

THERE WERE VERY FEW PREREQUISITES FOR STRETCHING THIS BEAUTIFUL \$85,000 SILVER MERCEDES-BENZ W212, known locally as an E-Class BlueTEC. Theo Dimokranitis, owner of Exoticar Hire in Oakleigh, Australia, contacted Quality Coachworks

process that took several weeks to complete. They also had to work within Australian regulations governing the safe operation of the vehicle so it could be registered and insured as well as the Mercedes-Benz BlueTEC exhaust system, so it didn't compromise its status as a green vehicle.

stars. For weeks the designer worked with different fabrics and styles until the client decided on the black and silver leather with crocodile inserts. The ceiling was stitched with crocodile and smoked mirrors as well as solid white lights. The bar was built with granite and Lexan for

classy, upscale finish. The windows were all customized and had to be darkened significantly for the hot Australian climate. The lighting was all done with LED lights, which are low energy and don't require a second alternator. The floor lighting, which is a solid purple, was a

Quality Coachworks owner, Dominick Vitelli, to modify the car, which was to be used as a wedding vehicle Down Under. With no specific price range, this job was a wish come true for the lucky coachbuilder.

suspension had to be upgraded to accommodate the larger tires, which were necessary to support the new weight of the stretch. But the real challenge came when deciding on the look of the interior. He wanted a rockstar

Base model:
2010 Mercedes Benz W212
(also known as an E-Class)

specific request of the client. He thought that purple was sexy, Vitelli says.

But Vitelli first had to overcome the challenges of cutting the luxury vehicle, which had a curved body edge that made it impossible to stretch as just wouldn't line up. Vitelli hired an engineer to help him and the stretch with the 130-inch addition,

look, but he didn't want all the flashing lights, says Vitelli. He wanted it to be swanky and sexy like a Las Vegas lounge. Quality Coachworks (www.qualitycoachwork.com) then worked with Shannon Romnes, an interior designer who had helped to design the interiors of buses for touring rock

Stretch:
130 inches
Year Completed:
2010
Manufacturer:
Quality Coachworks of Ontario, California

The vehicle was finished in late summer and was registered to the client in October. Vitelli reports that Dimokranitis couldn't be happier. It's been booked solid since the day he got it, Vitelli says. It's a one-of-a-kind car, definitely in Australia, but I think even here in America.

Specs

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