

MGBGT Spare Tire Access Panel Lift Kit

Installation Instructions

Right Hand Installation:

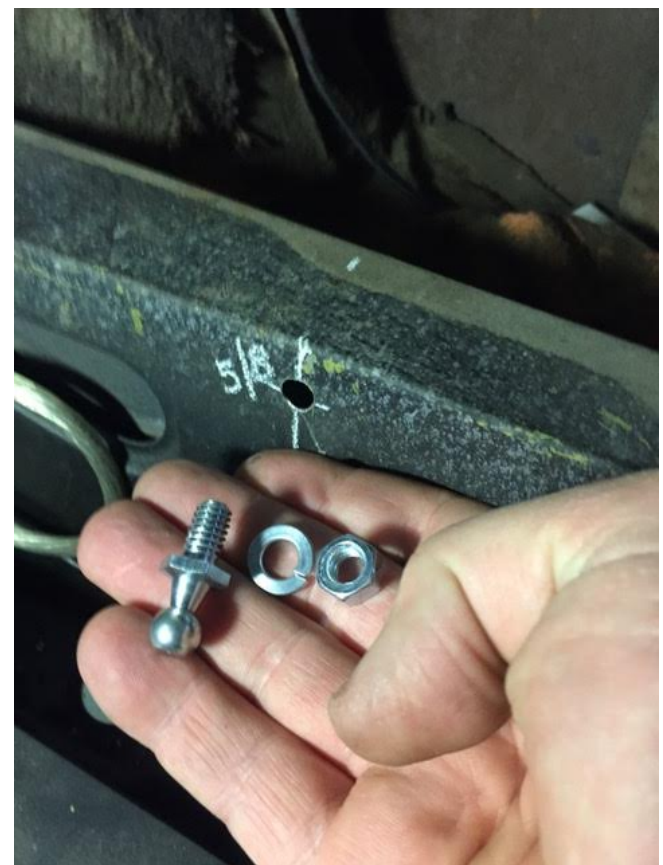
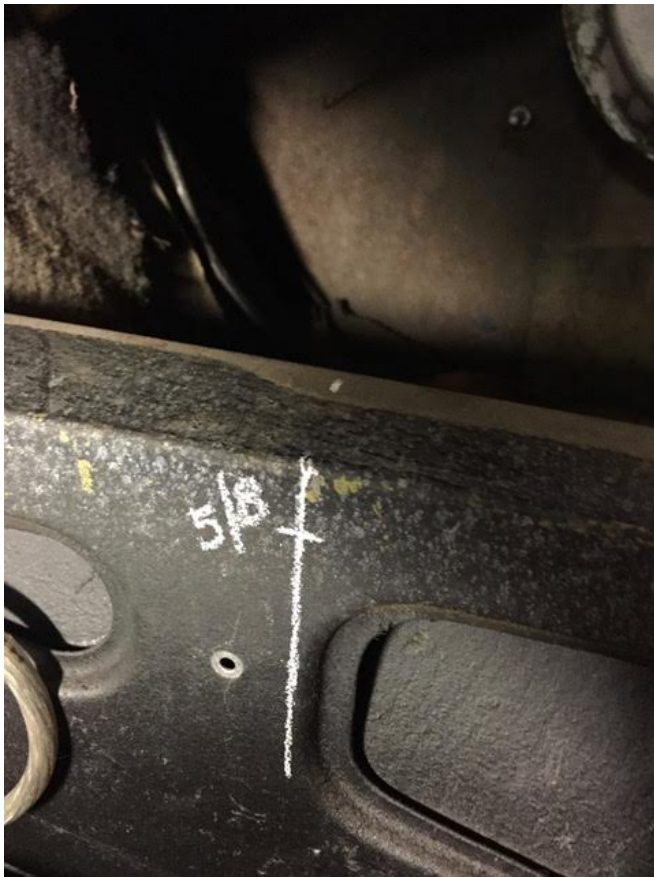
NOTE: These measurements are for MGBGTs up through approximately 1974 (at which time the factory changed to a single panel design mounted directly to the car with 2 very long hinges).

1. Remove the spare tire, and prop up the Access Panel to keep it out of the way. Place a carpenter's square as shown in the photo, and draw a vertical line that just touches on the edge of the metal panel's cut-out. It is a radiused edge (tangent point), not a sharp edge, so use good lighting to see it.

With a 1/8 inch bit, drill out the rivet(s) that hold the cardboard panel on the back side (already accomplished in second photo).



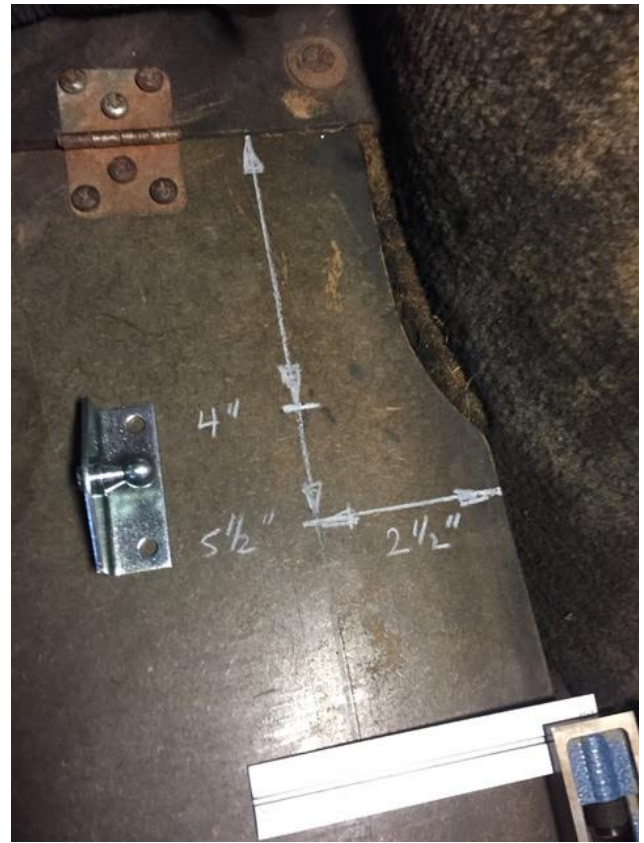
2. Measure down 5/8 inch to find your drill point. Countersink this location, and accurately drill a small hole. Now enlarge this small hole with a 5/16 inch bit, so that you then can attach the Ball Stud.





3. Close your access panel, and measure to the top bracket location as shown. Start by drawing a line parallel to the edge of the panel, off-set by 2.5 inches.

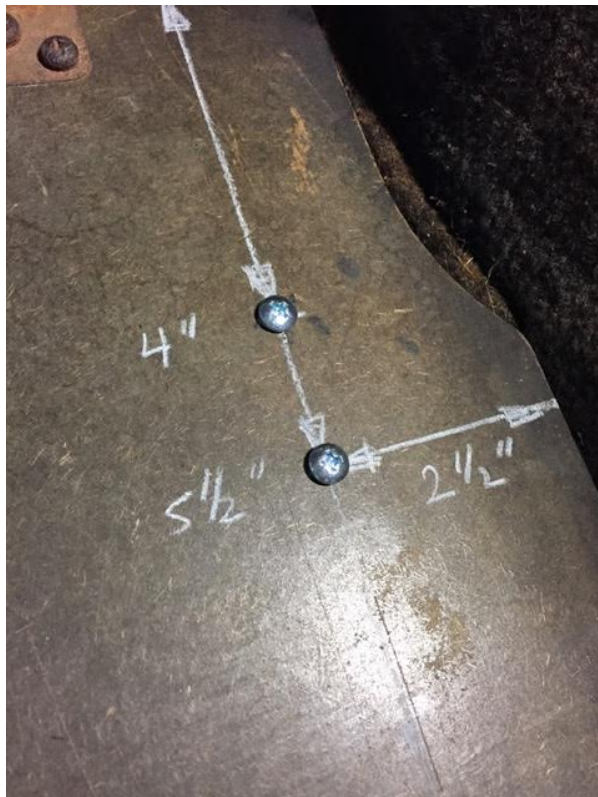
Drill the first hole very accurately with a very small bit, then enlarge this hole to 3/16 inches



4. Now use the bracket as a template for the second hole as in the photos. Remove the bracket after drilling.



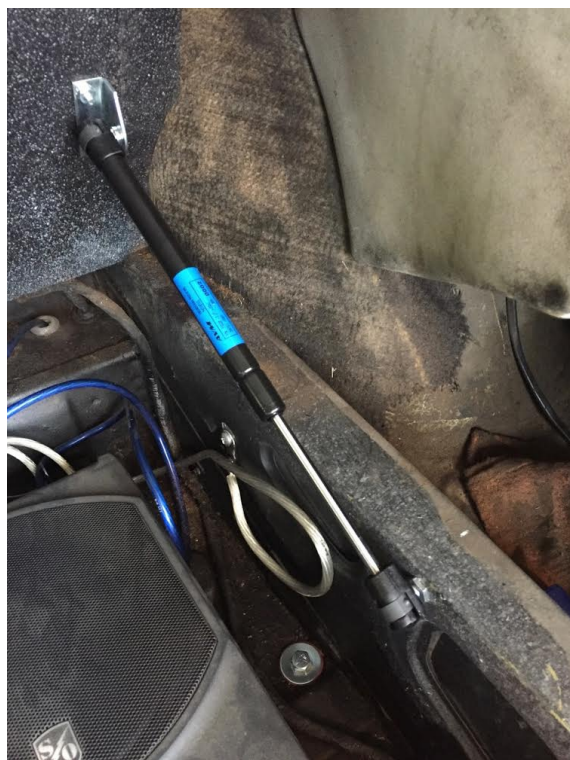
5. Insert the Machine Screws into these holes.



6. Fasten the bracket underneath the access panel as shown. Tighten firmly.



7. Snap on the Strut, then close and open the access panel to ensure everything operates smoothly. If you need to remove the Strut, simply put a small flat blade screwdriver under the black locking spring at the end of the Strut, and pull the Strut free.



Left Hand Installation:

The Left Hand installation is identical to the Right Hand side.

8. Drill out the rivet(s) that hold the cardboard panel on the back side, then mark and drill for the Ball Stud.



9. Install the Ball Stud same as Right Side.



10. Install the Top Bracket exactly as on the Right Side.



11. Snap on the strut.



11. Close and open your access panel to ensure smooth operation, then reinstall your spare tire.