

Install



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ITEM: New 9-3 Strut Brace

FITS: Saab 9-3 2003- 4cy

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This install is simple. This should take about 15min. You can look at the gallery on the site for larger images. If you have any questions feel free to yell.

The hardware package should include 4x m8x1.25 bolts 25mm long to replace the shorter originals.

TOOLS: It will take a #12 external Torx socket for some cars, 13mm deep socket and ratchet. (Alternatively floor jack and stands or a lift.)



1. Start by positioning the car on flat level ground. Pop the hood and remove the 2 front and 2 inner bolts on each strut tower. They may be either 13mm head or #12 External Torx depending on year and updates to the car.

2. Position the brace on the car and begin by starting all 4 bolts by hand, use the bare socket to reach. After all the bolts have been started they can be torqued to 14ftlbs.

3. On some cars the bolt hole tolerance of the strut mounts will cause problems with fitting. If it does not appear that the brace will drop right on you may need to lift the car and slacken the last mounting bolt on the strut to allow you to adjust the position in the body so that the brace will fit up. Use some caution to avoid cross threading the bolts. It might also help if it is being difficult to start it from the troublesome side and then move to the other applying force as necessary to make it fit to the chassis. Some cars are a little different from potholes and build tolerances this is completely normal.

4. After some miles maybe 50-100 it is a good idea to recheck the bolts to make sure they have not seated in and lost clamping. Torque is 14Ftlbs.



As always if you get stuck call us before you get really frustrated.

Thanks,
Nick Taliaferro