Rear Hatch Tie Down Suggestions?

Posted by FDJeremy - 07 May 2014 18:14

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So I was running at MIR two weeks ago and decided to take a trip into the grass backwards at 110 mph. Everything seemed ok until the car turned oposite the direction of travel. As soon as the air got under my "wing" on the hatch, the whole thing took off like an ejector seat. Video here (Fast forward to 6:30 for hatch separation):

I currently use the rubber jeep tie downs that everyone in this region has been using since I got into 944 Spec. Once the air got underneath the hatch, the tabs that hold the rubber stoppers down bent skyward and released the hatch into the great blue yonder. Because of this, I have decided it's time to find a better solution to securing the back glass.

My question: Has anybody found a latch or some kind of hood pin configuration that is more robust than the rubber jeep tie down option many of the guys are using? I'm looking for something that would hold even at 100 mph backwards.

Thanks in Advance,

Jeremy

PS. The rear hatch weighs ~56 lbs, ask me how I know.

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Re: Rear Hatch Tie Down Suggestions?

Posted by Big Dog - 07 May 2014 21:01

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Sounds dangerous, too.

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Re: Rear Hatch Tie Down Suggestions?

Posted by AgRacer - 08 May 2014 06:06

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Re: Rear Hatch Tie Down Suggestions?

Posted by FDJeremy - 08 May 2014 07:05

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Unfortunately by the time I got my hands on the car, all of that stuff had already been removed and was long gone.

I was thinking about something with a locking latch on it but haven't been able to find anything yet.

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