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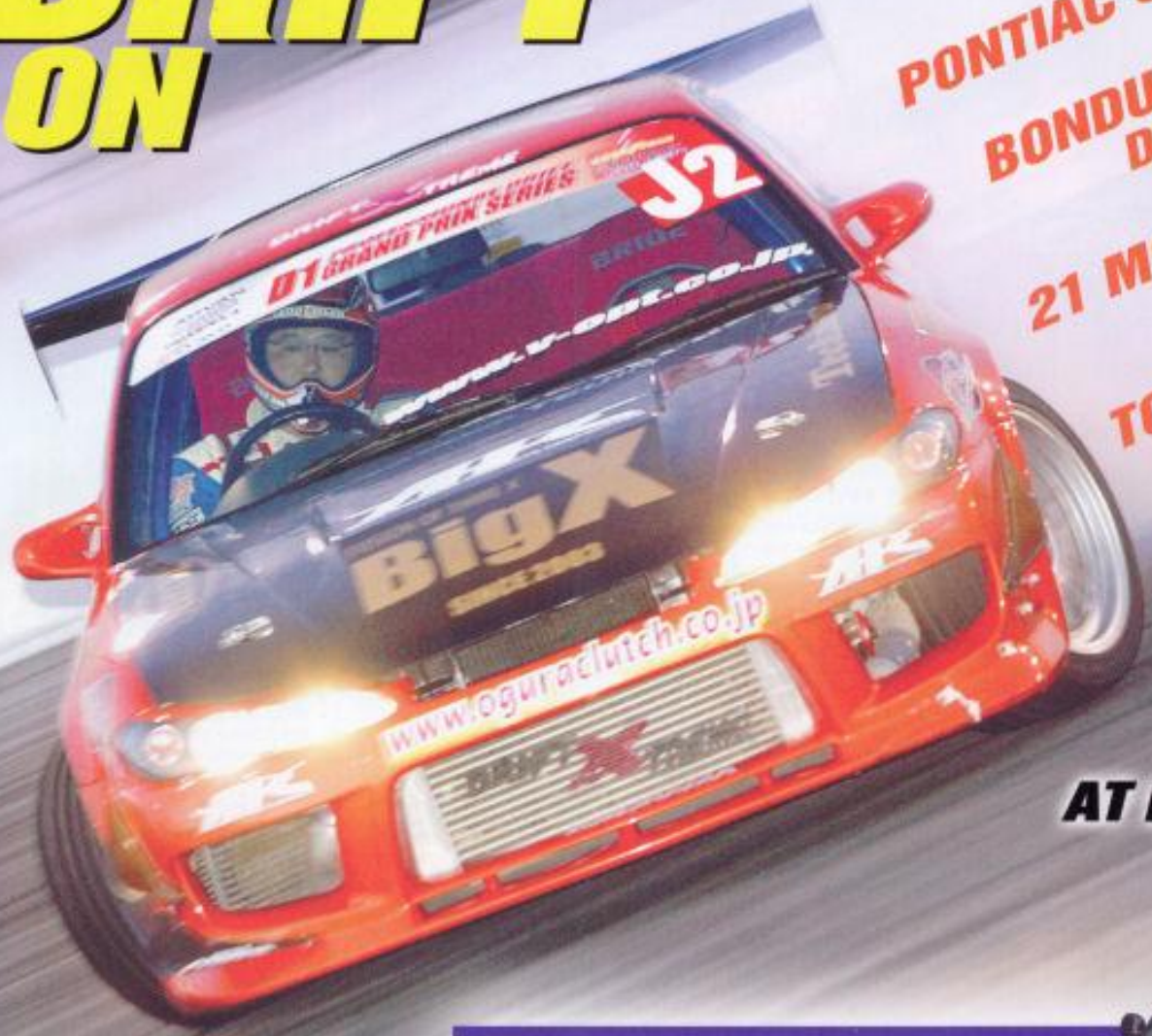
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## 1999 Saleen Mustang S281

## AUDIO PROFILE

By John Neff  
Photos by Ryan Woodward

**P**arents be warned. This is what can happen when you let your kids watch too much TV – a 21-monitor Mustang. Aaron Treppa, a 32-year-old Installation Manager at WOW Electronics in Detroit, MI, has built this rolling tribute to the Boob Tube based on his own personal 1999 Saleen Mustang S281.

Treppa acquired the Saleen used in 2000 with the relatively straightforward intention of building a fast Mustang. After learning the fine art of custom fiberglass installation about a year and a half ago however, he just couldn't help bringing his work home with him.

The Saleen features a grand total of 21 Accele LCD screens ranging in size from four 2.5-inch LCDs installed behind the wheels to a pair of mondo 10.4-inch LCDs, one in the trunk and one in the center of the custom dash. Treppa installed these and the remaining 16 screens around the vehicle so that a monitor can be seen from almost every angle. There are two screens flanking the license plate, one in the trunk, two on the underside of the trunk lid, one in each door, one on either side of the light bar, one in each visor, one in each side rear-view mirror, two in the center rear view mirror and finally one on the underside of the hood. Count 'em up boys and girls, that's blackjack.

Of all the monitors on the Saleen, the ones installed behind the 5-spoke wheels are by far the most mind-boggling. The 2.5-inch LCD screens are sandwiched between a special backing and plexiglass and completely sealed against the elements. Treppa's friend Todd Reiter welded custom brackets for the screens that attach to the Saleen's calipers and secure them far enough away from the inside of the wheels. Not only is this Pony still streetable, Treppa can drive it on the highway and even drag race it with the wheel screens in place.

Another trick feature of Treppa's Saleen is the on-board video equipment. Have you ever walked by a row of video camera's at Circuit City and seen your ugly mug flash across a dozen floor model televisions? Show-goers that peer into the trunk of Treppa's car experience the same thing because they're staring at a hidden Accele color video camera that can broadcast their image on all 21 monitors.

If you look closely at the grille of the car and inspect the trademark galloping pony badge, you'll also notice another video camera. Rather than repeat what's out back, Treppa instead installed an infrared camera up front that acts as a one-eyed night-vision goggle. When the infrared camera is turned on in the dark, the 10.4-inch screen in the

dash displays what's up ahead in a combination of green and black that makes you feel like Neo driving through The Matrix.

Treppa never abandoned his intentions of building a fast Mustang when he became a monitor maniac. In addition to all of the performance goodies that come with a Saleen S281, Treppa has added a Vortech V1 S-Trim supercharger that operates at 19 lbs of boost, Bosch 42-lb injectors, a Kenne Bell Boost-A-Pump, an Anderson Power Pipe, MAC long tube headers and Pro Chamber H-pipe, and a pair of Flowmaster dual-chamber mufflers. Treppa also installed a set of custom lowering springs that drops the car three inches. Lidio Iacobelli at Alternative Auto in Mt. Clemens, MI tuned the Saleen's 4.6L V8, which is now capable of propelling the car, I.C.E. and all, to an impressive E.T. of 11.78 seconds at 118 mph.

#### Audio

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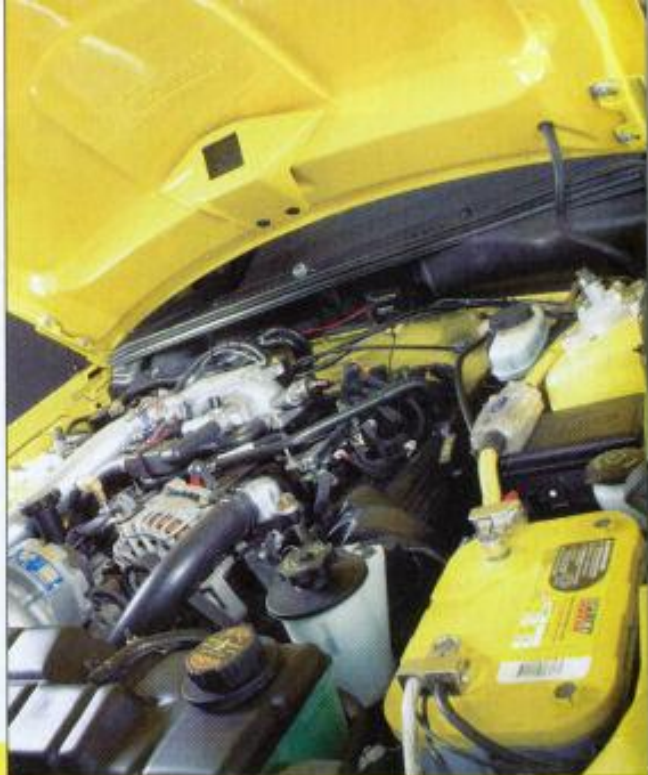
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This is one extreme ride that accepts no compromises. With a world-class A/V system and threatening performance to match, it has no equal. Believe it or not, Treppa did all of the work himself except for the engine tuning, welding the brackets for the wheel monitors and the applying the paint, the latter being done by another friend, Steve Mulligan. This left him with installing and wiring all 21 monitors; setting up the extensive sound system with four JL Audio amps, six JL Audio subs, an Alumapro C.A.P. 15 farad capacitor and more; and fabricating enough custom fiberglass to fashion a new Corvette.

Ask him how much it has set him back and Treppa just laughs. Beyond the actual price of all the hardware, the amount of time he's invested is too great to calculate. Ask him about sponsors and you'll get another laugh followed by the classic private-ride response, "My only two sponsors are Visa and Mastercard." **53**



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