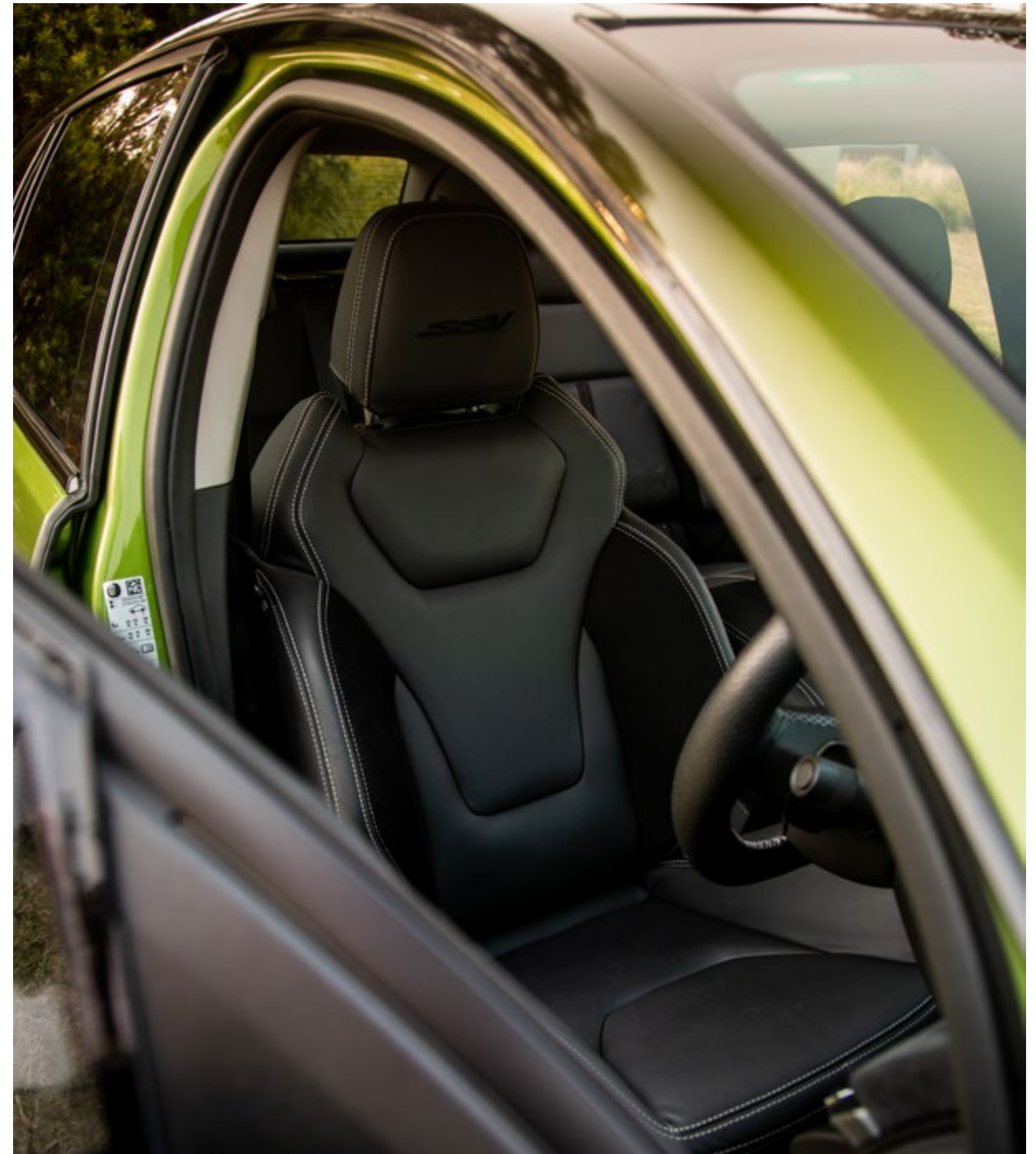
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