

Flame Thrower (2008)

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My daughter gave me a flame thrower for my birthday. I didn't know it was something I had always wanted, but I'm really glad to have it.

It's really simple to install. It's got a toggle switch marked "Flame Thrower," and you peel off the backing and press the sticky side to the dashboard of your car -- excuse me, I mean the "instrument console" -- and it's ready to go -- no wires, no batteries, not even a tank of flame. The directions say you just flip the switch and -- SWOOSH! -- there it is!

I'm going to use it as an engine exploder, to work on other cars when they need it, doing those things that endanger other people, or irritate me, like changing lanes while talking on the cell phone. I'll flip the switch, and -- WHOP! -- their engine will be exploded. They'll have to coast over to the side of the road, get out, and replace the engine.

No one would be injured, and they might be a little late, but I'd give them a ride if they were really rushing to the hospital to have a baby, and it would cost them \$1200 (more for foreign cars) to be back in business. But they'd know that the Engine Exploder had been around, and the word would spread, and soon the world would be a better place.

I wonder if I can install it on my computer keyboard. Or on my telephone! Just think of the possibilities!

The interesting thing is that I haven't had to use it yet! Just knowing that it's there seems to have filled the need for it!