

How to open stuck hood release

So when I had everything apart, the only item in front of the engine really was the hood release cable because I had everything else removed. At some point I either stretched or damaged the cable because when I put everything back together and closed the hood, my passenger hood latch refused to open. I was stumped for awhile and everything I read stated people just took the car to the dealer and paid 350-400 between parts and labor to get the hood open and have the cable replaced. Obviously, I don't do dealerships. In 2010, a member on here (reitmeid) posted a quick instruction on how to access the latch from underneath. Big shout out to him, I would have probably gone a different route and possibly damaged something.

This is how to get the hood open if your passenger side latch stops working:

- Remove the passenger front wheel
- Remove the front portion of the wheel well
- Remove the under tray that mounts to the front bumper
- Unbolt the oil cooler assembly and push it to the side
- Looking straight up outboard of the framerail near the back of the headlight housings, theres a kidney shaped plastic cover, this houses the bottom of the latch. Obviously since it's up near the hood it's pretty far away so you'll have to use some long needle nose pliers or a similar tool to remove this
(I can't find a picture of the part online so I'll take one later and update this)
- Now you can see the bottom of the latch. Use the needle nose pliers or a long flathead screwdriver and push the latch toward the center of the car. This should trip the latch and allow you to open the hood

