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■ **SIMPLY SUPER:** Bradley Winstanley with his customised 1991 Vauxhall Cavalier.

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BRADLEY Winstanley, 21, from Cippenham, is four years into a burning love affair – with his 1991 Vauxhall Cavalier GSI.

A standard Cavalier of that year would probably be worth around £2,000. Bradley's has a street value in excess of £10,000.

"We've modified every single panel on that car so that it no longer looks like a Cavalier," says Bradley. "I throw all my money into it – literally every penny."

Bradley freely admits that it's an eccentric obsession. "It's mad and it's sad!" he says.

But it's a fixation that results in one of the most unique customised cars in the UK, and is recognised as such.

It has featured in many of the top motoring magazines and has won the coveted 'Mean Street Cruise' accolade.

So what makes this Cavalier so unique?

The door handles have been removed. A remote-controlled hydraulic ram opens the doors.

The front bumper has been changed and the bon-

Personal Passions – a Cavalier with attitude

In the first of a new occasional series about unique and antique cars and their owners, Richard Hill talks to 'bad boy' Bradley who has spent around £15,000 on his 1991 Vauxhall Cavalier.

net is extended.

"It cost thousands of pounds and some people won't even notice it," says Bradley.

"It's still got the original engine but it's been modified quite ridiculously. We've superchipped it."

This is a process whereby the Electronic Control Unit is fitted with a high performance microprocessor to make the car more responsive.

"We've fitted new exhausts, new brakes, modifications to lighten the engine and gearbox."

Bradley's right, of course, some of the modifications are ridiculous. Reducing the weight of the engine is absurd when balanced against the weight of two 1,000-watt speakers elsewhere in the car. Each has a diameter greater than the average car wheel. But if music be the food of love...!

And who can criticise? Be it fluffy dice, metallic paint or an 'I've been to Ilfracombe' car sticker –



everyone personalises. But Bradley does it better. "You have to drive it to understand," he says. "I love that car — without a doubt."

What's yours? Do you have a personal passion

– a car that is unique or antique? We'd like to hear from you. please write to Richard Hill, The Slough Observer, Upton Court, Slough SL3 7NR, or e-mail richard.hill@sloughobserver.co.uk

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