Auto Exhaust Flame Thrower

by The Jolly Roger

For this one, all you need is a car, a sparkplug, ignition wire and a switch. Install the spark plug into the last four or five inches of the tailpipeby drilling a hole that the plug can screw into easily. Attach the wire (this is regular insulated wire) to one side of the switch and to the spark plug. The other side of the switch is attached to the positive terminal on the battery. With the car running, simply hit the switch and watch the flames fly!!! Again be careful that no one is behind you! I have seen some of these flames go 20 feet!!!

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Anti-Theft Device with a Vengeance

Car hijackers in South Africa are in for a roasting. Alarmed by levels of crime—there were over 13,000 forcible car thefts last year—former Johannesburg lawyer Charles Fourie has invented the Blaster. The device shoots liquefied gas, ignited by electric sparks, from nozzles fitted under the front doors. The resulting 2.5-m tongues of flame are designed to deter would-be thieves. Fourie concedes that the plumes of fire could "definitely blind a person," but feels the risk is justified by the threat

of violence from thieves, who sometimes shoot and kill drivers. South African law permits the use of lethal action where a person's life or property is threatened. Despite the chances of maiming potential thieves, hundreds have signed up for the \$655 Blaster. Police Superintendent David Walkley of Johannesburg's crime intelligence unit was Fourie's first customer and is satisfied that "there are certainly risks using it, but there are also risks in not having anything at all."