



DIDDY'S PIMPED RIDE



32-inch flat-screen TV
\$2,500

Five 17-inch TVs
\$900 each

Marvel wine chiller
\$1,700

Bar with leather bottle-holders
\$3,500

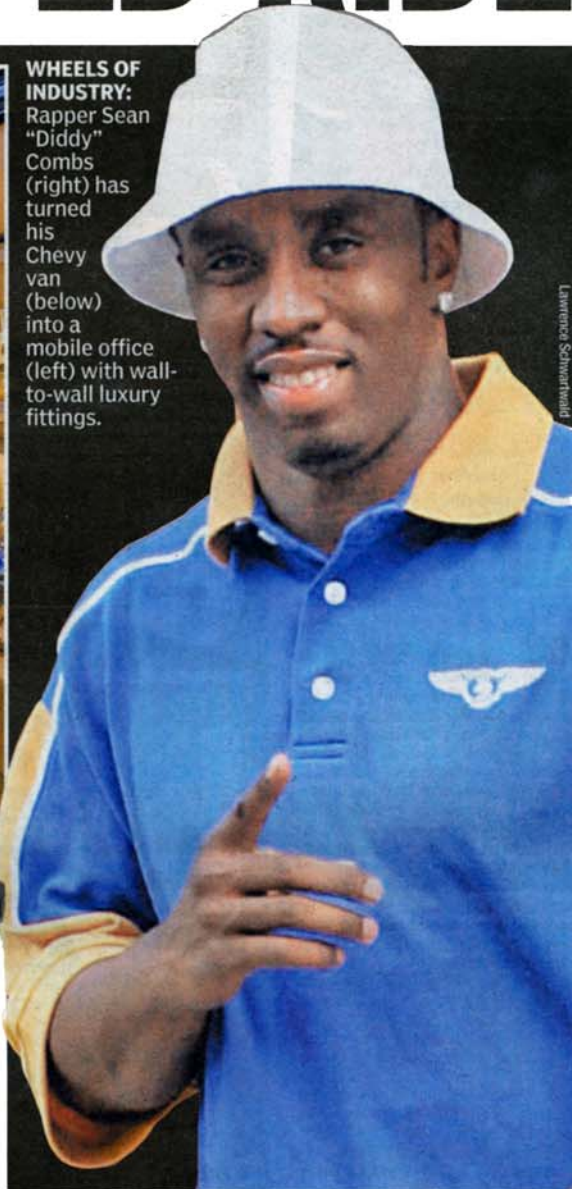
Handmade leather couch
\$15,000

Laser-cut monogrammed timber floor
\$20,000

WHEELS OF INDUSTRY:

Rapper Sean "Diddy" Combs (right) has turned his Chevy van (below) into a mobile office (left) with wall-to-wall luxury fittings.

Lawrence Scheraga



Van gets a 350G remix

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It started as a cargo van, but this bling bus has been Diddy-fied.

Rap impresario Sean "Diddy" Combs laid down a cool \$350,000 to retrofit his Chevy Express 3500 — a model more commonly used to haul plumbing gear than to transport multi-named moguls.

But Diddy wanted the van to serve as his mobile office, so he had it rebuilt from the ground up, said Matt Figliola, owner of custom shop AI Designs in Tuckahoe, Westchester.

And while there's work, there's also play, so Diddy, 35, had his new toy outfitted to resemble more of a lounge than a work space.

The concept vehicle channels the oft-quoted Diddysm for high living: "Don't disturb the sexy."

So, to suit his champagne tastes, the folks at AI spared no expense.

In addition to the six plasma televisions, the lavish van features an audiophile-class sound system, a \$2,000 wine cellar by Marvel with monogrammed door, hand-built hardwood

floors and top-notch Edelman leather seats.

"He's got all the amenities he could want," Figliola said. "A full wet bar, a wonderful refrigerator by Marvel. The paneling, the seating, the upholstery is all custom."

Add a souped-up drive train, expanded cab, stop-on-a-dime brakes and chic rims, and you've got a rolling work of art fit for a king — or His Diddyness.

"That particular van sets a new bar for us — and everybody else, frankly," Figliola said.

And so no one forgets whose bus this is, the interior is covered with the Diddy monogram: a cursive "D" adorned with a crown.

While reminiscent of 1970s love vans, the Diddy-mobile lacks one important feature: a bed. A rear bench seat does, however, have a fold-out leg rest.

The Bad Boy Records founder built his fortune and

image on extravagant tastes — donning the best suits, swilling the most expensive champagne and driving the flashiest cars.

To complete his Renaissance-man image, Diddy runs fashion label Sean John, appeared in a Broadway production of "A Raisin in the Sun" and ran in the New York City Marathon in 2003.

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