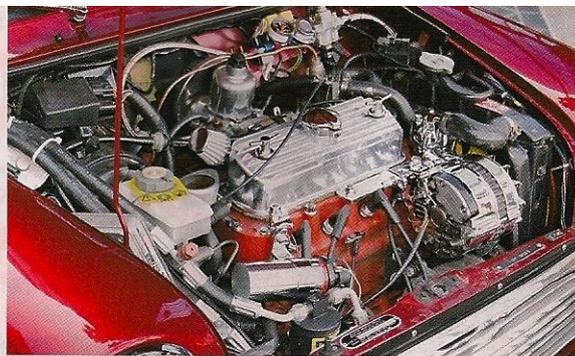




Walnut dash, custom Wilton wool carpeting and French red seaming on the shift boot and padded a/c cover add a touch of luxury to this Mini.



The engine was converted from fuel injection to SU carburetion, a polished aluminum head cover and chrome accents complete the eye candy.



A custom top and a deep mirror paint finish that's accented by tasteful pinstripping make this cabrio stand out.

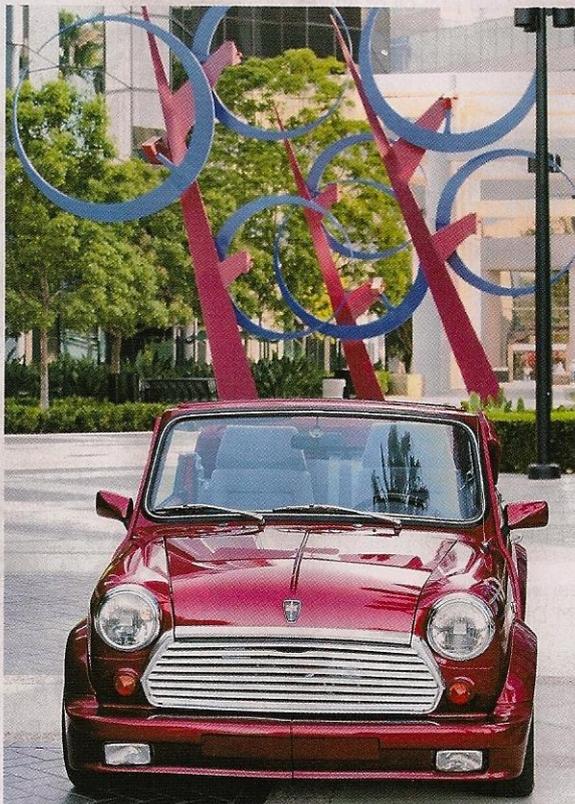


Chrome highlights include the 13-inch wheels shod with Sumitomo HTRs, as well as the boot hinges and Aston locking fuel filler cap.

covering for the A/C outlet panel.

Red-French-seaming was also used on the hand-made black leather emergency brake cover to match the shifter leather. Special-ordered Wilton wool carpeting was custom fitted in a shade of Dark Red and protected with S-logoed gray front/rear floor mats from Seven Mini Parts. A generous amount of Burl Walnut wood was added with items such as the front/rear window cranks, emergency brake handle and walnut plating around the light switches. The interior wouldn't be complete without an upgraded audio system. An Alpine head unit was paired with Infinity Kappa speakers, 4-inches for the front and 6-inches in the rear, for a simple, yet purposeful sound improvement.

Ride improvements come courtesy of KYB Gas-A-Just along with the switch from rubber cones to Firm (Red) Hi/Lo springs. Chrome 13-inch wheels are wrapped



Body color, wrap around body kit includes wide flares and integral bumpers featuring recessed driving lamps. Chrome wiper arms balance the grille and headlamp surrounds.

with Sumitomo HTR 200, 175/50R13 tires. Additional chrome was used on the exterior on the license plate light fixture, the boot hinges, and on the Aston locking gas cap.

At the front of the car the wiper arms were chromed along with the skirts around the side marker repeater lights and front turn signal lamps. It's a lot of detail work that makes Kim's Mini stand out from the crowd without being garishly over done and likely the reason it won at MMW and is featured here.

Most people would be happy to have their car featured once in a magazine and Kim certainly wasn't opposed to having his other Mini in a future issue of MC2. Little did he, or we, know at the time that it would be several years before the story would get approval for print, but for Kim, it's like déjà vu all over again. **MC**