

Re-bushing shock absorber links

Most of us that have attempted to insert new rubber bushes into A7 shock absorber links will admit to experiencing some difficulty. The new rubber bushes are not terribly flexible and a pretty tight fit in the links. I know a chap who even managed to break an alloy link in the process – but I did learn from the experience!

Anyway, the installation is very straightforward if the link is thoroughly cleaned, a little washing-up liquid is applied to the corresponding surfaces (very important) and two very simple tools are turned-up in whatever metals you can find in your scrap bin.



One tool effectively supports the link whilst allowing the rubber bush to emerge far enough to sit symmetrically in the link, the other tool is just a stepped drift that fits snugly into the rubber bush and has a shoulder that pushes the bush into position. The 'tools' are assembled in position and the bush simply pushed into position in a press (vice). Dead easy!

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[Pressing the rubber bush into the link](#)

[The elaborate press tools](#)