



From My Shop

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Hood Prop

The hood on my 27 Tudor never seemed to want to stay up when I was making minor tweaks on the engine. It was always falling down adding scratches in the cowl paint. I had noticed that there is an accessory for Model A's to hold the hood up. I was reminded of the simple holder I had made while on the tour last week seeing the scratches on another T cowl.

I used a small piece of metal strap approximately 5/8" x 4". Drill a 1/4" hole in one end. Place a 1" length of shrink tubing over the other end, overlapping the end 1/4". Heat and let it shrink tightly on the metal strap. Approximately 1" from the end where you drilled the hole, make a bend in the strap to conform to the radiator tank.

Bolt this strap to the triangular brace where the side support meets the radiator tank, using the existing hole. Re-check the bend to conform to the tank but not so that it touches.

Now you can raise the hood and set it safely on the insulated tip of the strap.

This same method could be used on earlier cars 16-25 but on those earlier cars the hood seems to rest on the firewall cowl lacing rather than the radiator.

