

Building the Ranchero Part 4

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Well it's that time again and again I'm late. When last I had any recollection what I was doing, we left off with the engine in place. Now I suppose I should take the next few steps and get motivated and build something.

I had to go back and build the exhaust for the six. I used the dual exhaust/single muffler and trimmed the pipes off that I didn't need. Using the scrap pipes I made the header pipe to the pipe flange shown in the pictures below. You will have to bend a piece of the pipe gently until you get a 90 degree bend and trim it to line up with the manifold flange and the pipe. I used my pin vise and small drill to drill a hole in the end of the pipe and the bottom of the flange to install a pin in the end of the pipe for positive alignment. I also did the same at the outlet end, making a slight down bend and trimmed it just below the bend. I will install the exhaust when I finish the chassis/suspension detailing.



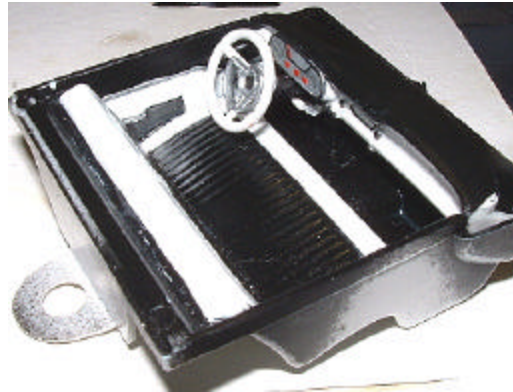
Trimmed and assembled exhaust with header pipe.



Header pipe and pin detail

Next I went on to the interior. I went to a site that has many dealer brochures and chose one dealing with (technically) 1962 Rancheros and wagons. The color scheme I used is from the brochure.

When I paint interiors, I use flat paints for a few reasons. First, they are a thinner paint and they flow into small areas easier than gloss or semi-gloss paints. I then spray the interior bucket, dash, and steering wheel assembly with Testors Gloss Cote #1261 which (to me) appears to be vinyl. This also seals the flat against dust and stays cleaner longer.



I detailed the interior with a variety of paints only. Model Master Chrome paint works great in the dash and radio bezels. I'm not sure if it will be visible, but I went so far as to paint the red "idiot" lights on the dash.

That's all for now. I hope to have the firewall and underhood details ready for the next issue. I didn't notice until I opened the box that I hadn't painted the rims when I did the mock-up last issue. Naturally they are glued in to the back half of the rim. DOH!
Later!