

IN SEARCH OF MORE STORAGE SPACE

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There are several things about our T-Series cars that are absolute fact. Among them, they are seductive, showy and short on storage. Any of you getting ready for a GoF or other kind of trip found the latter to certainly be true.

Recalling that the TA and TB had twin batteries mounted on either side and above the rear end started me thinking – why couldn't that space be used, somehow, to gain some much needed extra storage for my TC.

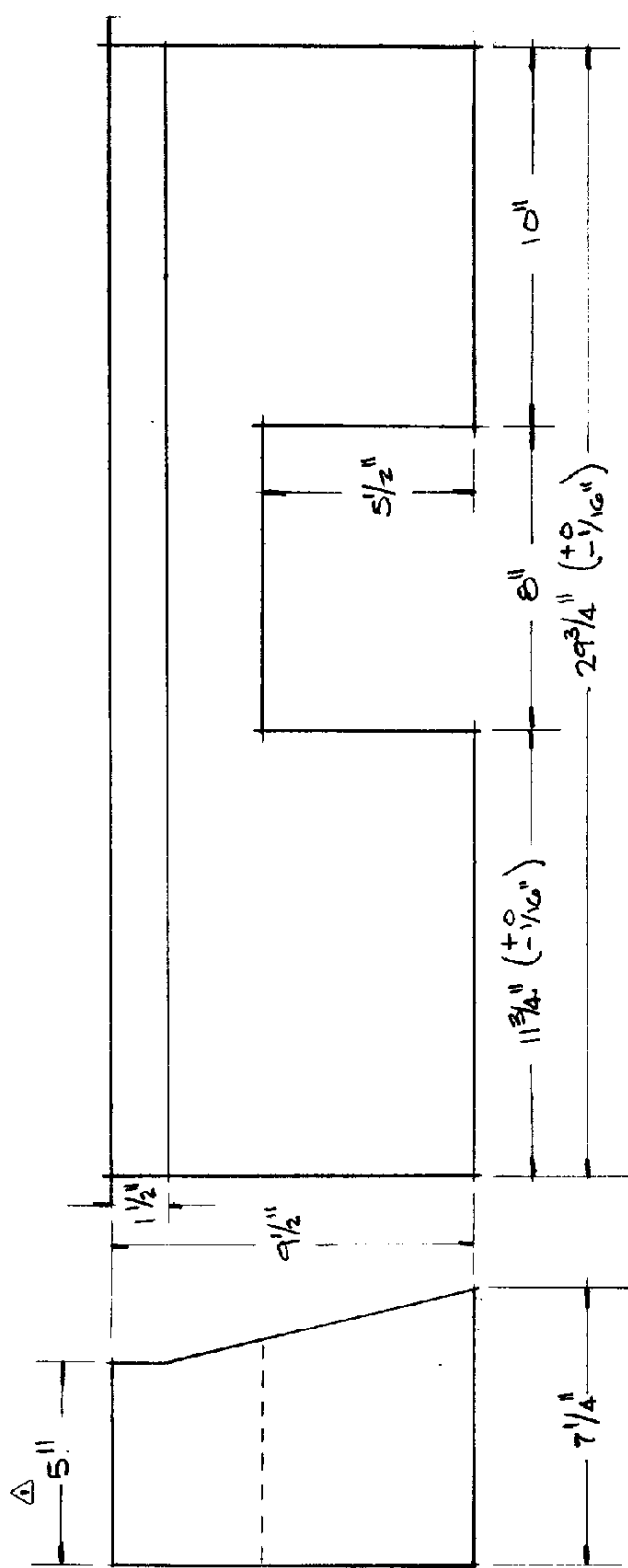
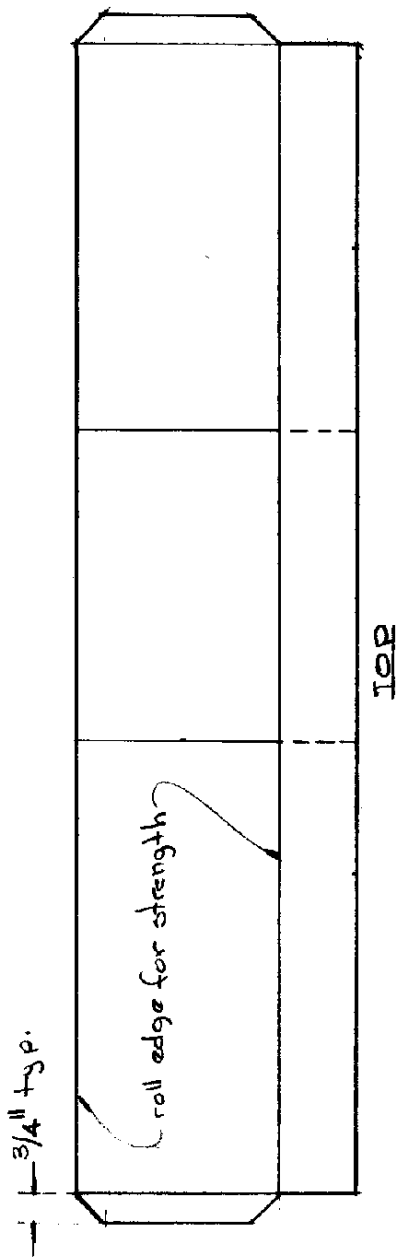
After removing the luggage tray floor (rear deck board) and scraping away years of accumulated gunk (in the future I would just start with a new, clean one) I began to measure, fit and build some cardboard mock ups . After discarding some attempts as being far too complicated or complex to easily build in sheet metal, I came up with two trays that seem to give the best compromise: greatest amount of space, ease of construction and give adequate clearance for the rear end and prop shaft. Construction details are on the attached plans. The dimensions shown fit my TC (they should be OK for any TC but check to be sure) but will have to be modified for TD use (those of you with a TF are on your own). All of the seams were soldered so the trays would be watertight. The trays could be lined with felt, depending on what you want to carry in them.

The luggage floor board was modified by removing the side mounting screws, sawing a 1: strip off the back and reattaching it with hinges. This strip was then screwed to the back edge of the frame with (2) #10x1 wood screws. When mounting the trays, the deep tray (Tray #1) goes in front and the shallow tray (Tray #2) goes behind it directly above the rear end. The storage space is now accessible by lifting the board. I put a lock on mine (see sketch), but that is optional.

I found that either small plastic storage/freezer containers or General Foods International coffee cans fit nicely in the shallow tray and are great for keeping those small parts handy as well as separated. Tools, larger parts or whatever can be placed in the deeper tray. The trays are easily removed to gain access to the rear end and rear dampers for maintenance.

I hope you find this as useful as I did. Enjoy!

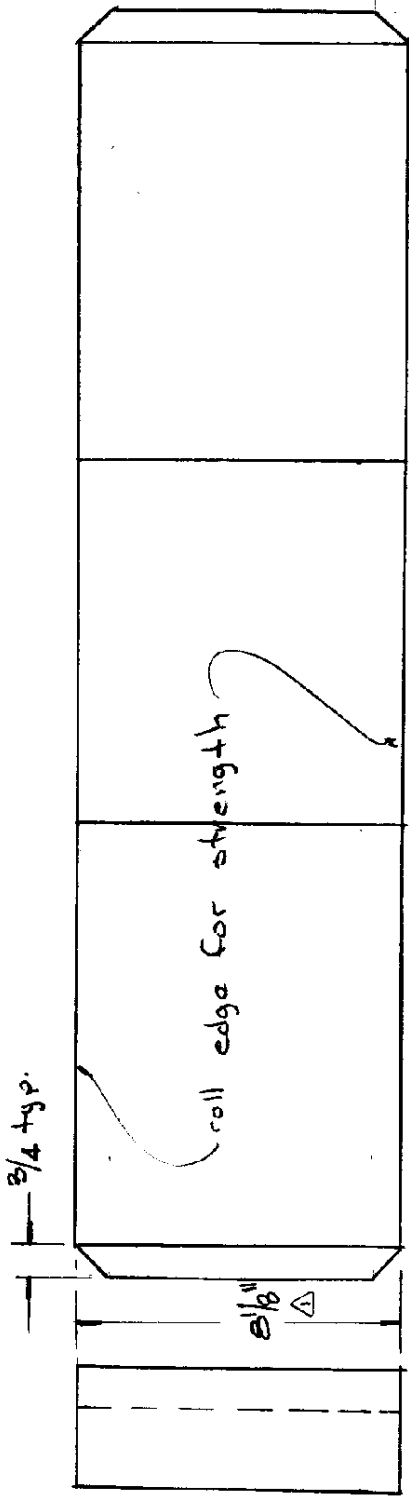




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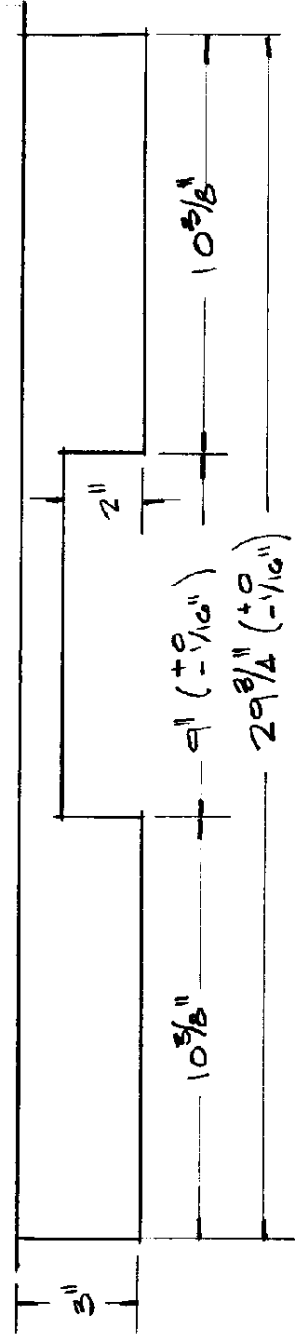
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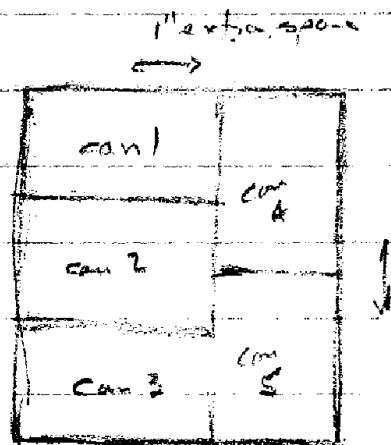
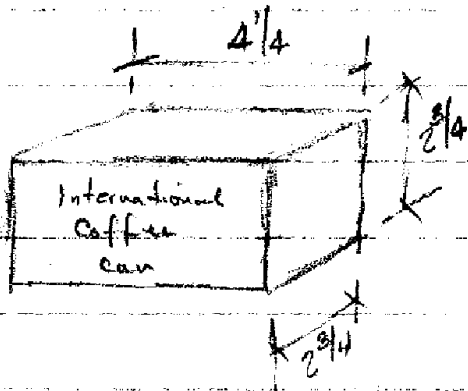
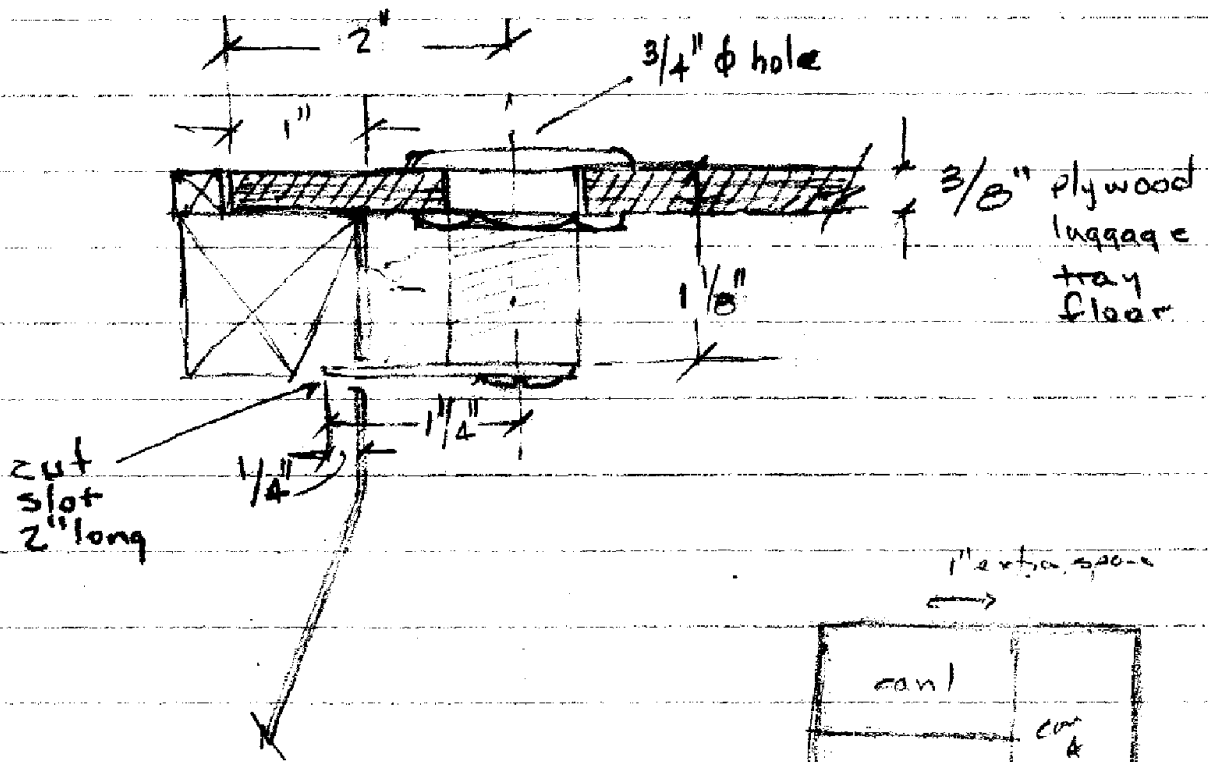
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MG STORAGE TRAY # 2

1/4 scale

LOCK MOUNTING SKETCH



TYP. TRAY #2 COMPARTMENT