

SCION xB

Base model: 2011 Scion xB

Stretch: 48 inches

Year completed: 2010

Manufacturers: Quality Coachworks of Ontario, California, for Cartel Customs of Simi Valley, California



All Stretched Out

WE'VE featured some pretty unusual vehicles in "Stretching the Limits," but we're pretty sure that this one is by far the most unique. The Scion xB All Stretched Out limo was designed by Cartel Customs of Simi Valley, California, and built by Quality Coachworks of Ontario, California, to be featured at the 2010 Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) Show in Las Vegas this past November.

We'll forgive you if you're not aware of the Scion brand, which has been around for less than a decade. Scion—the Gen Y-gearred, customizable spin-off of Toyota—was made to challenge

cations of the vehicle, while Lookofsky handled the mechanical tweaking, although both owners were very hands-on during the entire production and provided feedback during each stage.

Vitelli notes that they went through several designs before settling on the final version. Using Cartel Customs' signature colors of black and red as a base, the car was completely gutted to accommodate the passenger-side single-piece stretch, which includes a steel roof and custom glass throughout. The car was lowered and fitted with 20-inch custom wheels from Demoda and high-end Toyo Proxes tires. On the passenger side, entry is through



the imagination, but dreaming up a Scion limousine is a first. While an xB limousine may not be on your radar, the 48-inch stretched beauty was definitely at home at the SEMA show where it turned heads and was voted as one of the show's top 10 most outrageous builds. Scion usually presents a handful of tuned cars at the aftermarket show and this year was no exception as it showcased its 2011 lineup of vehicles.

Dominick Vitelli, owner of Quality Coachworks, was approached by Cartel Customs' owner and race car driver Jeremy Lookofsky to transform the boxy car into a long, lean masterpiece. With a super-fast turnaround time of around eight weeks from design to completion, the two companies worked together to develop a concept for the vehicle. For the most part, Vitelli's company tackled the aesthetic exterior and interior modifi-

cations of the vehicle, while Lookofsky handled the mechanical tweaking, although both owners were very hands-on during the entire production and provided feedback during each stage.

Inside the vehicle is a tuner's fantasy with a pulsating 2,600-watt Alpine entertainment system. Speakers, amps, and touch-screen controls are all around the cabin, and there's a flat-screen in the partition and the door. The wraparound seat, designed by Quality Coachworks (www.qualitycoachwork.com) and decked out in black and charcoal, is half-cloth and half-leather. Quality even added a bar and a ceiling light show as the final touches.

The one-of-a-kind vehicle, which is owned by Toyota, continues to be a highlight of aftermarket shows in the U.S. and overseas, and it will eventually make the rounds at several of the highly popular Scion car clubs throughout the country. **LD**

Does one of your vehicles *Stretch the Limits* of imagination?

Operators and coachbuilders are encouraged to submit your most unique vehicles, including custom conversions, classics, and one-of-a-kind limousines and SUV stretches (high-quality interior and exterior photos required) to info@limodigest.com.