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My Third Brake Light By Terry Ramsey

In late 2012 I had been looking for an example of a third brake light suitable for my Sunbeam Tiger. My wife and I were in a serious rear end collision and know that we might be dead if we hadn't had headrests in our Toyota. My Tiger did not have headrests and the third brake light would be a step closer to preventing another rear end collision.

Apparently not many third brake lights had been installed on these cars, because I was unable to find a photo of such. There were universal mount units available, but most are on a stem and probably fragile during the soft top manipulation. While observing other vehicles on the road, I found that almost all have the third brake light inside the rear window or embedded in the shape of the trunk or hatch. I finally found that a Chevy Blazer has an externally mounted third brake light.

I Googled and found aftermarket third brake lights available for this Blazer. The same part number is listed to fit 95-04 Chevy Full-size Blazer /95-99 Tahoe /92-99 Suburban /92-99 GMC Yukon/ 02-05 Hummer H2 (4-door models only). www.xtralights.com offered it in red, smoke, or chrome for \$72.95 + shipping. They are LED. I opted for the chrome, #11-CD00LEDG2AC, as it would be mounted between my trunk hinges.

It mounts on a very slight radius with self adhesive tape and a sheet metal screw at each end. I was pleasantly surprised to find that the radius of the light, along the mounting surface, was immeasurably close to the same as my trunk surface! There are small locating tabs that fit in the OE installation, probably for assembly purposes. I broke those off because they don't seem necessary and I didn't want to cut those holes in my trunk. I also included a Blinking Smart Stop Delay Module that flashes this third brake light when brakes are first applied. I purchased mine from www.kahtec.com. My #301-2003-11 only cost \$24.95 + shipping and works great! I enclosed this module inside a small "plastic project box" from Radio Shack.

I'm very pleased with the added safety of letting the guy behind me know I'm slowing down.

