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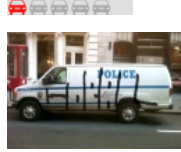
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#1

Ideal214

Autocross Champion



Drives: 2011 5 door 6speed AT
2.5i
Join Date: Apr 2012
Location: Dallas, tx
Posts: 96

DIY poor mans WORKING auto pop trunk hatch

I know ecs I believe sells the auto trunk pop kit for 100\$ great price and great mod for our cars. But I just dont have the funds for it so I decided to see if anyone had a DIY cheaper and works just as well. No one had a good DIY without some kind of repercussions a.e... paint scratch not fitting or closing damage to the shocks etc.

Here's what I came up with try if you'd like works 100% for me and no damage and no extra parts needed.(DO AT YOUR OWN RISK)

Tools needed :

- 1.Torx 30 screwdriver
- 2.flat head screw driver
- 3.friend or something to prop the latch while you do the easy work.

STEPS:

1. open trunk easy enough...
2. take the flat head and pop off the clips for the struts and remove the struts/shoks.
3. take the torx screw and remove the black latch/hinge that goes on the body of the car and flip it the other way around with the ball closer to the body than the outside.(this makes the clearance for the strut to properly retract without damaging the car.)
4. take the strut and flip it the other way around and reinstall it with the clips to lock into place.(piston part pointing to the latch/trunk and skinny part on the body of the car.
5. do the same for the other side.

Now press and hold the trunk button on the key and BAM!!! pop trunk for free .

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-pTMq...e_gdata_player

Only drawback so far is there's about 1"inch less that it opens and doesn't always open all the way on it own depending on the temperature. (The colder it is the less power the struts have)



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#2

littleazn248

Formula 3000 Driver



Drives: 2012 GTI/ F30 335i
Join Date: Apr 2012
Location: NorCal
Posts: 3,772

I'd love to do this or the ECS mod but the 1" less opening means my head will be hitting the edge of the tailgate.



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#3

DREKO

Go Kart Champion



Thanks IDEAL214, I just did it. Works great! The one inch less opening isn't really noticeable, I always had to duck under the hatch anyways. Thanks for the find.



Drives: 2011 Candy White GTI
Join Date: Feb 2011
Location: Jacksonville, FL
Posts: 43



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#4

CW_GTI

FIA World Rally Car Champion



Drives: 2010 CW GTI
Join Date: Dec 2011
Location: Alexandria
Posts: 605



Sick!! That will be my next mod

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#5

Ideal214

Autocross Champion



Drives: 2011 5 door 6speed AT
2.5I
Join Date: Apr 2012
Location: Dallas, tx
Posts: 96



Quote:

Originally Posted by **littleazn248**
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I'm 6"3 and I hit my head regardless lol so not much of a bother to me honestly I'm used to watching for objects above my head.

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#6

littleazn248

Formula 3000 Driver



Drives: 2012 GTI/ F30 335i
Join Date: Apr 2012
Location: NorCal
Posts: 3,772



Quote:

Originally Posted by **Ideal214**
I'm 6"3 and I hit my head regardless lol so not much of a bother to me honestly I'm used to watching for objects above my head.

Problem is im careless lol. I'd hate to walk into class with a huge bump on my head

Formula 1 Pinnacle F:50% R:15% / Smoked Side Markers/Modded Torque Insert/ Depo R LED Tails/
Neuspeed Springs/ Koni Strt/ aFe Pro-Dry S drop in

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05-13-2012, 02:06 AM

#7

stevenchkim

Formula 5000 Driver
















Drives: '10 CW 6M QT Hatch
Join Date: Sep 2010
Location: Los Angeles K-Town
Posts: 1,407




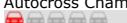





Nice find. I'm trying this tomorrow!

CTS K04 + APR | Carbonio 1+2 | UR TBE | S3 IC | DG Sigma6 SS | P3 Gauge | KW V2 | SB S3 Daily | RB 4 pot BBK | RSe07 18x8 et45 | Hankook Evo V12



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<div>05-13-2012, 11:55 AM</div> <div>#10</div> <div> <div>Ideal214</div> <div>Autocross Champion</div> <div>  </div> <div>  </div> <div> Drives: 2011 5 door 6speed AT 2.5l Join Date: Apr 2012 Location: Dallas, tx Posts: 96 </div> <div>  </div> </div>	<div> Quote: </div> <div> Originally Posted by hippiesrock03 <div> Didn't read all of it but if your flipping the struts it will rub your paint. Look it up. </div> </div> <div> Yes but flipping the hinge on the car side is what stops it from rubbing. If you try it flip the hinge it gives you the same clearance as before for the struts not to rub. </div> <div> <div>quote</div> </div>
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<div>05-13-2012, 08:27 PM</div> <div>#12</div> <div> <div>Tecni</div> <div>FIA GT Champion</div> <div>  </div> <div>  </div> <div> Drives: 2010 Volkswagen GTI Join Date: Oct 2009 Location: Orlando, FL Posts: 962 </div> <div>  </div> </div>	<div> <p>I tried this today. It didn't work at all. I tried opening it several times and nothing... It just sat there and keep in mind it was hot out so it should have worked.</p> <p>Also I noticed that its much more than an inch of clearance that you lose. I'm 5'6 and its right up to my head.</p> <p>2013 Golf R: Forge short shifter, Forge diverter valve, APR Stage II+, APR RFD, Scorpion downpipe, SPEC Stg 3 clutch and Flywheel, Forge Twintercooler, APR Runner Flap Delete, aspherical mirrors, Votex Rack and Yakima front loader, Golf R LED tails, Autotech hpfp insert, Forge Twintake, H&R springs, USP SS brake lines, Torque solutions shifter bushings, USP SS Clutch line, Passport Escort 9500ci, bold sport piano black emblems.</p> </div> <div> <div>quote</div> </div>
<div>05-14-2012, 10:17 PM</div> <div>#13</div> <div> <div>Ideal214</div> <div>Autocross Champion</div> <div>  </div> <div>  </div> <div> Drives: 2011 5 door 6speed AT 2.5I Join Date: Apr 2012 Location: Dallas, tx Posts: 96 </div> <div>  </div> </div>	<div> <p>Quote:</p> <div> <p>Originally Posted by Tecni </p> <p><i>I tried this today. It didn't work at all. I tried opening it several times and nothing... It just sat there and keep in mind it was hot out so it should have worked.</i></p> <p><i>Also I noticed that its much more than an inch of clearance that you lose. I'm 5'6 and its right up to my head.</i></p> </div> <p>Yeah mine didn't work for a while but now works every time for me you might have to tweak it a bit make sure you pull up the hinge and tighten it as far away from the car as you can so the strut will clear. It's not perfect but has worked every time for me might also be because my struts are brand new. So that might account for something also I did grease the strut also with general purpose grease. As I said not perfect but works great for me so far.</p> </div> <div> <div>quote</div> </div>
<div>05-16-2012, 05:44 AM</div> <div>#14</div> <div> <div>nvturbo</div> <div>Formula 3000 Driver</div> <div>  </div> <div>  </div> <div> Drives: in & out of traffic...like a B055 Join Date: Dec 2011 Location: Charlotte, NC Posts: 3,429 </div> <div>  </div> </div>	<div> <p>Just get the ECS kit and call it a day.</p> <p>/thread.</p> <p>Custom FMIC <i>in the works</i>.</p> </div> <div> <div>quote</div> </div>
<div>05-17-2012, 10:24 AM</div> <div>#15</div> <div> <div>jeproks</div> <div>Go Kart Newbie</div> <div>  </div> <div>  </div> <div> Drives: 2012 GOLF TDI 4door w/ DSG Join Date: Apr 2012 Location: MD Posts: 29 </div> <div>  </div> </div>	<div> <p>Thanks OP. I was waiting for the ECS kit to become available and I saw this thread just now. I did the bracket and strut flip and it works!!! No paint rubbing either. Only downside is it requires more force to close the hatch than before. I might order the spring loaded bump stops to aid the struts during the cold days.</p> <p>Tornado Red FTW!</p> </div> <div> <div>quote</div> </div>
<div>06-04-2012, 02:13 PM</div> <div>#16</div> <div> <div>Gorilla</div> </div>	<div> <p>Just did this and it works fine. It's not as powerful as the ECS kit but it's also not \$100. It's a little harder</p> </div>

Passed Driver's Ed



Drives: Carbon Steel Gray 2 door dsg
Join Date: Oct 2010
Location: Atlanta, GA
Posts: 10



to close and it doesn't work perfectly, but it'll get the job done.

quote

06-04-2012, 02:21 PM

#17

LightningRhod

Formula 5000 Driver



Drives: 2011 CW GTI DSG
Join Date: Jun 2011
Location: Vacaville, CA
Posts: 1,784



I think I read in another thread that after a while, the shocks will get messed up. Can't find it right now though.

APR Stage 2 :: Clear side markers :: Golf R LED tail lights :: AWE boost gauge :: RDash LED license plate lights :: Neuspeed P-Flo :: Enkei PF01 18x8 :: Dunlop Star Specs :: DG Springs :: UR DP :: UB :: XB :: R8 Coils :: SPM OEM BBK :: OSIR CF lip

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06-11-2012, 09:36 PM

#18

Pancho

Newbie

Drives: '11 CSG 6MT
Join Date: May 2012
Location: Buena Park, CA
Posts: 3



Bullseye! Works like a charm, like it should have been this way in the first place. Just need to mind those pesky metal clips... pry a little too much and they go into orbit!

2011 CSG \ 4DR \ 6MT \ APR I \ Soundaktor-inator Free

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#19

kristian19

Autocross Champion



Drives: GTI Mk6
Join Date: Jul 2010
Location: BC, Canada
Posts: 103



difference between our struts and the ecs ones? any known issues about scratching?

- borla catback exhaust - carbonio intake stg1/2 - hoen 4500k - **apr stage 1** -

quote

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#20

tman

FIA GT Newbie



Drives: around randomly
looking for GTI's
Join Date: Mar 2012
Location: Oman
Posts: 701

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