



This long-travel buggy may have the outward appearance of an off-road concept car, but lurking beneath the fiberglass body is the new Buckshot ...

X4

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As some of our regular readers will recall, it was nearly 18 months ago when Andrew Buck, owner of Buckshot Racing, injured his back during an accident at Glamis. In case you hadn't heard, Andrew successfully cleared the double jump (120+ feet) out in the dunes near Oldsmobile Hill, but a freak landing caused him to sustain a serious back injury. We reported on the accident in Sand Scene, which was done in an effort to help a group of Andrew's friends rally support for his recovery. Good news ... the prayers and support of countless individuals helped Andrew and his wife, Vicki, keep their family-run business operating as normal, and it gave him the moral support he needed to pull through and get back to work sooner. So, how does all of this tie-in with the radical-looking buggy featured here? Good question. Turns out that designing this car is how Andrew ended up spending a majority of his time while he was recuperating from his injury.

As he told us during a conversation, "There is only so much TV that a person can watch and, because of the surgery that I'd gone through, I wasn't even able to do something as simple as drive myself to the store. So, I ended up looking at a lot of magazines, and reading about all kinds of new cars and concept vehicles. Then it hits me. I'll create the ultimate sand car with a look that has never been seen out in the dunes." He told us that he wanted to take his X4 concept to the max by building his own body, along with an entirely new frame design, custom shock absorbers, and to top

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Radical looking buggy is the creation of Andrew Buck, which took him about a year to build. Car's value is estimated at well over 100 grand. It could be considered a tri-sport model too, being street legal, and suited for both the hard-packed desert and dune terrains. All it needs a simple tire swap, and she's ready to go! Check out the interior ... pretty cool looking.



X4 is equipped with a 572 cu.in. Chevrolet race engine that produces over 720hp. It's mated to Mendeola HD4 trans, but we shot it when it still had the S4. The rear suspension is a dual-pivot trailing arm design that uses sway-bars, the front has A-arms, and both provide 24 inches of wheel travel. Also shown are the new Buckshocks, a huge 4.5-in. internal bypass w/ 46-inch long coil-overs.