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Monster Truck 1938 GMC COE

The Tin Man's Garage

In 2020, The Tin Man's Garage won the prestigious Al Slonaker Award with a coachbuilt 1936 Willys pickup. Now Brian Limberg and his crew at the Sycamore, Illinois, shop are working on another truck that will be getting some big attention when they're done. This 1938 GMC cabover project started with a cab that had belonged to the owner's father, and a concept sketch drawn by Travis Highlander, plus a vision to turn the truck into something more streamlined and modern than ever originally imagined. A GSI Machine and Fabrication chassis serves as the foundation for this jumbo hot rod. The frame was modified to fit



a pair of massive Pro Street-style rear tires rolling on 20-inch Budnik wheels. The cab sheetmetal was modified along the belt molding to flow into the 16-gauge sheetmetal of the huge custom bed featuring a 1-inch thick wood floor. A removable floor panel provides access to the LS3 crate engine

underneath, which also drops from below if necessary. Two aluminum ramps slide in and out of channels beneath the bed floor, perfect for loading a golf cart or ATV. Plenty of tie-down points and two belly boxes are further evidence that this beast is being built to be used.