

Mark Albers' Tech Tips GT GTC FLYING SPUR

SUBJECT: COMPLAINT, CAUSE, CORRECTION : How to open trunk using manual means when the batteries are flat!

CAR YEAR RANGE	MODEL OR PLATFORM	AREA OF CAR OR SYSTEM EXAMPLE:
2004 -2019	Bentley Series 1 and 2 GT GTC and FLYING SPUR	BODY - TRUNK
		GENERAL INFORMATION
Additional sources of information-notes: OWNERS HANDBOOK BENTLEY ERWIN		

SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND DISCLAIMER:

The sources for the information shown below comes from a lot of different places so if I forget to note or give credit to someone or to Crewe for the information I'm sorry about that. This is written for the local RROC chapter, I do it free of charge in order to help the local owners of older cars. This means since I'm in no way paid for this, I have zero budget to have this information professionally proof read or corrected. Please keep in mind that I'm a mechanic not a writer. I was never a great English student so you are getting my rough draft that includes all my spelling, grammar and in some causes even mistakes that I make on the subject matter. I will try to list factory information sources and you should always trust those and not my information. Please think of my information as a general overview. Thank you.

NOTE: The information I've listed below are from my tech school notes and my old out of date shop manual. It should just be used as a basic over view of the system, its parts and locations. You can't really use it for diagnosis, I keep the information because it helps jog my memory and sometimes it's hard to find this information on the Erwin website.

Tech tips and notes:

Complaint: Batteries dead –car won't start – I can't get in trunk – I need a manual way to open trunk “boot”

GTC - For most of the early GTC you can use a tool to release the trunk lid-the access point is thru a hole under the rear center armrest – see picture below you need a helper to push down on trunk lid when you turn the access tool with a 3/8 ratchet. The early cars have a triangle shaped shaft so you need the special tool shown below. Tool number WT 10178
“Use your finger in the hole to see if shaft is triangle shaped or square shaped”
The later cars use a square shaft that you turn so you can use a 12 point 11mm deep well socket.

My Pictures:



Above left hole where special tool or normal 12 point 11 mm socket goes to manually release trunk lid, Above Right shows special tool and normal socket.
Picture below shows helper pushing down on trunk lid while you turn release lever.



Information below comes from Crewe Tech school notes:

Manual Trunk Release Operation:

In the event that both vehicle batteries are discharged to the point that the vehicle doesn't respond to the key, the electrically operated trunk release will not function. It will be necessary to use the manual trunk release to access the vehicle batteries.

* Please do not attempt to refit any trim removed as items will need to be carefully inspected and refitted by an authorized Bentley service technician to ensure proper function and fitment.

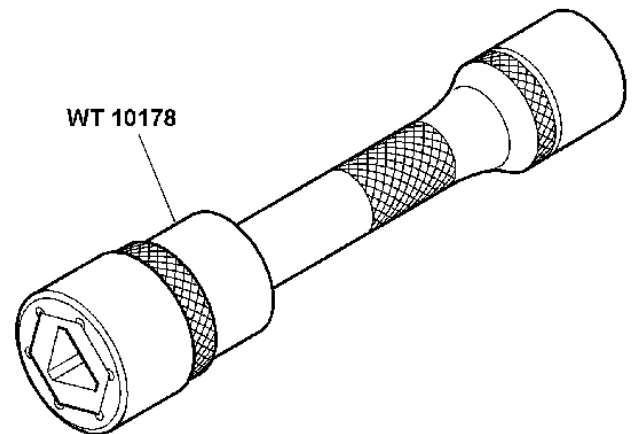
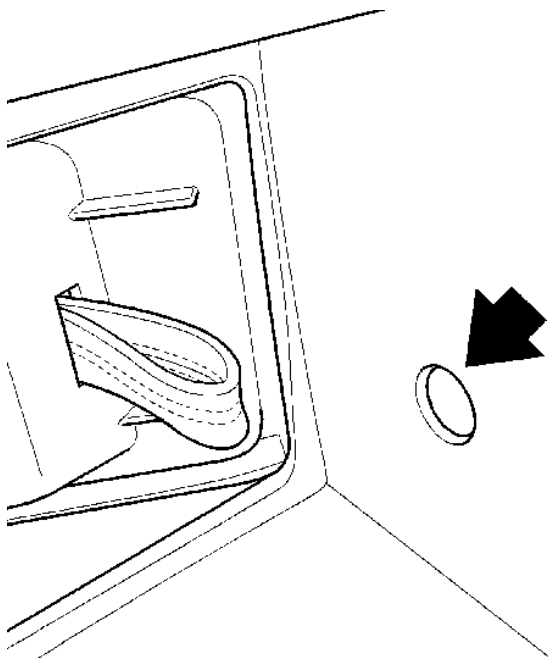
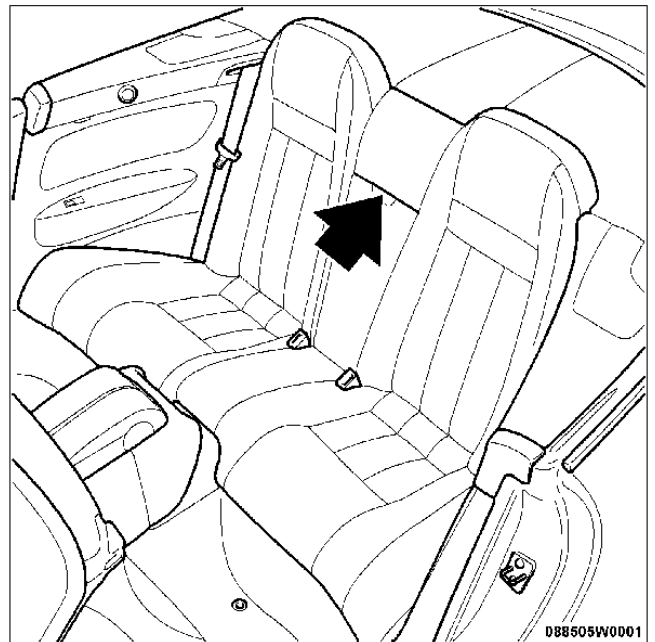
Manual Trunk Release Operation, Continued

Continental GTC variants:

To access the manual trunk release on the Continental GTC models, first remove the "ski hatch" panel by pressing the button as indicated by the arrow.

Once the "ski hatch" panel is removed, there is a small hole located on the driver's side of the area the panel was fitted.

There is a special tool (WT 10178) that is used in conjunction with a 3/8" ratchet in order to operate the manual trunk release.



Insert the special tool in the access hole provided as pictured while having an assistant press down on the trunk lid to minimize the effort required to operate the manual release. It is important to turn the socket back to the original position to return the power boot lid to normal latching once the trunk is open.