

## One Method of Raising a Car onto Jack Stands

I have used this method over the years and it works well for me. The problem is that most jacks will not raise the car high enough for Jack Stands and a Garage Jack usually can not be placed under the car without it being raised a little first. Also there is the problem of restricting the work area if the stands are placed under the Front Spring Seat. This method takes pressure off of the point on the frame where the Jack Stand is placed.

So the steps that I use are:

1. Using the Garage Jack under the Front Spring Seats, raise one side, place 4 inches of wood blocks under the tires. Let the car down onto the blocks. See Photo One. I used two 2 x 4's because they were handy but it makes more sense to use two 2 x 6's.



2. Refer to Photo Two and do the same to the other side.



3. Now go to the back of the car and raise the rear by placing the lift under the pumpkin raising the car high enough for the rear set of Jack Stands. Place the Jack Stands under the Leaf Spring U Bolt Plate. Refer to Photo Three.



4. Go back to the front and use a 2 x 4 cut long enough to span from frame rail to frame rail at the front Crossmember. Place this on the Garage Jack Saddle between it and the Crossmember and jack the car up to the proper height. Photo Four.





5. When the car is as high as needed, place the front Jack Stands under the 2 x 4 and lower the car and 2 x 4 onto the Jack Stands. The Stands should be as far apart as possible but not so close to the suspension that movement is restricted. I use stands with saddles wide enough to nest a 2 x 4 into the saddle.



6. Using this method, I can move the front wheels with either the steering wheel or just by turning the brake drum side to side by hand to get at various items that are being worked on. And, the Jack Stands do not get in the way of any other work being done under the car.



7. To lower the car:
  - a. Place two sets of the 2 x 4's equaling 4 inches under the front tires,
  - b. Raise the front enough to clear the Jack Stand Saddles,
  - c. Remove the front Jack Stands,
  - d. Lower the car down to the 2 x 4's
  - e. Go to the rear and using the pumpkin, jack up high enough to remove the rear Jack Stands and then lower the rear to the floor.
  - f. Back to the front and, using the Garage Jack, raise one side at a time high enough to remove the 2x4's.

While this may seem to be time consuming, it actually takes less than five minutes.