



Installing The Tekniq AutoSport Snap-Off System

Fun With Quick Release

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TECH FACTS:

Tekniq AutoSport Snap-Off system wheel adapter

MSRP:

\$119.90-\$139.90

PERTINENT INFO:

While watching an F1 race, did you ever get jealous when the driver pops the wheel off and hops out of the car? We have. What about your fears of going out one morning to find that your car, which has consumed every nickel you once possessed, has gone missing? We have those fears, too. What about the dread of reporting your car stolen to the insurance company and discovering that you needed aftermarket parts insurance to cover all the money you've put into the car? These are all reasons for you to take a look at Tekniq AutoSport's Snap-Off quick-release steering wheel system. It helps deter thieves and can add to the driveability of your car. It's painless and easy to install, and it will impress all the ladies, too—OK, maybe not that last one, but it's still cool.

SHAMELESS PLUGS:

Tekniq AutoSport, 780/434-1222,
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TOOLS NEEDED:

3mm Allen wrench
4mm Allen wrench
24mm socket and ratchet

Are you afraid of someone stealing your car? Well, if you aren't, we are. Most of us around the office have spent more money on our cars' parts than the cars are worth. That's not to mention that car theft is all too common a problem, and most security systems can be bypassed if someone really wants the car. Even if you wire in a custom kill switch and fuel cutoff, the switches have to go somewhere, and with enough looking, a thief may find those switches. To take the security of Project Scirocco one step farther, we called Tekniq AutoSport and ordered the Snap-Off steering wheel system.

The Snap-Off system is a steering wheel hub adapter that allows for the quick release of the steering wheel. Another benefit, other than being a theft deterrent, is that the adapter extends the steering wheel closer to the driver, making it easier to get the proper seating position. Plus, it makes us feel like an F1 driver when we pull the steering wheel off and get out of the car, even though our project Scirocco is nowhere near as fast as an F1, and it has a closed



1 Make sure to center the steering wheel, then remove the wheel and the hub. Making sure that the wheel is centered properly before you begin makes it easier to put the Tekniq AutoSport kit on straight.



2 The next step is to place the new hub on the column, ensuring that the tabs are lined up properly. Line the hub up with the "TOP" symbol at the 12 o'clock position. Use the 24mm socket to tighten the hub in place.



3 Install the base plate using six 4mm Allen bolts, just as you would with a standard aftermarket wheel.



4 The next piece to put into place is the lock ring, which fits right over the base plate. This step includes three pieces: the lock ring, the horn plate, and (in our case) a 1/2-inch spacer. The lock ring should fasten to the three dowels protruding from the base plate. The spacer also needs to be fastened to the lock ring using an additional six 4mm Allen bolts.



5 The final step is to connect the horn wires and mount the steering wheel. The wheel takes six 3mm Allen bolts to secure it to the adapter. Make sure everything is tight and the wheel is mounted straight.

cockpit, but those are minor details we overlook.

The beauty of the Tekniq Snap-Off system is that it uses your existing aftermarket steering wheel. Tekniq makes adapters for any aftermarket wheel you can think of, and the quick release is simple enough for a child to use. The system uses two quick-release pins for easy removal and replacement of the wheel. The hub also has a key that must be in place to remove or put on the wheel. This is a safety feature to keep you from pulling the wheel off while driving. The company does offer a non-street-legal version that doesn't use a key, but

for safety's sake, we opted for the street version. Tekniq has even gone so far as to include a couple of ball pins that you break off in the base plate after you have installed the wheel. This prevents thieves from removing the bolts from the base plate and replacing your wheel with a different steering wheel, then making off with your car. The system literally takes 15 minutes to put on and will go a long way toward making you sleep better at night. Now, if we could only cure you of the weird dreams about standing in a baby diaper in front of a room full of supermodels...or maybe that's just me. 