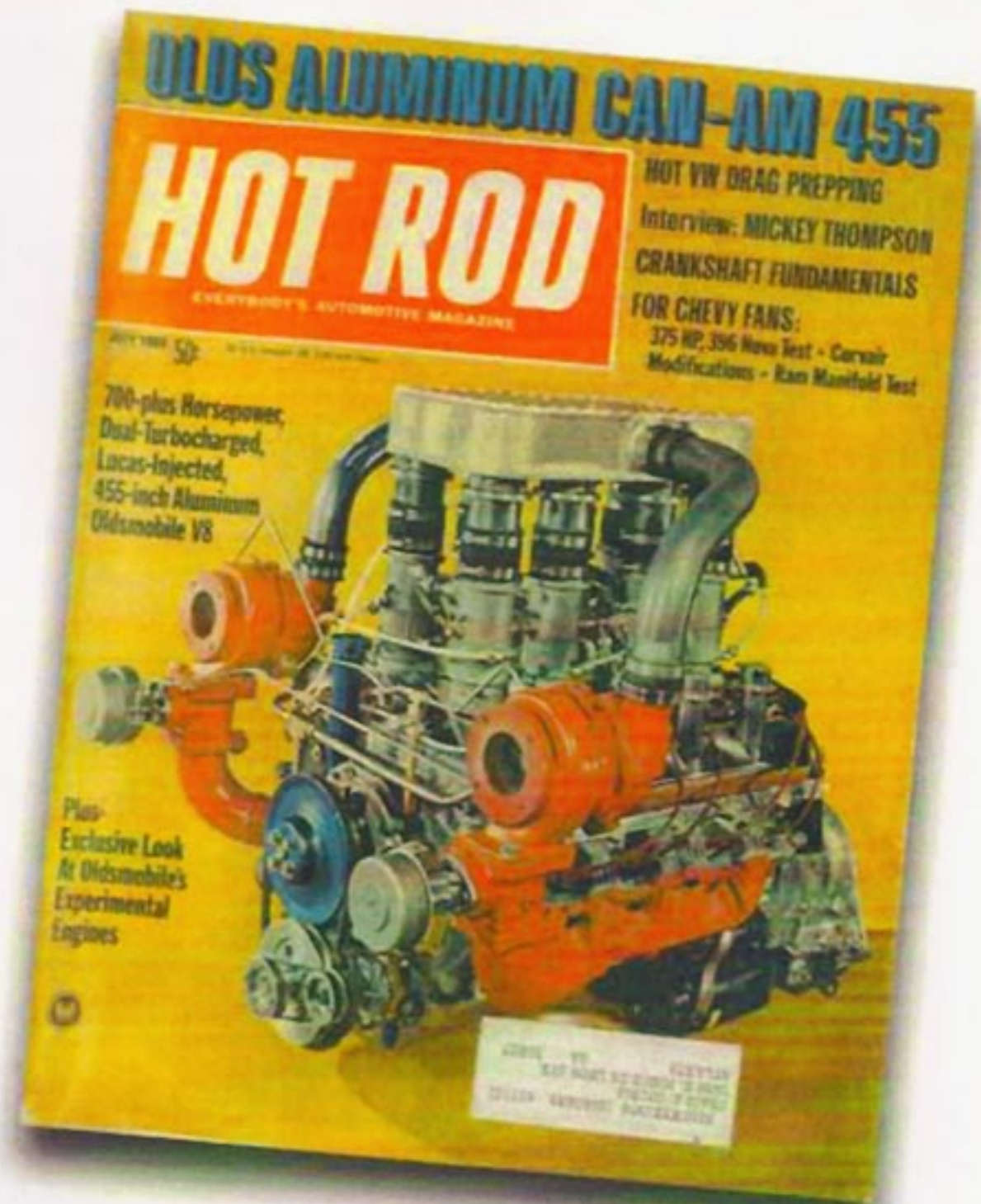
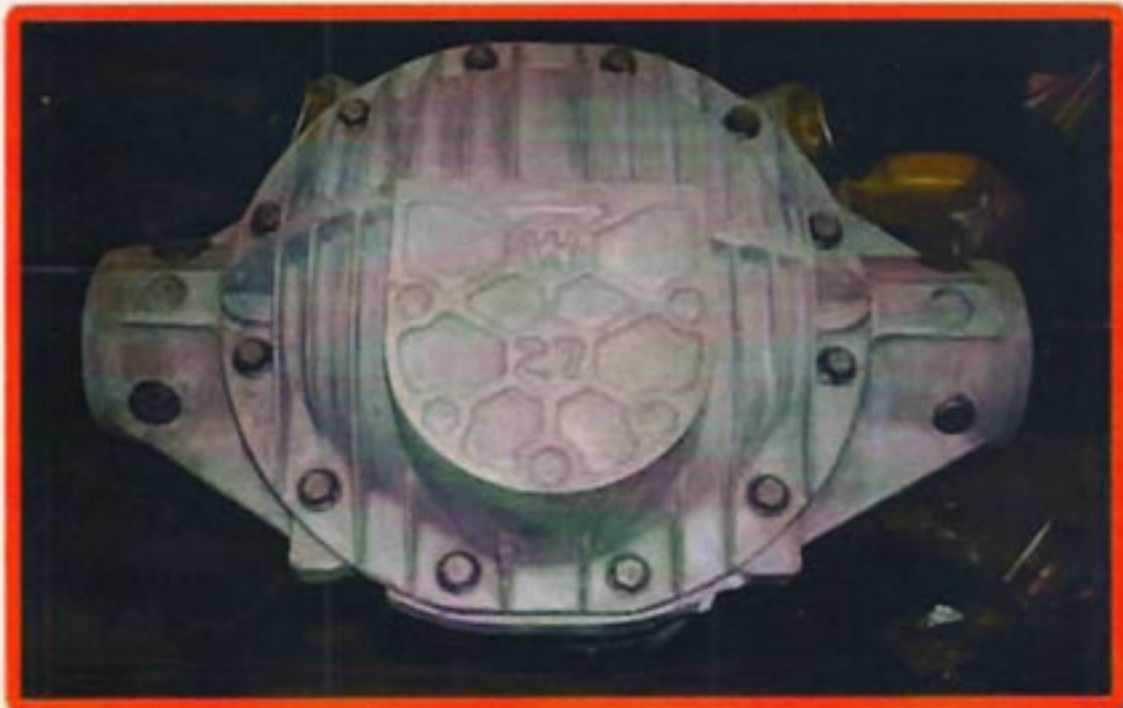


# 1970 OLDSMOBILE 442 CONVERTIBLE FACTORY EXPERIMENTAL W-30 455



This is the only Factory Experimental Aluminum W-30 455 ever installed in a street legal production car known to exist. The intriguing history of this engine dates back to the late 1960's when the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors began to experiment with various power plants for Future Production based cars. They experimented with different bore & stroke configurations, Multi-Valve heads, Fuel injection and Lightweight materials to name just a few. It is widely believed that this four bolt main Lightweight two valve behemoth was destined for the 1970 W-30 cars but never made it into production.





It was generally known that the Factory was heavily involved in Drag Racing at that time, but it was not generally known that the Factory was involved with a few teams in the Can-Am Road Race Series. This Aluminum 455 would be the basis for the very first Turbocharged engine in that series, paving the way for many more innovations to come out of Can-Am. A few years later, for reasons unknown, the Factory pulled the plug on the project. The cars and spare parts were liquidated by the Race Teams and a few remaining pieces went to the Oldsmobile Museum. This particular engine is believed to have been from one of the Race Teams, but was never used.

In 2004, I set out to find one of these rare engines and was able to locate and purchase it in 2005.

I have been a diehard Oldsmobile enthusiast for most of my life and this car represents, to me, the Absolute Ultimate expression of Rocket Performance. I hope you enjoy it!

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