

Fitting a front strut brace



As supplied

You will need

- Strut Brace
- Socket Set
- Spanner (14mm and 17mm)
- Alan Key
- Maybe a hammer
- Maybe a friendly local garage!

This is a fairly straight forward process apart from (when I did it) one exception.

First you need to remove the 3 bolts on each of the 2 front strut towers. This sounds like an easy job, but for me it was the most difficult part. These buggers wouldn't budge for anything! I decided to head to a local garage where a friendly mechanic loosened them off with a long reach socket wrench - if only I had one of them!

Back at home I took off the bolts and cleaned the tops of the struts. Next, place the end plates on top and re-fit the bolts. Tighten them finger-tight only.

Get the brace and adjust the bolts so it fits into each side of the end plates. Tighten up the bolts so it's all firm (finger-tight again). Make sure the brace is flat or it might hit the bonnet when you shut it.

Check the connector arrowed in the picture to make sure it's not touching. You might have to move this down a bit (an easy job) so that it doesn't touch the brace.

Bolt down the end plates as tight as it'll go. Then tighten all the rest of the bolts and lock the brace's threads and the job's done!

