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i will say that i have completely redone my wire tuck because of trial and error. its seems that keeping any of the wires in the cowl panel leaves too much exposure to the elements once rain goes in there. I have now moved everything including the ecu

out of the cowl and its actually much easier to run everything where needed. look for an update soon, again sorry for no

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again becuase of incorrect wiring.

i highly reccommend that if your interested in doing a wire tuck you use my other FAQ to get you started removing and relocating engine components. Includes EVAP, Battery, Power Steering, Winshield Washer, Coolant overflow and also gives you links for the other emmission system deletes.

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1. Rewiring the Engine Bay (INTRO)
Doing this take alot of work and will not be finished in one day.

This was done with the motor removed but i will try to write the faq for having the motor in too. NOTE: Before you begin this FAQ you should read my other one:

It explains how to relocate the battery, remove coolant ball, relocate evap. It also gives you info on where to find out how to remove your emission systems. This will make it much easier to hide wires if you relocate and remove the things above. The link is at the top of the page.

## 2. parts and supplies

#### 3. parts removal for access Remove front bumper

Remove cowl panel and wiper motor Remove Cabin filter in passenger side of cowl panel

Disconnect battery

More will be discussed in specific sections.

## 4 removing relay box

To remove the box next to the brake reservoir is fairly simple.

Unclip the box from the Cowl panel

2. unplug relays and remove them from the box. below you see them removed from the box now



- 3. There are two options of where to put them: In the plastic panel where the harness wires run or in the cowl panel
- Open up the plastic cover that the main harness wires run through. This is located right next to the box you removed.
   Unwrap the wires from the harness to get the length you need to put them where you want.

5 passenger side

If you followed my other FAQ, then you would have deleted the Coolant expansion tank, removed the windshield washer resevoir, relocated the EVAP and the power steering resevoir.

When finished with this wiring the passenger side will not have any wires.

### 5.1 Connectors on the passenger side.

Windshield washer pump windshild washer sensor hood sensor right headlight right side marker(bumper) ac sensor coolant expansion sensor evap fender side marker 02 sensors abs sensor

## 5.2 Connectors that dont need to be extended

AC sensor 02 sensor wires right fender side marker light

# 5.3. Rewiring connectors that dont need to be extended

1. With the cowl panel removed you will need to cut a hole so that instead of the wires running out the front of the cowl, they will come out the bottom. I will get a picture of this soon\*\*.

run the 02 sensor wires down behind the firewall cover as pictured and run the abs sensor back through its original hole to reconnect.

If you still have ac connect the sensor





5.4..Connectors that need to be extended
Right Headlight(6 wires)
Hood latch sensor(2 wires)
NOTE: If you chose to keep the windshield washer resevoir you will have 4 more wires to extend. 2 for the pump itself and two for the fluid level sensor
Also i do not have bumper side markers but it would be two more wires.

5.4 Overview

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Instead of running the harness out of the front of the cowl panel, you will run it down through the bottom of the cowl. behind the brake system, into the frame rail and it will exit from the bottom of the rail near the radiator system to connect to the original connecting points.

NOTE: In order to do the driver side harness, it is necessary to remove your intake and battery if they are in the way.

NOTE 2: The Main harness and engine harness are two separate sets of wires and this is for the main harness portion.

NOTE 3: The Main harness does not need to be extended with this DIY.

NOTE 4: This requires using an airsaw to make cuts in the frame rail and cowl panel to run your harness, in doing this you will need primer and paint to keep these areas from rusting.

**6.1 Connectors on driver side**4 ground wires that connect to the top of the frame rail near the left headlight. main to engine harness connector fans

black box on side of frame rail(2 connectors)

## 6.2 Rerouting wires

- 1. Unplug the harness from the connectors on the inner side of the left frame rail.

- Unplug the narriess from the connectors on the interside of the left frame rail.
   Unplug the connectors for the radiator fans.
   unplug the large connector that connects the main harness to the engine harness.
   Remove the plastic cover that runs from the cowl panel, down to the frame rail. this will not be used anymore.
   with the cowl panel removed you will need to cut a hole in it. to be able to run the harness stright down.
- in the picture below you can see the hole on the front of the cowl panel where the plastic cover used to be. you can see where the hole needs to be cut to run the wires down

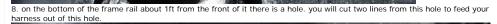


6.unbolt the box where the brake lines run into. move it away from the frame rail as much as possible without bending the

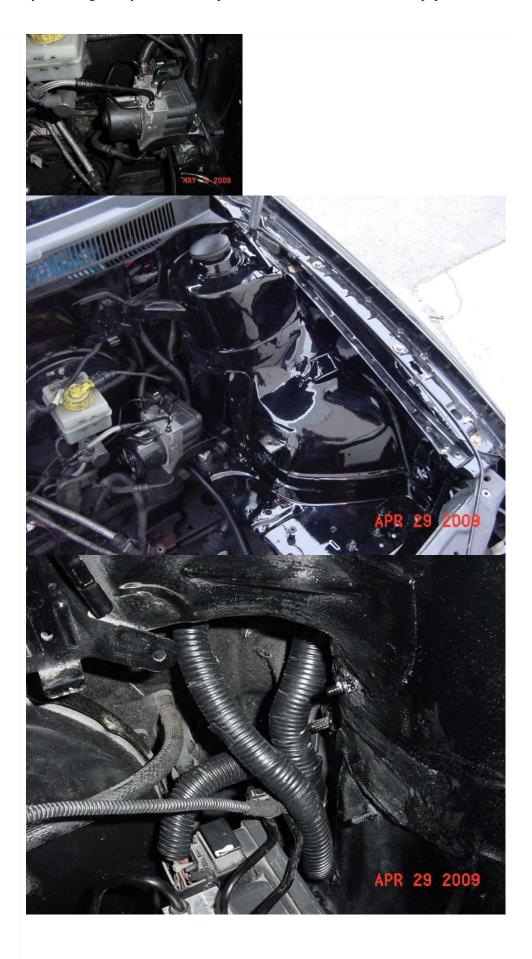
7. locate the hole thats about 1inch wide in the top of the rail located under the brake box, and cut two lines from the hole so

that you can peel part of the rail up. it will allow you to run the harness connectors through the rail and then close the hole back up.
in the picture below, the harness is running through the hole of the top rail.











### 7. engine harness

i will be finishing everything shortly, i took everything out so i could reorganize and add things so that its eiasier to read

i tried to separate things into sections so that some things can be done as single projects in this and my other faq.

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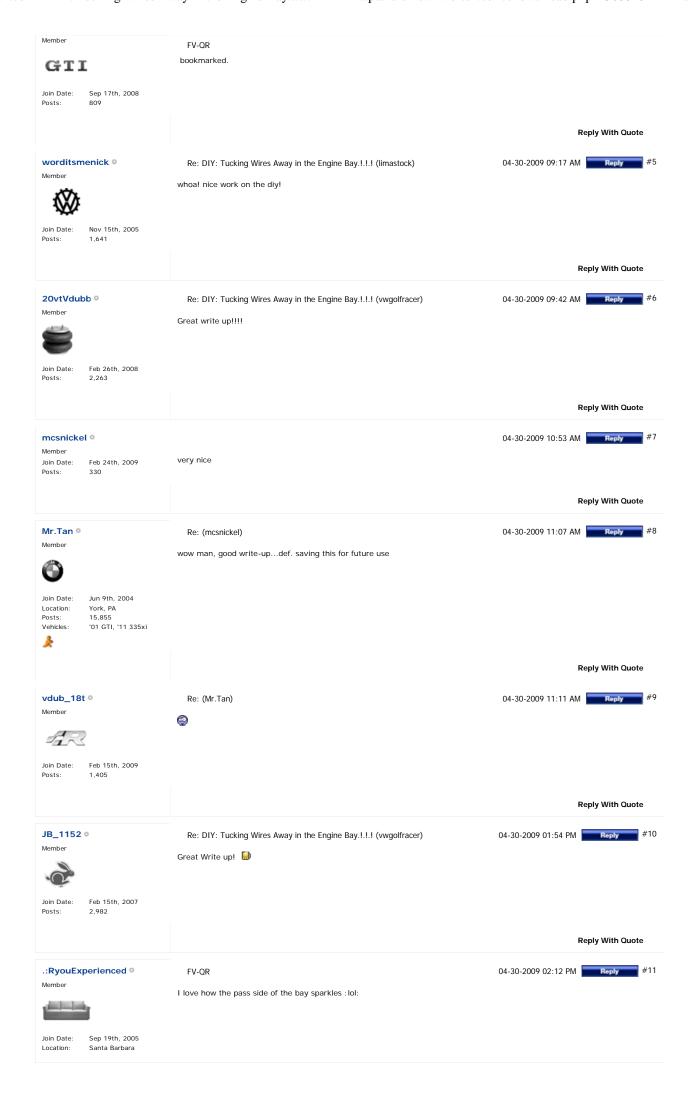
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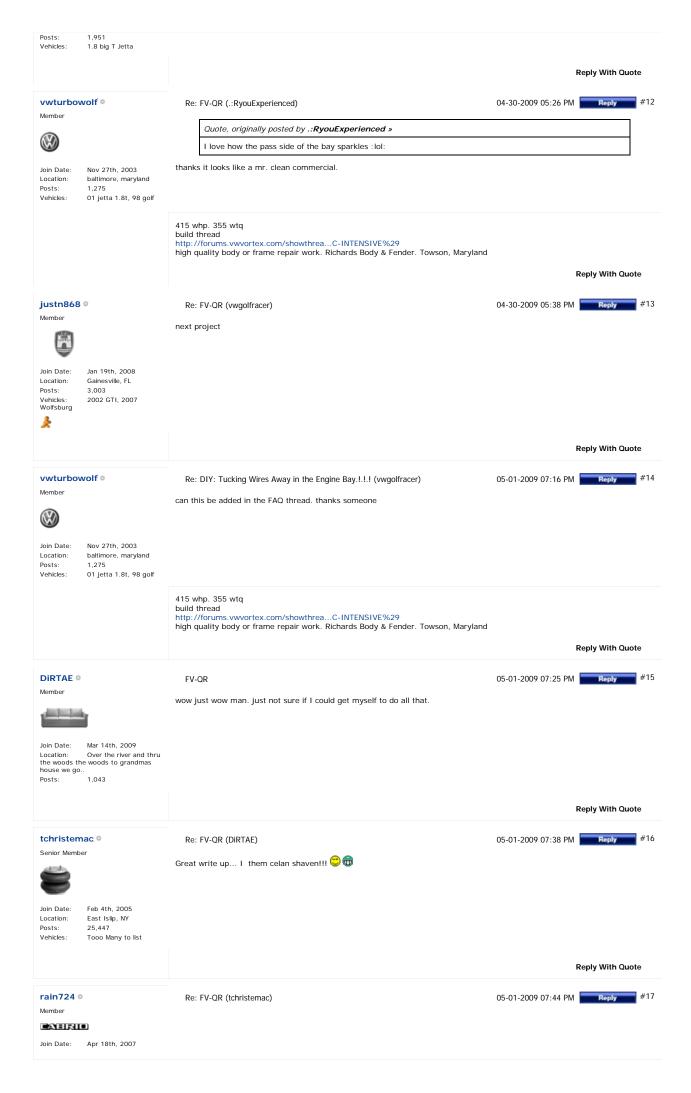
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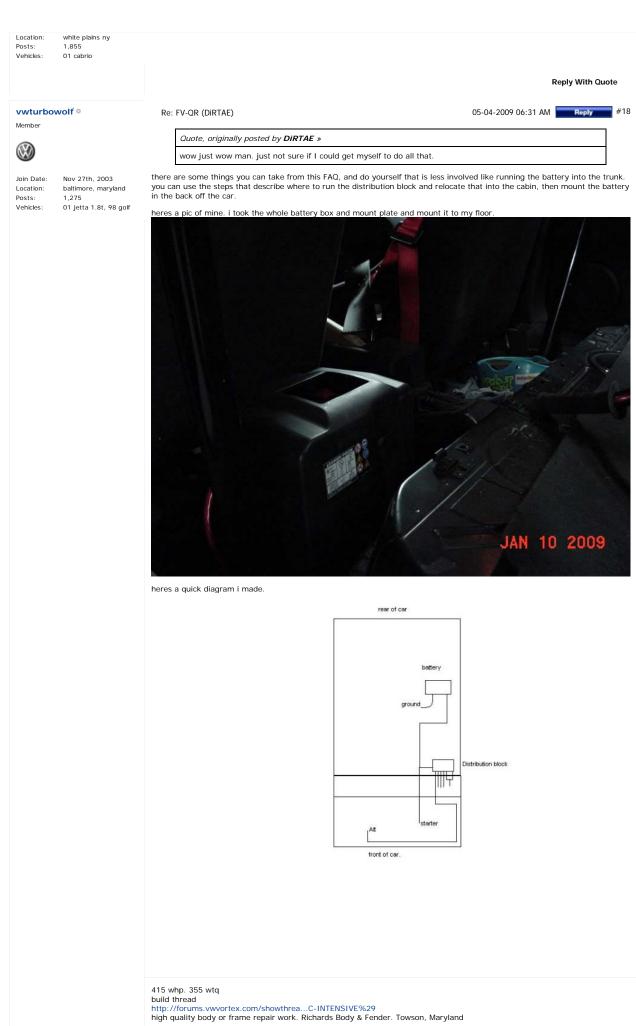
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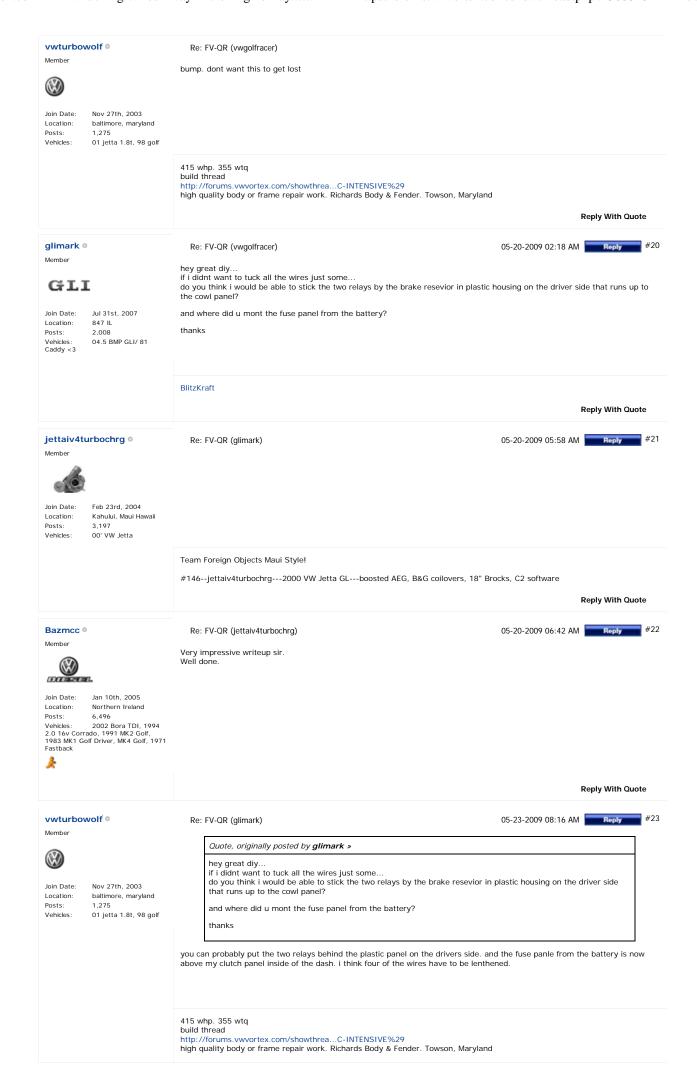
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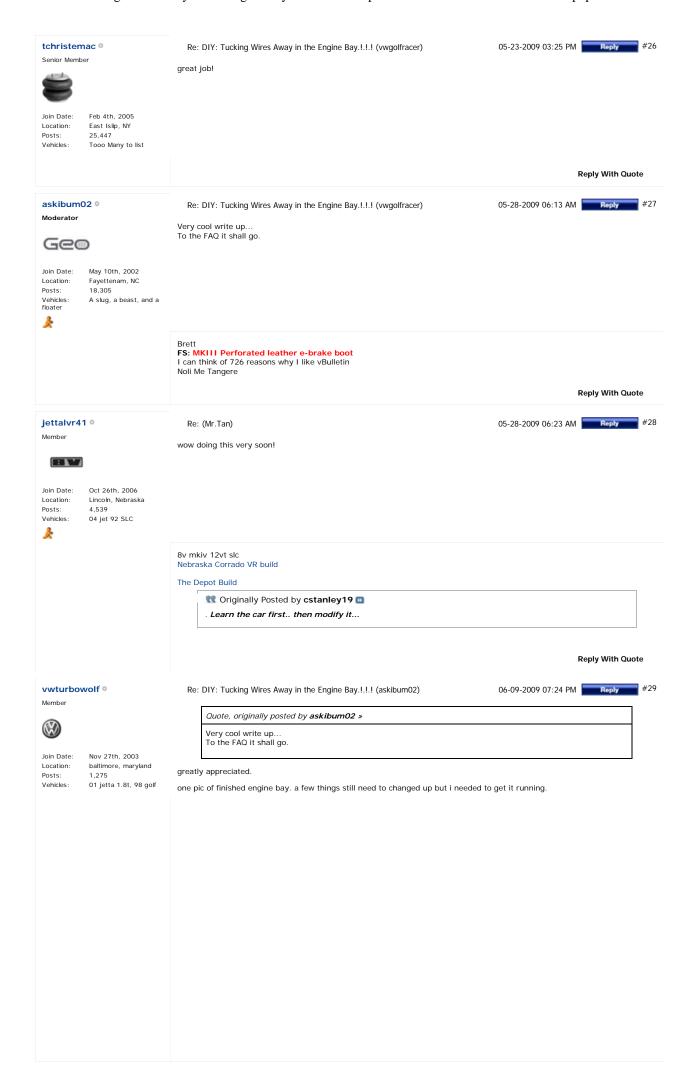




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Im surprised you didnt relocate the PS reservoir. Awesome writeup on the wiring though! As far as the starter though, didnt you have to use another ground? For mine I had 2 grounds, one for the battery in the rear and a second for the starter.

\* Nevermind on the ground, saw you kept the original one.

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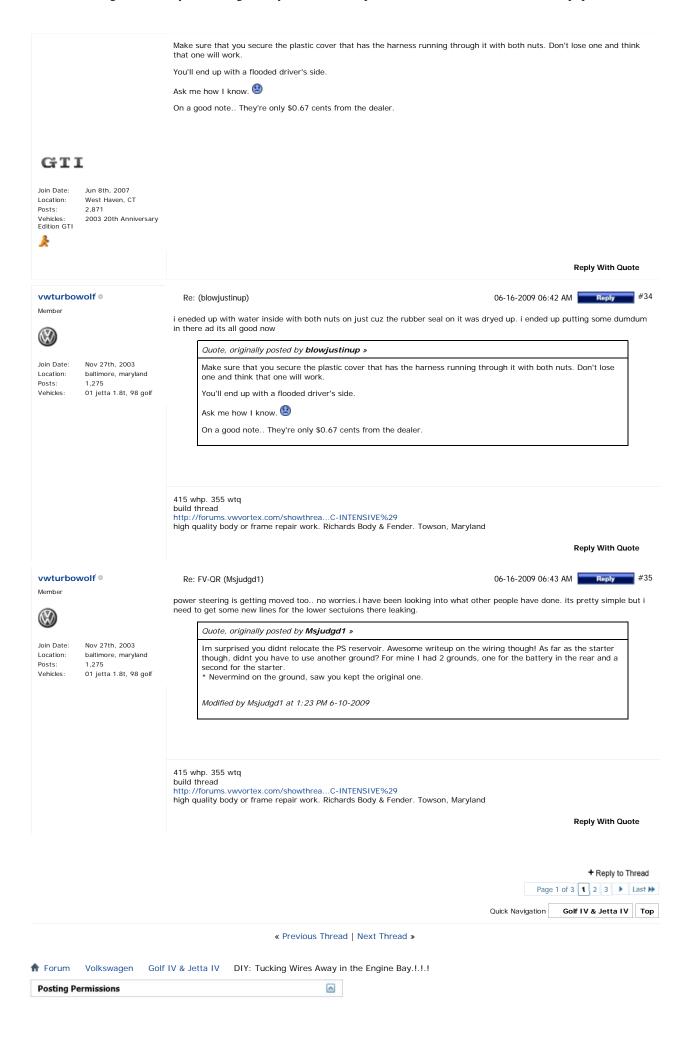
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