

# 1955-57 HOOD HINGE SUPPORT BRACE



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*This may be one of the shortest tech articles we have ever done at CCI but we are convinced it is one of the best. How many times have you had your hood close by itself and been forced to use that old broom handle prop to keep it open? Cars with new hinges and springs even have this problem. Our billet aluminum hood hinge support brace is a trick enough part to be used at a car shows or just in the garage at home to keep your hood up while working on the car. The brace can simply be thrown in the glove box and whenever you need it, it will be there!*



**Parts Needed:**

54-265 1955-57 Hood Hinge Support Brace

To order parts call 1-800-456-1957 or visit [ClassicChevy.com](http://ClassicChevy.com)

**Tools Needed:**

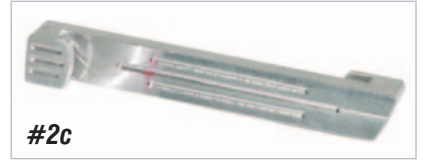
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**Time Frame:**

5 Seconds



**Photo #1a & 1b & 1c:** People will use anything to prop up their hood - from a broom handle to a pair of Vise-Grips to hose clamps around the arms of the hinge. Whatever it takes.



**Photo #2a & 2b & 2c :** The Eckler's Classic Chevy Hood Hinge Support Brace **P/N 54-265** is made from billet aluminum and hooks to the upper front and rear hinge arms on the driver's side hood hinge.



**Photo ##3a & 3b:** The square end of the limiter hooks around the forward arm on the hinge while the round end hooks around the rear arm. With the brace installed, pull the hood down about 1" to lock it into place.

**Photo #4:** With the brace installed, there is no way that hood is coming down. Just remember to remove it at the end of the show or you will not be able to close your hood. As a reminder you can hang the supplied "Remove Before Flight" ribbon on your hood latch. This will also keep those judges from trying to close your hood without removing the brace. Good luck. ▼

