

# Hot Rod News

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DETAILS, DETAILS.....

The 1932 Ford three window coupe was the first model which had doors that opened in the front rather than the back. If the door latches failed the 'doors would blow off'. Ultimately, these doors were commonly called 'suicide doors'.

Therefore, suicide locks were installed. Simply, a stainless steel pin extends into the body as an extra measure of locking to prevent the doors from being "blown off".

The knob (vise-grip), turns to extend the pin into the body to lock the doors. They also operate electrically.

Don't want to get my doors blown off!!!



This mockup is set into place to determine the location of the grill, grill shell, radiator, electric fan and AC condenser. All these items will be fastened to each other and need to fit together precisely. These units all need to be cut, modified and/or have brackets built in order to get them all put together and look good.

The measurements from the grill shell to the body need to be consistent and hopefully when mounted vertically, square and straight. This assembled unit will have traditional support rods from the firewall to the radiator to adjust and secure the entire finished unit.

The next related project will be the AC pump and alternator mounts. Since I changed to vortec heads, the brackets that I have and the brackets that I can get are not what I want. Soooo, I will cut up the ones I have, cut new pieces and get them welded so I can have what I want! Next issue...



Kurt, the supervisor, is here to inspect and check progress. Better get back to work!



The right picture is the grill and radiator set into place. The picture below shows the notching necessary to accommodate the AC condenser piping.



This little piece is destined to be the bulkhead behind the seats to separate the interior from the trunk. This is the buck or plug that I made out of template, plywood and plastic laminate. Fiberglass was applied to the back side and then removed



Here's the backside and since the fiber glassing was an amateur job, some body putty is in order. Still haven't decided whether it will be upholstered or just textured and painted. Until next, keep those cards and letters coming!!

