

1970 Pontiac LeMans Sport

History:

1996 – Tucson, AZ – 350ci, TH350 automatic, bad tires, No vinyl top, painted white, cracked dash pad and original light brown interior, very dirty trunk with gelled hydraulic fluid inside rear corner panels.

Prior for driving to Madison, WI from Tucson, AZ (2072 miles) – Bought new tires, inspected front wheel bearings and brakes, oil change, check transmission fluid and change rear differential fluid.



1997 – 1998

Converted interior to Black GTO comfort weave (pictured)

Used vinyl paint for interior trim and door panels

Painted metal part of dash with Epoxy paint (took 3 tries)

Installed new front window

Removed and replaced rear window

Repaired a small rusty area driver side under lower rear window

Prepped the top to be installed with a new black vinyl top

Replaced front and rear coil springs

New brakes and front drums.

New a-arm bushings, ball joints, sway bar mounts and shocks.

Bought used 1967 Pontiac Lemans hub caps

Rebuilt the 350ci engine



Pictured in 1998 with black vinyl top and rebuilt 350ci engine.

2003 – Painted the car Silver (1986 Isuzu Hypersonic Silver) and bought used wheels and new tires.



2006 – On the way to the drag strip the heater coil burst and overheated the engine. The engine was damaged ruining the passenger side two rear pistons and bearings.

2007- Installed new engine – 455ci
Found an unmodified 1970 455 block in Kenosha, WI)

2008 – Installed Ford 9” rear end

2009 – Best ¼ mile time of 12.56 at 109.9 MPH (mostly runs 12.6s)
The ¼ mile times are consistent with Desktop Dyno 467 HP (at flywheel)
calculations using Car/Driver weight with ¼ mile calculator.

2009 – Leaky torque convertor

2012 – Leaky rear main seal – Fixed in 2013 with Teflon impregnated rope seal.

2013 – New water pump, radiator and steering gear box.

2014 – Removed vinyl top and began repairs of the rust under it.
Transmission rebuilt due to shifting problem 1st to 2nd.

2015 – Completed repairs under vinyl top and to install new top.

Future plans –Paint the car, install new head liner, sun visors, package tray, head rests and update interior with non-painted parts.