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# FINALLY

**THE ONLY THING I CAN SAY IS, "I HAVE BEEN DELIBERATING ON BUYING AN H1 FOR MANY YEARS".**

When the H2 came out I thought this was a great way to introduce me and my wife to the Hummer brand. I bought a 2003 H2 Luxury Package with a sunroof and all the options. I even added some after market items, which made the H2 even more enjoyable. We both loved the H2. It is a great Hummer.

Finally I became so obsessed with having an H1 that I bit the bullet and started a nation wide search for one. I was first looking at new ones but decided that I would go with a "preowned" if I could find one with low mileage, like around 10,000 or less. I also wanted to be sure it was still under warranty. Well, I found it at Lund Hummer in Phoenix. It was the same color, Pewter, as my H2. They agreed on my purchase price and gave me a "okay" deal on my H2. Actually they got it for a song. I only had 30,045 when I delivered it on 12/9/04. I really hated to part with it as it was a sweet ride and oh so comfortable.

Anyway, I wanted to have at least a 2003 model so that it would have the rear e-locker. The ride is definitely an "acquired"

taste. When I started driving it from the dealer I began to wonder, "what had I just done"? I was thinking about how my wife will not like the diesel engine or the difference in the ride. We won't even talk about the H1 seats Vs H2 seats. Then we have the confined sitting area. I had truly jumped out of the fire and into the frying pan.

I must say that I am adjusting to the H1 and all it's little idiosyncrasies but I don't know if my wife ever will. I am also glad that we have her Lexus GX-470 for days when we need a change in ride. The H1 is a beast of a vehicle though and certainly turns heads. I did buy the GM Major Guard warranty for 5 years or 40,000 additional miles, which gives me "major" peace of mind. I highly recommend it for anyone buying an H1.

In conclusion, I made a decision to switch to the H1 but I wish I had been fortunate enough to have been able to keep the H2 as well. I get attached to vehicles and I'll truly miss it. Someone is going to enjoy driving that vehicle.

# TOMONO A-GO-GO!

BY KEI TOMONO



**IN JUNE OF 1995, I IMPORTED A 1993 WHITE 4-DOOR HARD TOP HUMMER TO JAPAN AND NAMED IT "TOMONO GO".**

At that time, there were only a few Hummers here in Japan. I would guess the number to be around 10.

I love H1's very much and have never had a passion like this for any other vehicle. The first day that I got it, I was so excited that I spent all day in the truck. I even slept in it that night!

For almost 4 years, I kept my truck stock without modifying anything. No accessories! Then, in February 1999, I started to customize. First, I did a 3-inch body-lift and changed to heavy duty springs. With that, I added 39.5 inch Super-Swamper TSL's and a slant-back shell. I contacted Predator Motorsports and bought a D-Ring Brush deflector and a custom tall snorkel.

In December of 1999 the Hummer Owners Club of Japan launched its' website. That's how I found them and I joined as a member. Our leader, Mr. Ishitobi, is a master Hummer mechanic. He can do anything. He even built a huge Hummer garage for our Hobby. We did the customizing on my truck in his garage. And now, my Hummer is extremely

customized. The engine is still the 6.2 NA Diesel, but the injection pump is from a 300 HP marine boat. The drive belts normally on a '93 Hummer leave a lot to be desired, so we changed them to a serpentine belt. A lot of other changes were made with parts from a '95 NA Diesel like the water pump, fan blade, AC etc.....

The AC has been changed with the retrofit kit. It makes for very good cooling. Last year, we hand made a roll cage around the inside of the Hummer. My friends are professional welders so it looks very nice and beautiful.

We are still working on customizing my truck. Rod Hall International Inc., made for us King Racing shocks brackets. The test drive and tune were done last week, so I am anxiously awaiting their delivery.

My Goal is to do a 502 Cubic Inch, Big Block engine conversion! But, I still have a lot of other modifications to do. It's my hobby!

I expect to be taking care of my truck for the next 30 years, because I love my Hummer very much.

Thank you very much.

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