

# Chevy Group Debuts Powertrain Options

Chevrolet Performance unveiled its lineup expansion of industry-exclusive Connect & Cruise crate powertrain systems at last week's SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) show in Las Vegas.

The group also introduced an added heavy-duty T56 Magnum six-speed manual designed for LS-engine installations in older vehicles.

Chevrolet Performance is part of GM and manufactures parts for the customization of GM vehicles, said Chevy spokesman Monte Doran.

The newest additions give builders more choices to power their project vehicle.

GM also previewed at SEMA an upcoming Connect & Cruise system that matches an LS3 engine with the T56 Magnum in a rolling chassis display that showed all the components, including the controllers, Doran said. It goes on sale later in 2014 under part number CPSLS3T56.

"Chevrolet Performance pioneered the concept of crate engines more than four decades ago and continues to lead the industry with our unprecedented, factory-engineered Connect & Cruise crate powertrain systems," said Jim Campbell, GM U.S. vice president of Performance Vehicles and Motorsports.

"No other manufacturer offers a comparable system, which takes the guesswork out of the powertrain portion of your project, allowing enthusiasts to get their vehicle assembled quicker and on the road faster."

The new high-performance Connect & Cruise crate powertrain systems include the 480-hp LS376-480, the 525-hp LS376-525 and the legendary 7.0L LS7. Each is paired with the high-strength 4L70-E four-speed automatic overdrive transmission, Doran said.

They join the 5.3L, LS3 and supercharged LSA systems. Emissions-compliant E-ROD versions of the 5.3L, LS3 and LSA are also available for California customers.

Each kit matches factory-engineered engine-and-transmission combinations with all the electronic control modules, wiring harnesses and other key components.

## Hope Center Seeks Donations to Add To Its Food Pantry

With Macomb County's Hope Center Food Pantry struggling to keep food on its shelves, an anonymous donor has stepped forward.

The donor has committed to match all donations dollar for dollar, up to \$20,000, during the months of November and December.

Although gas service assistance was the number one requested need in surrounding counties, food pantry assistance continues to top the list of requested needs in Macomb County.

In 2012, Hope Center distributed nearly two million pounds of food to more than 50,000 Macomb County residents in need.

Today, Hope's food pantry shelves are very lean - "the worst it's ever been," said Carla Gardner, Hope's director of Community Relations.

Every dollar donated means Hope Center can provide three meals to a family.

A \$40,000 total donation would put 120,000 pounds of food on its shelves.

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nents - all under one part number, Doran said.

The specially calibrated controllers for all kits are designed for retrofit installations in older vehicles, for easier and quicker installation and operation without the need for third-party tuning.

Chevrolet Performance's new TREMEC T56 Magnum transmission kit (part number 19301620) helps builders looking for the strength of a heavy-duty transmission, the control of a manual transmission, and the drivability and efficiency benefits of an overdrive transmission, Doran said.

Designed for LS-engine retro-fit installations, the T56 Magnum packages the stronger components of the high-performance TR6060 transmission used in the Camaro ZL1 in a kit designed for

universal installations, delivering a 700 lb.-ft. torque capacity.

The T56 features a slip-yoke design and a 40-tooth reluctor ring to satisfy the electronic vehicle speed sensor used with Chevrolet Performance controllers.

It also comes with a shifter handle and ball-style shift knob with the Chevrolet Performance logo on it. The transmission has provisions for three shifter positions and the included shifter accommodates two of them, Doran said.

A separate, complementing installation kit (part number 19301625) includes the bell housing, clutch release bearing, an LS7 clutch and pressure plate, and an LS7 flywheel with a 6-bolt flange, which is compatible with all LS engines except the LSA, LS9, LSX454 and LSX454R.

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