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**W**hen Hypertherm needed to build a platform to display its line of plasma cutters, it could have chosen a trendy compact car, but since it makes more than one plasma-cutting system, the company decided to go a bit bigger. Enter the '08 Super Duty.

Super Duties are massive, but to give the F-250 even more presence, a Rize Industries' 10-inch lift was installed, along with 22-inch Ultra wheels, and 37-inch Toyo Open Country M/Ts. Extra mass on the front end meant that a shock upgrade was necessary; luckily Rize included a King remote-reservoir coilover in its lift kit. The rear suspension of the Rize kit added stout traction bars that match the front suspension's four-link bars and reduce axle wrap. Other functional upgrades include a Gale Banks exhaust and Road Armor bumpers that were bolted on front and rear, with Superwinch winches on each end. The last exterior addition was a set of Amp Research steps that ease access into the waist-high cab.

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# PLASMA POWERED

LET THE SPARKS FLY





Once the truck was capable of reaching the most remote work site, it was time to transform it into a mobile, cutting platform. A SnugTop SnugPro bed cap was installed, which gave APE Wraps a larger canvas for its Hypertherm vinyl wrap. Accenting the new wrap are custom-cut fender vents and a grille from Eddie Paul Customs that bears the Hypertherm logo.

The SnugTop cap serves another duty, as it also keeps a full display of plasma cutters. Drop the tailgate, raise the rear hatch, and five plasma cutters can deploy on the Bedslide, along with the necessary air tank and four Viair compressors, ready to tackle any metal cutting job.

This truck was built to cruise from site to site, so interior comfort was also a priority. The crew at Hot Motorsports of Santa Ana, California, began by installing Performance Technique subs and amps under the rear seats. Up front, a vacuum-formed center stack now holds a JVC head unit and a mount for a laptop. Finally, all of the truck's occupants now benefit from new black leather upholstery, courtesy of Katzkin. Now the truck is ready to tour, on behalf of Hypertherm, throwing sparks wherever it stops. **Truckin'**



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