



Gas struts for an MGBGTV8 luggage platform

Have you ever thought you needed three hands when delving into the boot of the MGBGTV8 or any MGBGT come to that? David Worthington decided that there must be a better solution than the wooden props he used so he did an internet search for gas struts and there he found the solution - two gas struts designed to support the liftable floor of all series of MGB GTs. These are not for the tailgate itself but for the carpet covered luggage floor panel that is above the spare wheel.

The two struts were supplied by Danbury-Hydraulics and are made specifically for the GT luggage platform panel. They fit to each side of the boot well and to the underneath of the floor panel. At £22.00 for the pair including free postage on eBay, they are good value and do not take long to fit. They arrived with easy-to-follow [instructions](#) and some photographs to show the exact location of the fixing brackets. Apparently there are differences between the location of the floor panel hinges on the earlier BGTs (1967-69) and the later models from 1970 onwards, so there are two sets of photos and measurements to show the correct location of the brackets.

A few holes need to be drilled to attach the brackets to the stiffener rails on either side of the boot and a few more to attach the corresponding brackets to the floor panel. All the screws and fixings are supplied and the comprehensive instructions and photos make the process quick and easy. In my case, all was fitted and working within an hour and a half and that includes finding the tape measure and the drill.

The two struts ensure that the support to the floor is even both sides. Having raised the floor, it stays propped open. Removing the spare wheel and other items in the boot is a doddle. No more resting the floor panel on your head or hunting for the wooden prop!

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