

SECURITY BOX INSTALL

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Tuffy Security Products are well known in the industry for durable storage solutions, not just for Jeeps, but for trucks and other SUV models as well.

I've decked out a few rigs over the years with Tuffy products (this TJ has the glove box and centre console as well) and when it came time to finally do something about the storage mess in the back of my TJ, Tuffy had the right product for me this time as well. In the past, I've used a Tuffy roll-out drawer in the back of my Jeeps, but in this case, I had moved the battery to the rear of the vehicle to make room under the hood for bigger tires and a V8, so the drawer wasn't an option. I also wanted something with a tougher top to carry camping gear, fuel and the ever-present wheeling cooler.

I went with the security deck enclosure. It offers a tough cargo deck capable of carrying extra weight over their other products, the top seals against the tail gate to secure your gear in the rear and from flying out in case of a trail roll over, and can easily be removed if you need to carry something taller than what fits under the top. For me, it also created a safe place for the battery!

Doesn't matter what you're trying to secure in your rig, Tuffy has a storage solution for you to keep your gear secure and locked in your rig. I'm never disappointed with the products I have used from them. 🇺🇸



We all have the same problem when out camping in our trucks and Jeeps – storing all our gear in a safe manner so nothing comes flying at us, or an obstacle gets named after our spillage, like Potato Salad Hill. I've used lots of products from Tuffy Security over the years, and in every case, my gear stays locked in place and easy to get to from the patented locking system – and the best part, secure even with the top removed for wheeling season!



The picture here and above are from Tuffy's website and represent a typical Jeep install of their Security Deck in a stock application. The load tray is designed to carry heavier loads than the top of the rolling drawer units, while still giving easy access to gear at the back of the storage area and security by fitting tight to a locked tailgate.

STEP 1



Just like Ikea, your Tuffy parts come well packaged, with good instructions, and I am pretty sure you need an Allen key at some point...

STEP 2



The install is pretty simple and requires only basic hand tools. It attaches inside the vehicle with existing mounting points – no drilling!

STEP 3



The load tray gets mounted last, and slides in rails along each of the sides of the box. Unlike the cargo drawer, the load tray can be easily removed from the vehicle to load tall cargo; however, this entire unit does require removal of the rear seat.

STEP 6



Everything is contained under the load tray, which seals to the tailgate, making for a very secure storage area only accessible with the tailgate open...

STEP 4



The left and right side panel attach inside the Jeep via existing mounting holes and mounting hardware. You can see where I planned on the battery location – it will go into a protective box so my wheeling gear doesn't damage or arc on the battery terminals.

STEP 7



...Once swung open, the load tray can slide backwards and be lifted up for access to the back of the storage area, or removed completely if you need to carry taller gear. In my case, my tapered roll cage stops me from lifting the load tray right up, but it still slides out of the slots as normal.

STEP 5



The rear wall of the storage unit attached to the sides with easy to remove twist knobs. The rear panel was drilled for the battery cables and grommets installed in each hole.

STEP 8



Another great option is the sliding cargo tray. I used this version in a previous Jeep, but could not in the TJ due to needing the battery in the back. The cargo box can hold cargo on top, the draw slides out and holds a ton of gear, and is easier to access stuff near the back.