

Extreme Audi R8 V10 5.2 #001

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WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU TAKE AN already more-than-capable supercar in the form of an Audi R8 V10 5.2 and order it from a STÄSIS authorized dealership? Avid car enthusiast from the Silicon Valley, Ken Huening, was fortunate enough to find out in early August, 2011, when he took delivery of the world class supercar known as STÄSIS Signature Series Challenge Extreme Audi R8 V10 5.2 #001.

STÄSIS upgrades on #001 include brakes, suspension, exhaust, wheels and let's not forget the supercharger and engine tune. The transformation is staggering. STÄSIS published specs include an increase from 525 hp to 710 hp. Braking and cornering performance is improved over the already amazing levels of the stock R8.

I recently had an opportunity to catch up with Ken who generously shared his car for review and photo shoot. After taking a tour



of the additions and shooting some photos of the car, Ken offered me a ride around the hills and nearby freeway. Best the owner show off the incredible performance of this machine, especially on public roads. Ken is an excellent driver and was able to demonstrate the car's brutal performance. Ken admitted to me that he has not yet been able to "floor it" yet, partly because the car has not been to the track yet, and partly because triple-digit speeds are reached in a blink of an eye in third gear with the slightest touch of throttle. The sounds this car makes are amazing. Not intrusive inside the car, but roll the window down in a tunnel or underpass to really hear the V10 music the world outside gets to enjoy.

I eagerly accepted when Ken offered me a turn at the wheel on the way back to the house. We swapped seats and I immediately felt at home in the driver's seat; the car simply felt like an Audi which I always enjoy. Pulling away gently I noticed both how the car was smooth and easy to drive. Driving at a modest pace the car felt planted, invincible and poised to launch at the slightest introduction of extra throttle. Like every STÄSIS Signature Series car I have driven before, the car felt elevated in performance in every way. All of the performance upgrades were well balanced enhancements without any negative trade-offs. That is except for the supercharger. The power increase (Ken's car dyno'ed at 734 hp) tips the balance to extreme without any apparent sacrifice. The engine makes monstrous power and torque and sounds amazing, and it is as drivable and smooth as any Audi I have ever driven.

Race bred adrenaline indeed. This car truly is an adrenaline junkie's dream come true. For more information go to www.STaSISengineering.com. 

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