

Product Review

An Easy Way To Cool Your Feet

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What's black, sits on your windshield header and cools your feet? A Cool Breeze Scoop™, that's what! Developed by two Miata owners, the Scoop™ is the answer to the heat build up in the foot wells of the roadster on those hot summer days.

I had heard about the Scoop™, but got to see (and feel) one in action at the Midwest Miata Gathering (hosted by the Greater Cincinnati Club) in September. Tim and Bruce, the Cool Breeze Scoop™ guys, were sponsors of the MMG and were a doing brisk business selling and installing the Scoop™. I decided to investigate all the buzz about a simple piece of plastic. I took a ride in a car that had the Scoop™ and was sold. The days of driving with hands up over the windshield to divert air down into the car to cool my feet and lower body were over as I became one of the 46 cars who had a Scoop™ installed at the event.

The Scoop™ is a well thought out piece of work which has gone through several design changes, starting life as a prototype cut from a 2 pound plastic coffee container. It's hard molded from an automotive ABS / Polycarbonate composite plastic with a textured black finish. The Cool Breeze guys did a lot of research into how the air flowed up over the windshield, how to divert the air into the car, how to build the Scoop™, and how to attach it to the car. The opening sits just above the windshield header so it catches the air, channels it down into the car in front of the center of the dash, down into the foot wells. When Bruce and Tim were investigating how to attach the Scoop™ to the car, they found out there were 19 different types of Velcro type materials! If you're running the air conditioning, the Scoop™ works well with the A/C to give you even more cooling by distributing the colder air into the lower part of the cockpit. As the incoming air flow passes the center vents, it picks up the A/C flow from them and carries it into the foot wells.

The Scoop™ is not a permanent fixture, but a rod slides easily into the windshield header gasket and the back of the Scoop™ adheres to the inside of the windshield header with two 3M adhesive discs. When installed correctly, it fits snugly, yet the Scoop™ comes off in an instant if you need to put the top up. The non-reflective textured black finish looks fine as it is, but they say it can be painted to match your vehicle. There are two different models, one for the 90-05 Miatas, and a version for the 2006 and newer cars.

The Scoop™ has been upgraded to include a bug screen due to a complaint that a bee was sucked into the car. Also, a new addition to the Cool Breeze family is a Side Mount Scoop™. More information about them and ordering details can be found at their website: <http://www.coolbreesescoop.com>.

Since our top down season is pretty much done for the year, look for the Scoop on a car next spring and ask the owner about it. You'll hear a great review!



The Scoop™ is a breeze to install and and remove and doesn't detract from the look of the car.



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For Sale - 2002 PT Cruiser, one owner, \$7000. White 5-speed, AM/FM/CD/cassette. 87,000 miles. Aluminum wheels, 4 wheel disc brakes, with anti-lock and traction control, new Goodyear tires this year, Call Rick Booe at 765-672-4649 or email him at president@indymiata.org.

For Sale - I'm selling my 1982 collector's Edition Corvette. It has a L83 V6, is an automatic with power steering, power windows, AC, cruise control, T-tops. It also has alloy wheels, an AM/FM cassette player and an alarm system. Only 44K miles, has been in several car shows. Asking \$18,700 or best offer. Call Harry Russel at 317-787-6637 and leave a message.

For Sale - Due to health reasons, I must sell my 2005 Miata. Black Cherry LS edition with less than 3,000 miles. It has been kept safely in my garage, so it is in showroom condition. Asking \$18,500. Tom Wright, 765-643-3542 (home) 765-617-6422 (cell)

For Sale - Red Hardtop for sale. \$950. Top is located in Cincinnati. Call Rose Grontsky at 513-258-6601 or email her at: the_barwench@yahoo.com.