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**25** Brian Setzer is a devoted hot rodder who built this car as everyday transportation.

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### Vintage Air's Heat & Cool System

With this unit in your '55-'57 Chevy, you can "Cool Off And Warm Up" at will.

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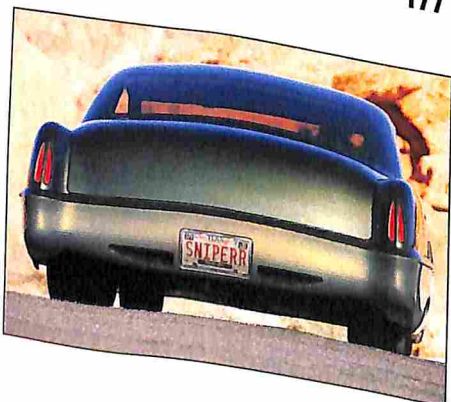
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**150** Hot Rods By Troy just completed one of the wildest customs of the year with superb styling and a 500-plus horsepower Viper engine.



## SPECIAL SECTION: Rockers' Rods

### '32 Ford Coupe

Brian Setzer's "Switchblade 327" is his favorite hot rod and car song.

### '36 Ford Coupe

Billy Gibbons keeps his rods in "The Best Li'l Warehouse In Texas."

### '57 Chevy Two-Door Sedan

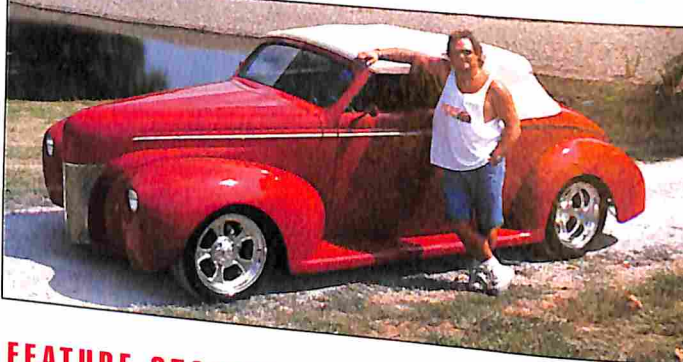
Nikki Sixx owns a big-block-powered '57 Chevy, so you could say it's "Nikki's Seven."

### '40 Ford Convertible

Michael Anthony's awesome '40 Ford is "The Third Evolution Of A Classic."

### '32 Ford Roadster

Jeff Beck's '32 Ford roadster is a "Car Full Of Soul" with 51,000 miles on the odometer.



**90** Michael Anthony's '40 Ford convertible was built by the boys from Boy's with some design input from Chip Foose.

## FEATURE STORIES

### Hot Rod Magazine History: 1948-1958

An inside look at hot rodding's formative years as a tribute to Hot Rod's "Big Five-Obs." An informative guide to illuminating your ride.

### Headlight & Taillight Buyer's Guide

An informative guide to illuminating your ride.

## RODS & CUSTOMS

### '39 Ford Coupe

When you chop and channel a '39 Ford, the result is a "Slim Jim."

### '37 Ford Cabriolet

This LT1-powered Ford is so yellow, it almost glows.

## EXCLUSIVE SECTION: '50s Rods & Customs

### '51 Henry J

When you see this wild blown Ford-powered compact, all you can say is "Oh, Henry."

### '53 Cadillac Custom

John D'Agostino built this gorgeous convertible custom as a tribute to "Marilyn."

### '55 Studebaker

Even though it had graceful styling, the "Studesaurus Rex" is extinct.

### '48 Studebaker

Bob Perreault blended a '48 with a '51 Studebaker and came up with a "Beauty Baker."

### '54 Plymouth Savoy

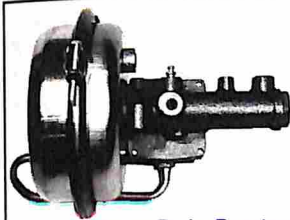
Hot Rods By Troy installed a Viper engine in a '54 Plymouth to create a deadly "Sniper."

ON THE COVER: Scott Killeen hit the back alleys to find Michael Anthony's awesome '40 Ford convertible. Marilyn, John D'Agostino's award-winning custom, was photographed by Ron Kimbal.



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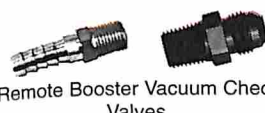
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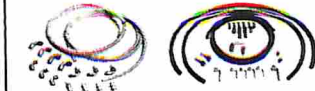


Electric Vacuum Pump Assembly  
Mounting Bracket & Electric Hook-up

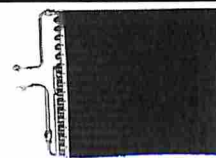
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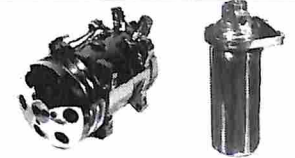
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# Special Section: '50s Rods & Customs

## ROD & Custom

John D'Agostino's Award-Winning '53 Cadillac Custom



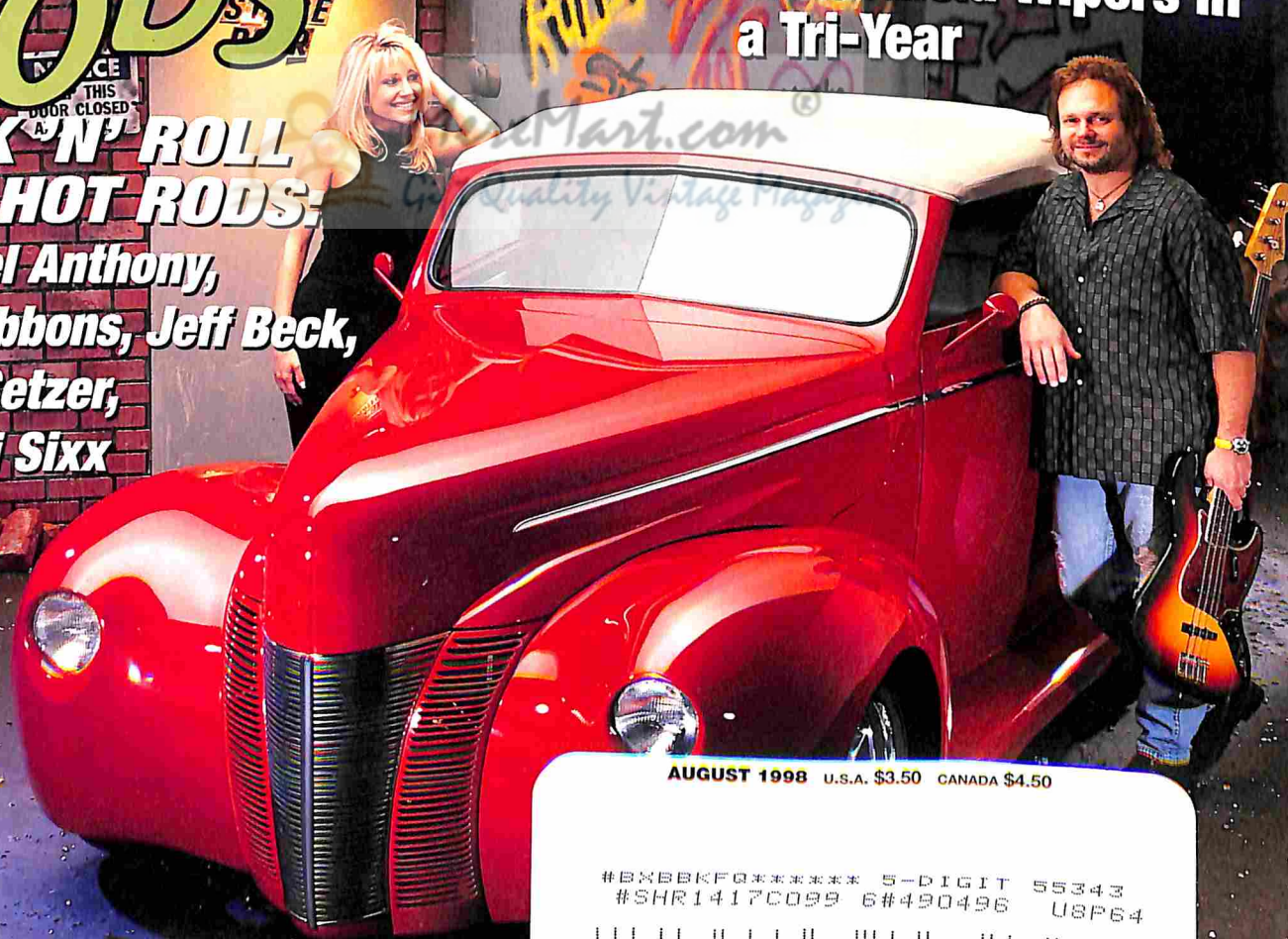
## ROCKERS' RODS

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- IFS in an F-100
- Windshield Wipers in a Tri-Year

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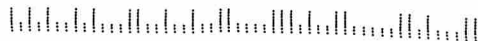
Michael Anthony, Billy Gibbons, Jeff Beck, Brian Setzer, & Nikki Sixx



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