

# MAKE AN UNDER-SEAT STORAGE TRAY

## DICK RAY WM M9 No.67

My M9 is always needing more storage space, and I recently found a way to add some.

Under the OEM Fairmont seat cushion is a space within the support assembly. I simply made two “trays” out of light steel (could be aluminum) that creates a floor in that space.

The trays do not extend any lower than the seat support angles so that under-seat space is not reduced.

One picture shows one of the trays that I made from an old shop light reflector. It was all bent by hand and did not have to look good because it is never seen. The other picture shows the tray installed in the OEM Fairmont seat frame.

In the left seat tray is a complete electrical repair kit, including wire, terminals, and a crimping pliers. In the right seat tray is a vinyl bag containing spare batteries for my flashlight and my intercom system.

Of course other items that could be stored are ignition parts and the tools for replacing them, rulebooks and other required documentation packed in waterproof baggies, and other things that can be needed. Keeping them in the car assures that the items are always in the car.

Since my seats are fastened with the OEM spring clips without any other hardware, it is a simple task to remove the cushion for access.

*Above right: This shows the under-seat tray*

*Right: Here is the tray mounted under the seat frame.*

*Photos by the author.*

