



# SMOOTHER STRUTS PART II

WE FOLLOW UP LAST MONTH BY SHOWING YOU HOW TO MOUNT YOUR FUSE BOX SAFELY AND NEATLY INSIDE THE CAR

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**S**o, if the car is still working after last month's job, you're doing well and are past the halfway point. Now it's simply a matter of getting clever with some MDF, a jigsaw and a drill to make a mounting plate for the fuse rail and relays. This isn't as hard as it sounds and you don't need to be Bob the Builder to get it done.

We chose MDF for a number of reasons, the main one being that I was too tight to shell out for new wood and we had some MDF kicking around at home. If you're asthmatic or just generally don't like working with carcinogenic materials (pussy), you may want to consider changing your material of choice to a hard wood, adopt some respiratory protection or simply harden up.

1. This is what you should be looking at from the outset, or similar
2. Pull out the ruler and jot down some measurements. You'll need to know the details of the fuse rail to know how long and wide to make the plate
3. Transfer your measurements onto a sheet of sheet metal, wood, MDF, cardboard or whatever you're using as a mounting plate
4. Pull out the jigsaw and get cutting. You should be adorning the following for your own safety – eye and respiratory protection, as well as enclosed shoes
5. You should end up with something like this to mount your rail to
6. Mounting the plate in the glove box will require a few of these bad boys – 90° brackets and some screws
7. Once you're happy with where the plate sits, mount the rail to the plate
8. You may want to take the time to neaten things up a little. A liberal helping of material and some spray paint can make even the sketchiest job look show ready. As you can see, we've mounted four of the relays with the fuse rail, with the rest cleverly hidden
9. With the glove box closed you'd hardly know. Best of all, the way we've mounted the rail allows us full access to the fuses and retains use of the glove box



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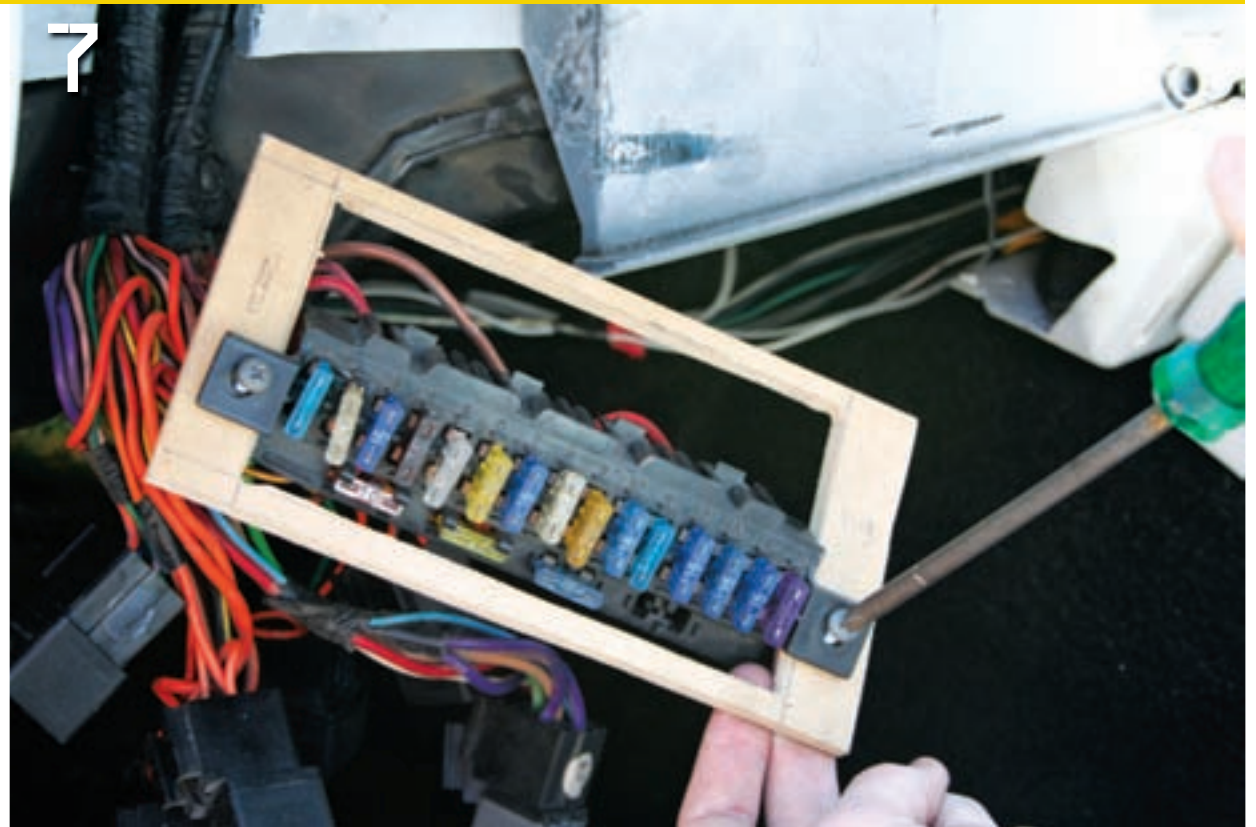


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With the glove box now housing your fuses and relays presentably, you can start working on the bay top get it show ready. The grinder, a file, some Quicksteel and sandpaper, and a touch of paint will get the bay shining like new. It will totally transform the look of the bay. In up coming issues, we'll see what we can do to dress up the rest of the bay. **SC**

