

A cheap and easy notebook desk for your car

Provided you don't have a center console this might be a viable solution to mount a notebook. I recently acquired a 2000 F150 truck as a spare vehicle for hunting/fishing. Being the geek I am it had to have a computer. Because the vehicle was a spare I couldn't justify a permanently installed computer. So I opted for using a notebook.

Its pretty simple and easy to build, a cedar 1x6x6' fence picket and small set of hinges at Home Depot for \$5. I cut 2, 30" lengths from the picket and hinged them together. The hinge allows the desk to be folded in half, permitting easier storage. You can adjust the length of the desk to your liking. In my case I had a fold down armrest/console which trapped the end of the desk, so that it could be cantilevered beyond the front of the seat.

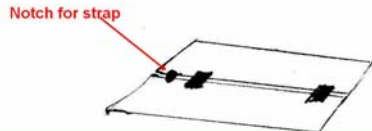
If you don't have an armrest you might be able to install a strap/rope tied to seat which can be quickly attached to desk. See sketch

In my case I used a USB hub to act as a docking station for all accessories in car, wifi, mouse, gps etc. The USB hub and power supply for notebook are mounted under the passenger seat. On the side of the mouse pad I pinned a small square of Velcro to keep the mouse from flying when the vehicle was in motion.

Benefits, the seat helps dampen the transmission of sock and vibration to the computer verses the fixed floor mounts. Its easily removed and best of all, its cheap.



Possible alternate method.



Notebook mounting: I've had pretty good results just using anti skid foam between notebook and desk. Other options might include velcro or a strap.

