



How To Search the Stovebolt Site

An excellent "how to" for using the search feature in the new Forums was written by Don "down2sea" McLendon in 2007. He put together the original of this. If you have any questions about searching, post them in the IT Shortbus. Don became a co-driver in 2007. Don has since moved on, but his excellent work remains.

To Perform a Search of the Stovebolt site:

- Either use the Search box on the left island of the forums or open the Search Page by clicking the button located on the toolbar between "Active Topics" and "FAQ" buttons in the forums. If you're on another part of the site, click on Search in the menu on the left column of the page. Note: The UBB search (part of its menu) only searches the UBB forums. The Stovebolt Go search function will search the entire Stovebolt site (by default) or the Internet if selected, using the DuckDuckGo search engine.
- Entering search terms in the "Search" box on the left island will search all forums, all dates, and will return the best results (as determined by the search engine) if the terms are found. This is a fast method of searching but won't always return the results you are seeking. One of the keys to effective searching is to use as many words as possible. Rather than searching for "rear end rebuild" search for "1937 Chevy truck rear end rebuild". To further define and narrow your search, use the advanced search features as described below.
- For more results, click on More Results at the bottom of the page.
- Use the Advanced Search features available in DuckDuckGo
 - To search for exact terms, enclose your search in quotes. E.g. '1937 Chevy Truck "rear end" rebuild'.
 - To search for certain terms while excluding others, use the minus sign. E.g. "1937 Chevy - GMC truck"
 - To search for a specific file type, use "filetype:" E.g. "1937 Chevy truck filetype:jpg" to find pictures (or, just click on images in the menu at the top)
 - To search for a term found in the title of a page, use "intitle:" E.g. "1937 intitle:Chevy truck rear end rebuild"
 - To search for terms on a different website, use "site:example.com". E.g. "1937 Chevy rear end site:oldchevytrucks.com"

If you want to use the UBB search function to only search the forums, these are the advanced search functions available to you.

UBB ADVANCED SEARCH

- Select the Category, Forum or Forums that you would like to search from the left.
- Selecting a Category will search all forums in that category.
- Selecting one forum will search in just that forum
- Selecting multiple forums will search only within those selected forums
- To the right of the "Forum(s) to search" enter your search keyword into the Keywords Search Terms box. You can click "Advanced Search Tips" for more help.
- Entering a single keyword will search for that word.

- Entering 2 or more words will search for each word, as if there were an OR operator. So entering motor mount will search for posts containing motor OR mount
- Entering 2 or more words WITH PLUS SIGNS will search with an AND operator. So entering +motor +mount will search for posts that contain motor AND mount but they do NOT have to be adjacent to one another in the text string.
- Entering 2 or more words IN QUOTE MARKS will search for the exact phrase as entered. Entering "motor mount" will search for posts that contain the PHRASE motor mount and will not return any results, or posts, that contains only one of the words.
- Entering 2 or more words with A MINUS sign will exclude words from the search. So entering +motor -mount will search for posts which have the word motor in them and DO NOT have the word mount.
- You can mix and match search operators. For example, entering "motor mount" -235 would return posts containing the PHRASE motor mount and NOT containing the term 235.
- Entering "motor mount" +216 -235 would return posts containing the PHRASE motor mount AND containing the term 216 but NOT containing the term 235.
- Below the Keyword Search Terms box you can choose whether you want to search just the subject or the Subject AND the body of the posts.
- Under the Username search section, you can enter a username as a search criteria. This can be done with or without keywords, so entering "motor mount" +216 +shield in the keywords and the username of down2sea would return posts containing the PHRASE motor mount AND the term 216 AND the word shield posted by the user down2sea.
- Leaving the other options blank and just entering the Username in this section will return only posts made by that particular Username.
- Next select a date range. There's an option to search all posts, or search for posts newer or older than a certain criteria (10 years being the maximum).
- Narrowing down the search time will increase the speed of the results, although the search is very fast in either case.
- You can choose how many results per page you wish to view -- the default is 25, the maximum 100.
- If you like you can choose to view a preview of the post's body section. If selected, this option will result in the display of the first 50 words or so from the body of each post.
- When you are finished defining your search criteria click the "Submit" button.
- Note that searching for words with less than 3 characters will not return any results. The word "bed" will yield results while the word "be" will not. Also, the search engine omits certain common words like the, be, is, or...

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