

Hot Rod News

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The
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At the trunk opening the small black reveal is how the body came. I wanted it to be a little more substantial and also wanted to cover the latch mechanism. The solution was to fabricate a three sided piece that ran the length of the opening and glued the piece into place to widen the opening. Not only looks better, but is stronger! Sounds like a commercial! In the upper left hand corner, notice the trunk stay. It needs a little fine-tuning, but works.



Air conditioning, heat and defrost. Got to be comfy when cruising! Need to locate the bulkhead fitting to the right of the unit for the hoses to get the fluids in and out of the unit.



On the left is the mounting plate for the fuse panel, relays and all the electrical stuff. Complete with good ground. When seated, one will be able to see only about three inches of the unit.



The condenser unit needs to be secured in the front to hold it away from the firewall and from moving around. The control unit needs to be mounted under the square tube, near the clamp.



The body reveal tapered to the frame. Not exactly how I wanted it to be.....so I fixed it. Mixed some resin and viscofil to make the resin into a stiff paste. Some taped covered masonite to form the go and voila, it's pretty close. A little fiberglass on the inside and we're almost ready for the new old firewall.



Need to be legal and not roll down the mountain, so an emergency brake is in order. Recognize this handy dandy unit?? How about Honda Civic, about \$8.00 at the U-Pull-It. The mounting pads a modified, strengthened and allows for the cables to be inside the car. I didn't want the mechanism to hang below the floor. There will be a reinforcement plate below the floor for safety.



The firewall is the standard clean hot rod look, nice and flat. In order to add some originality, in a glass car? Who am I kidding? The original firewall had to be added!



So the integral firewall gets roughed up and new, old, is laid over the resin glue concoction so that it doesn't rattle under hard acceleration. The bracing ensures full contact.



Voila. The finished new old firewall is in place. With some finishing around the edges, it will look like it's supposed to be there. Cut the steering column and clutch and brake pedal holes and we're good.



The trunk now needs a device to hold it open. So I picked up some aluminum and fabricated this trunk stay, complete with lightening holes for the racer look. Simple over extension to lock it in place, just keep your finger out of the pinch point.

Nothing says racer like holes!



So on this Mother's Day of 2006, thanks to all of the Mothers, Mother-in-Laws and Wives for their love and support. We couldn't have done it without you!

