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Emergency Hood Release Cable Installation

The day after I bought the Banzai Runner, I drove over to Chuck Melton's house to show him the car. He quickly pointed out that it didn't have the Auxiliary Hood Release. He also explained what kind of damage would need to be done in order to get the hood open when (*note that I did not say "if"*) the 31 year old factory cable breaks.

I reviewed TSB 09-64, "Front Hood Emergency Release Cable," for details on the procedure and made a trip to my local Kragen Auto Parts and Home Depot stores.



Supplies

- Kragen Auto Parts
 - 1 pkg Assorted Rubber Grommets
- Home Depot
 - 1 package of Steel Rings (2 per pkg.)
 - 2 feet of Steel Cable - small gauge.
 - 4 Cable Clamps to secure cable to release mechanism and steel rings.



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Installation Steps

I studied the TSB for the correct location of the hole to be drilled in the front trunk. I then inspected the area under the dash to make certain I had the necessary access and clearance where I intended to drill the hole, and wouldn't be drilling into a wiring harness. The TSB calls for a 5/16" hole to be drilled, but I used a smaller bit matched to one of the smallest grommets included in the package from Kragen.

1. Inspect under dash for clearance where you intend to drill
2. Drill the required hole
3. Insert the appropriate size rubber grommet
4. Anchor cable to the trunk release mechanism with cable clamps
5. Insert cable through the grommet into passenger compartment

6. Secure cable to the steel ring from under the dash
7. Test auxiliary release mechanism - Success!
8. Cut off excess cable



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