



# TribUTE

## Holden's iconic ute project

WE REVISIT THE HOLDEN TRIBUTE PROJECT TO CORRECT AN OVERSIGHT AND INTRODUCE VICTOR BON, WHO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN CREATING THE VEHICLE'S WORLD CLASS FINISH.



In the October issue we discussed the painting process with Boutique Auto Body owner, Ross Spataro and through a confluence of circumstances, the article failed to recognise the contribution of their then head painter, Victor Bon.

So, we caught up with Victor (and again with Ross) to clarify the painting process, which you may recall began with an extensive preparation. We discovered that Adrian and Victor worked together on the car for the best part of a week to get the foundations right.

When they moved on to the painting process, it is also apparent that Adrian applied the Glasurit 90-Line waterborne basecoat to all the "bolt-on" components, such as bumpers, side skirts door handles and also painted the black roof. Victor painted the shell and all the body panels, leveraging his extensive experience with the Glasurit product.

Victor expanded on the process of applying the Glasurit 923-109 HS UV clear coat, where he applied two coats and then "baked" the car. Ross, Adrian and Victor then "wet blocked" the clearcoat to remove any orange peel and create a completely flat surface, ready for flow coating, where once again Victor's Glasurit experience came to the fore as he applied further layers of clear coat to create a finish with depth, gloss and protection worthy of such an iconic vehicle.

As both Ross and Victor stated, it was a real team effort and Boutique Auto Body was proud to have been selected for the project.

So, as we announced in the October issue, the winner is Chevy

Cooper from UltraTune Frankston in Melbourne's southeast suburbs, who is awaiting the formal presentation due to ongoing border-related travel restrictions. As we also mentioned, Cooper has already arranged with the Trafalgar Holden Museum to display the car for the first 12 months as he wants others to be able to enjoy such an iconic Holden.

David Crook, GM Collision Product Manager added: "It's so great to see so many passionate technicians get involved in the TribUTE project and that our Certified Collision Repairer, Boutique Auto Body delivered a first-class finish. We just can't wait to present the car to Chevy at the earliest opportunity."

Once again, the GM Certified Repair Network reinforces GM's commitment to safety and performance and illustrates to the automotive sector that GM is serious about providing ongoing support to

not only Holden and HSV owners, but also to Chevrolet and Corvette owners moving forward.

**Editor: It was a real pleasure to meet Victor Bon, who has since moved on from Boutique Auto Body to open his own shop. If the quality of the paintwork on TribUTE is any indication, I am sure Victor will be successful in his new venture.**



Victor Bon.



Victor gets the basecoat just right.