

Corvette Storage Devices; *ITEM STR*

There is quite a bit of room in the C6 Corvette but you need some additional items to make it functional. For example if you have nothing to hold what you put in the rear deck it slides around. You can buy a number of items which help from Vette aftermarket folks (as I have done with most of my add-ons,) but like most Vette options they are expensive!

Here are a few which aren't!

This is a view of the back deck. Visible are the net that comes from GM, the rolled up Hatch Pad or Bib (more on that in another "Corvette Accessory Info" Report) and the first and probably most useful storage device-a "Folding Carrier" designed for car trunks.



This "Folding Carrier" device is from Bed Bath and Beyond! The wife had three in her trunk! I purchased one for the Corvette for \$9.99! Wait for one of their coupons and it could be less expensive!

Hers were purchased for the same price several years ago and are a heavier ballistic Nylon material and have a zippered top. Swapped one of her three with mine!



Note this original one has a zippered integral cover! The storage device has Velcro patches underneath and on my wife's car they stick very well. On the Corvette carpet not so great but with weight inside it doesn't slide. But don't try a .95G corner!

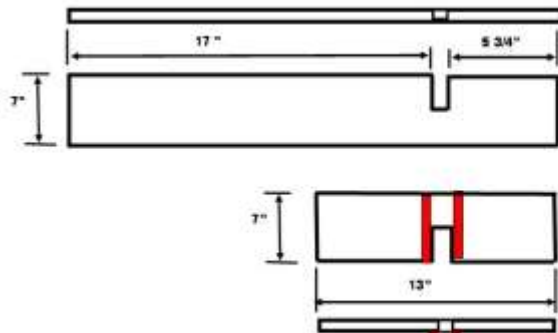


Yep. Go ahead and cry over spilled milk!! In the case of a milk spill in your Corvette, you bet you'll cry if you let it sit and spoil! When I brought home a half gallon my wife noted a small amount in the plastic grocery bag it was in and advised I should check the Vette. There was a small amount in the Folding Carrier! Caught in time!



Had to do something for the next time I was "sent for milk!"

Making a "Divider" with two small partitions that could hold containers like milk would be a big help. Two interlocking pieces would allow it to be assembled only when needed.



Knew I kept the 1/4 inch plywood from the Chevy ZZ 502502 crate! Just made two interlocking pieces that formed two partitions when interlocked!



Screwed in two pieces of molding to help keep the partitions perpendicular.



With the Divider pieces interlocked and inserted in the storage carrier both ½ gallon and gallon milk will not fall over! It will also help hold some of the other bags upright as well.



When not carrying groceries, the two Divider pieces just slip apart and lay flat in the Carrier.



It still closes with the Divider pieces laying flat. The golf clubs will sit fine above this storage carrier!



The GM net storage is also quite useful if the items being stored are small enough



The item I missed the most was a small container to storage bits of paper, used napkins etc. In my truck which was traded for the Vette, had lots of places to put one. Again some are available in the accessory catalogs but are bulky and expensive. This low cost device has a good Velcro top which holds to some degree to the carpet when it is slipped under the console lip. However added a strip of 3M "Dual Lock" about 2 inches from the top and stuck one piece to the carpet and the other on the trash bag . This is best done on the passenger side as noted in photo. You can purchase for a few dollars in most auto stores.



The 3M "Dual Lock" material consists of mushroom type plastic protrusions on both pieces. When you push one piece onto the other you can hear them snap together. I find they have higher shear strength and if your not taking the parts apart continually it's the stuff to use.



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A Texas Truck Box manufacturer evaluated the system on a repetitive job, welding doors. With their

standard gas delivery hose they welded **236 doors** with a full cylinder of shielding gas. Just substituting their gas hose with our patented **GSS** maintaining the same flow settings they welded **632 doors!** That's a 63% reduction in shielding gas use.

Weld Performance Improvement

A small shop owner provided this feedback after he purchased a 3 foot **GSS** for his small MIG welder. Al Hackethal reported these findings:



"Well, I can't believe it. I never thought a hose could make that

much of a difference. I had a small job that's been waiting for a while. The weld quality, and even penetration is considerable better. Almost no spatter! The weld seemed to be hotter and I turned my MIG down a notch.

Initially thought that my imagination had kicked in, but then realized that the gas I'm buying is actually working the way it's supposed to. Glad I found your website. This is one of the few things that really works better than any info could suggest. I understood the theory, though in practice I understood much better after the first couple of welds. Now I have better looking welds and almost no spatter, which means less grinding and finish work! In addition, the tip was cleaner after the job I just did.

This will provide savings in time, labor and maybe even consumables too. As a one man shop there's never enough time for anything.

Al also has a TIG welder with 300 amp water cooled torch and bought one of our Leather Cable Covers. His email said this about it!

Oh, the leather wrap for my TIG hoses worked very well and fits perfectly. I'd just replaced the hoses and was looking for something to protect them that was better than the nylon wrap that's available around here. Now I'm "TIGing" again too, and much safer. It's good to know the coolant hoses are well protected. Much better than using a 300 amp TIG and then realizing that I was standing in a puddle of coolant, which is what recently happened. Can't pay the bills if I electrocute myself!

Thanks for making products affordable".

Another Home Shop Writes About GSS System

Perry Thomasson has a very well equipped home shop. He uses a 175 amp MIG welder. However the small welder cart only held a medium size shielding gas cylinder and Perry



wanted to reduce the number of times he had to have it filled.

He purchased the largest cylinder his distributor offered for sale and chained it to a wall in his shop. He needed a much longer gas delivery hose so he added a 50 foot conventional 1/4 inch ID hose. He found he was using a lot of gas.

He purchased a 50 foot long **GSS** and saved a significant amount of shielding gas while improving his weld starts by reducing the starting gas surge. Since his regulator/flowgauge had a hose barb on the output, we supplied Perry with a splice connection on the supply end of the **GSS**. He simply cut the existing gas delivery hose close to the regulator and spliced in the **GSS** hose. The welder end uses a standard CGA fitting that is supplied with the system.

Perry emailed a picture and said;

" The system works great. Thanks for the professional service and a great product."

A Professional Street Rod Builder Had This to Say About the GSS:

They use a 250 amp MIG welder with built in feeder and a 6 foot gas delivery hose. With their standard

gas delivery hose the peak shielding flow at weld start was measured at 150 CFH, far more than needed and enough to pull air into the shielding stream. Air is then sucked into the gas stream causing poor weld starts and possibly weld porosity.

With the **GSS** replacing their existing hose, the peak flow surge at the weld start was about 50 CFH and it quickly reduced to the 25 CFH setting. With the many short welds made and frequent inching of the wire, they used less than half the gas and had better starts.

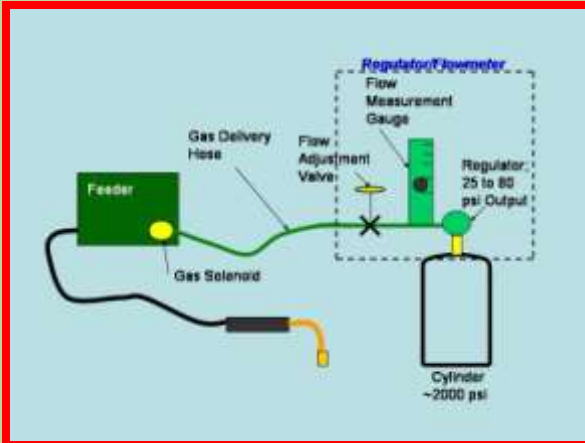


Kyle Bond, President, indicated a big benefit is the reduced time and effort

changing cylinders since it's required less frequently. He quickly saw the improvement achieved in weld start quality as a significant advantage! Kyle, an excellent automotive painter, was well aware of the effects of gas surge caused by pressure buildup in the delivery hose when stopped. He has to deal with the visible effects in the air hose lines on the spray gun in his paint booth! It's too bad we can't see the shielding gas waste as Kyle can the effects of excess pressure when he triggers his spray gun! The paint surge is visible and creates defects unless the gun is triggered off the part being painted! Kyle can manage the surge by triggering the paint gun off the part; unfortunately we can't start our weld with the MIG gun off the part! The **GSS** has a built in surge flow limiting orifice that keeps the peak flow from becoming excessive. So you not only save gas you improve your weld starts!

How Does The GSS Work?

Gas waste occurs every time you pull the MIG torch trigger even if it's only to inch the wire to cut off the end.



To keep flow at the preset level the gas pressure in the cylinder regulator will be between 25 and 80 psi. Flowgauge regulators (those with a flow calibrated pressure gauge) operate in this pressure range as well.) However to flow shielding gas though the welder and torch typically requires 3 to 5 psi depending on restrictions. Therefore every time



welding stops the pressure in the gas hose raises to the regulator pressure of 25 to 80 psi. That stores up to 7 times the hose volume of gas in the hose. This is similar to your shielding gas cylinder which holds about 150 times the volume of gas as the physical volume of the cylinder due to the high pressure!

The patented **GSS** stores over 80% less gas than typical shielding gas hoses. In addition to the wasted gas (which you can hear when you pull the torch trigger) the high flow also

causes air to be pulled into the turbulent shielding gas stream! This is like starting with the gas cylinder shut off! You have probably experienced that before when you forgot to open the valve!

It takes a short time for the shielding gas flow to return to a smooth less turbulent (laminar) flow even when the start gas surge flow reduces. That can take several seconds so when making short welds or tack welds you're not getting all the benefits of the shielding gas you're purchasing!

SUMMARY:

The **GSS** can cut your gas use in half or more. It also has a surge restriction orifice built into the fitting at the welder- wire feeder end. That limits peak flow (*but not your set flow*) to a level that avoids excess turbulence for better starts. It allows a controlled amount of shielding gas to quickly purge the weld start area.

All you need to do is replace the exiting gas hose from cylinder regulator to welder with our patented **GSS**. It is available in various lengths at www.NetWelding.com.

There are more testimonials at:

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