



There is, as they say, no such thing as a finished project. And sure enough, since we took the original set of pictures in this article Paul has never stopped improving the Ranger's spec. The rear has been the focus of no end of work, with a one-off aluminium mount being made here to support a Hannibal roof tent and annex. Beneath it, the pick-up bed is home to a set of Frontrunner Wolf cargo boxes as well as a Cobb BBQ cooker and Jetboil, and there's also an Engel MT45 Combi fridge-freezer stored in there

figure out, but we don't suppose it matters because in the immortal words of Brad Dourif in *Wise Blood*, and indeed of that Ministry T-shirt you used to wear, No Man With A Good Car Needs To Be Justified.

There's certainly no danger of him being accused of rushing it, at any rate. Apart from the inevitably slow pace that comes from putting your customers' needs first (this one's for you if you've ever sent your vehicle to a company then found yourself wondering why it's still there months later while they're flashing their latest new show motor around the place), Paul didn't just leap on to the Ranger and start pulling it apart. No, PB Customs is a Dinitrol agent – and if you've got a vehicle whose chassis needs bringing back from the edge, or preventing from straying close to it in the first place, it's the place to go.

Dinitrol is good stuff, but that counts for little if the person applying it is a monkey. Or a cowboy. Or a monkey working for a cowboy. Over-spray grotting up your shock absorbers and inner-facing tyre walls? It happens.

Paul is the man Dinitrol sends its own customers to because he takes the time to prepare vehicles' chassis properly and mask off the bits where the chemicals aren't meant to go, and that was the first thing he did to his Ranger after getting it home. It may only have had two owners before him, but who knows what it might have been through – and besides, why wouldn't you do something that'll press the pause button on chassis rust for a decade or more?

When you're prepping a truck for the sort of off-road use that puts your life in its hands,

that's more relevant than ever. But it's also just a very good example of how we should all treat our vehicles – like treasure that should be kept immaculate for as long as possible. Maintaining it like you love it means you can drive it like you hate it, and all that.

Which is getting off the point a little. But the fact is, for many of PB Customs' punters their vehicle is a very significant investment – and they want to spend that money wisely. This blood red Ranger is here to tell you that Paul is a very wise man to spend it with.

We photographed Paul's Ranger at Silverdale, a playday site near Stoke on Trent which is normally open on the third Sunday of every month. It's run by Explore Off Road; you'll find them at www.exploreoffroad.co.uk.

