

Fitting a rear strut brace



As supplied

You will need

- Strut Brace
- Socket Set
- Spanner (14mm and 17mm)
- Alan Key
- Scissors
- 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 2 bolts on each of the 2 rear 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. Remove the boot lining completely. Next, place the end plates on top and re-fit the bolts. Tighten them as tight as they will go.



You now need to re-fit the carpet. On the 2 side pieces you will need to cut a small hole to allow the new bracket to fit through. You don't need a big hole and once it's cut, re-fit all the carpets.

Get the brace and adjust the bolts so it fits into each side of the end plates. Tighten up the bolts as tight as they will go.

Revolve the brace to pull the towers in until it's tight and lock the brace's threads and the job's done!

