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The Bronco's Back. You Got a Problem with That?

We're constantly saddled with remakes no one wants: the 2002 Ford Thunderbird, say, or the *Footloose* redux. But for years we've been jonesing for a revived version of the original 1966 Ford Bronco. Thanks to Icon, an L.A.-based boutique manufacturer of industrial-grade SUVs, it's back and more beastly than we remember. The body panels come from lightly worn vintage Broncos, but the rest is all brand-new, including axles from a military supplier and the 420-hp V-8 engine. The cabin keeps with the utilitarian theme: You stare at gauges inspired by Bell & Ross's pilot watches and sit on woven Chilewich vinyl because, as Icon founder Jonathan Ward says, "Leather doesn't last for shit." The result is a reincarnated Bronco with the original's fuck-you ruggedness ratcheted so high, you're not sure if you should drive it to the beach or the front lines.

Icon Bronco, $155,000, available at icon4x4.com

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