PRETTY POLY
Polyurethane bushes are the first suspension upgrade you should consider.

What do they do?
Polyurethane bushes have evolved fast over the past decade. Once the preserve of serious racers, their appeal for regular road cars should be taken seriously. Many enthusiasts believe that stiffer, lower springs, updated dampers, and wheel changes are the way to handling nirvana. Instead, you should first opt for polyurethane bushes.

Their superiority over rubber bushes is significant enough to noticeably improve the handling characteristics of most suspension systems. They allow the suspension to retain its geometry better than rubber versions. Also, contaminants such as engine oil and petrol will destroy rubber – not so polyurethane.

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TOOLBOX
- £5 Spanners
- £5 G clamp
- £5 Vice (optional)

DRAPER ESSENTIAL TOOL

G Clamp
Item number 51952
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**Who makes them?**

There are three main tried-and-tested brands for classic car owners - Polybush, SuperFlex, and SuperPro. All three offer better products than standard rubber bushes. Over the past decade, I've fitted all three to a variety of classic suspension and steering setups. About four years ago, I fitted SuperPro bushes for a feature in the magazine. Uniquely, they use a special grease lubricant, effectively turning the bush into a bearing that pivot as part of the suspension. I still maintain their effectiveness has transformed the handling of my Spitfire 6 - an engine conversion noted for its front-heavy handling characteristics. The ride remains taut and cornering abilities are far superior than with the rubber bushes fitted when the car was restored.

www.superflex.co.uk
www.polybush.co.uk
www.superpro.eu.com

**Gary Says...**

It's easy to be seduced by updated components that are highly visible. By contrast, unnoticed polyurethane bushes will transform sloppy or old rubber-bushed suspension, quite possibly with dramatic improvements. At the risk of sounding like a parrot, fit your pretty polys before other suspension upgrades.