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by James Stevens

On April 8, 2018, I, Red Demon James, got a call from my brother Green Demon Jesse.

"I'm in the local Dodge dealership, and they have this green race car in here, all roped off, and I really like it, and I'm thinking of buying it," he says.

I'm like, "What is it?"

He says, "A Demon."

I had never heard of a Demon. I knew all about the Hellcats, but not a Demon. I'm like, "Buy it!"

Jess says, laughing, "James, you're supposed to be talking me out of these crazy ideas! The price in the window is \$120,000, and they want even more than that!"

To make a long story short, Jess did buy it. The following weekend, he drove it 1600km from his place to mine, just to show me how awesome of a machine it was.

As he was driving down I was Googling this Demon, and all these crazy stats were popping out at me: 840 Horsepower, Guinness Book certified 3-foot wheelie at

launch, banned by the NHRA, drain the 70L fuel tank in 9 minutes at wide-open throttle! I was getting more excited than Jess!

When he arrived at my house, late; I heard him pull up long before I saw him. We just went for a quick rip around the neighbourhood, but I was impressed, to say the least!

When we got back, I pulled my 1966 Coronet 500 out of the garage; The only night it had ever spent on the road! In went the Demon.

That night, we sat in the Demon drinking beer, playing with the computer and dreaming of what the car was capable of, and wishing we'd had one in high school.

Some of the things that really stood out to me vs. my old Coronet were, the killer 900-watt stereo, back-up camera, comfy heated and cooled seats, and of course, the horsepower; And not only that, it had four power



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settings you could change on the fly!
You really could have your cake and eat it too.

So, after Jess left, I was thoroughly impressed, to say the least. Never in a million years would I have thought I could buy one for myself, same as Jess before he bought his. Not to mention there are only 300 Demons in Canada. Jess and his wife, Jaqueline, and I started calling several dealerships in Alberta, BC, and even some in Saskatchewan. I knew I had to have one.



Over a month went by and I had pretty much given up on the prospect of owning one myself when I got a call from Jess.

"There's a drag race coming up soon here, near the house, will you come with me? He said, "I'm pretty nervous to race the Demon on the drag strip, and I just found out there's no insurance while racing!"

So, I head up for the race. We were both sitting in the car waiting to race, surrounded by these nice high horsepower cars and both our hearts are pounding!

It's our turn to start on the track, and the light turns green; you always leave on the third amber when racing, and Jess was like,

"What do I do?"
"Floor it!" I said.

And away we go, spinning the tires mile down a ¼ mile track! When we got back a couple of ¼ mile veterans took us under their wing and gave us a few much-needed pointers.



After that, we went down the track a few more times, each time with a little more confidence, and then it was lunchtime. I was leaning on the trunk of Jess's Demon when my phone rang, the salesman on the other end says,

"Do you still want a Demon?"

"I'm like, "I'm racing one today! Yes! I still want one!"



So, we went through the necessities including my putting down a deposit there and then over the phone. Just before I hung up, I'm like,

"Wait! What colour is it?"

I heard a long pause and paper shuffling.

"Tor Red." He said

I just realized I'd put a deposit down without even knowing the colour!



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In October 2019, Jess and I took advantage of the freedrag racing course that comes with every Demon. We travelled down to Bob Bondurant racing school in Phoenix Arizona where we spent a few hours in the classroom then straight out to the track! What an amazing experience! The school, which has trained many professional racers, provides the cars, and the instructors are top-notch! Courses include drag racing, road course, and oval racing.

Jess and I got quite proficient with the Demon's built-in trans-brake there and learned quite a few more tips on how to get down the track quicker. It was an amazing experience that Jess and I were talking about for months afterward.

After that we went to many more drag races, getting faster and more confident each time. I also took mine to a few car shows in Calgary and the surrounding

area, which I thoroughly enjoyed. We started to get our friends and family into drag racing, including our dad, Gary.

The best time in my car is 10.54@131 MPH, dad's best time in my car is 10.42@131 MPH! The old boy can drive! The car is 100% stock including back Nitto tires. The fastest car so far is Jess's at 10.25@133 MPH. He did a wheelie too! We're confident that when we get proper

rims and tires, and really good DA, we can get all three cars to 10.00 on a really sticky drag strip.

After Dad started driving our cars then he wanted one. One of the ¼ mile veterans that helped Jess and me that first day just happened to have a beautiful 1-of-1 Demon for sale! And, the rest is history!

We hope to go to many drag racing events and hope to go on some muscle car cruises too.

And, Hoosier or Mickey Tompson, If you're looking to sponsor a family, these cars are hard on back tires!

