

Changing rear shocks on Fiat Marea Weekend

Time taken;
20 mins each side

List of tools needed;

Jack
Axle Stand
19mm spanner
15mm 'Deep' Socket
Thin Nosed Pliers
Gaffer Tape/other wedge to grip bolt
A bit of cloth

1.
Jack the car up, put the car on axle stands and remove the wheel.



Once in the air use the jack to lift the suspension slightly to make the shock easier to remove.

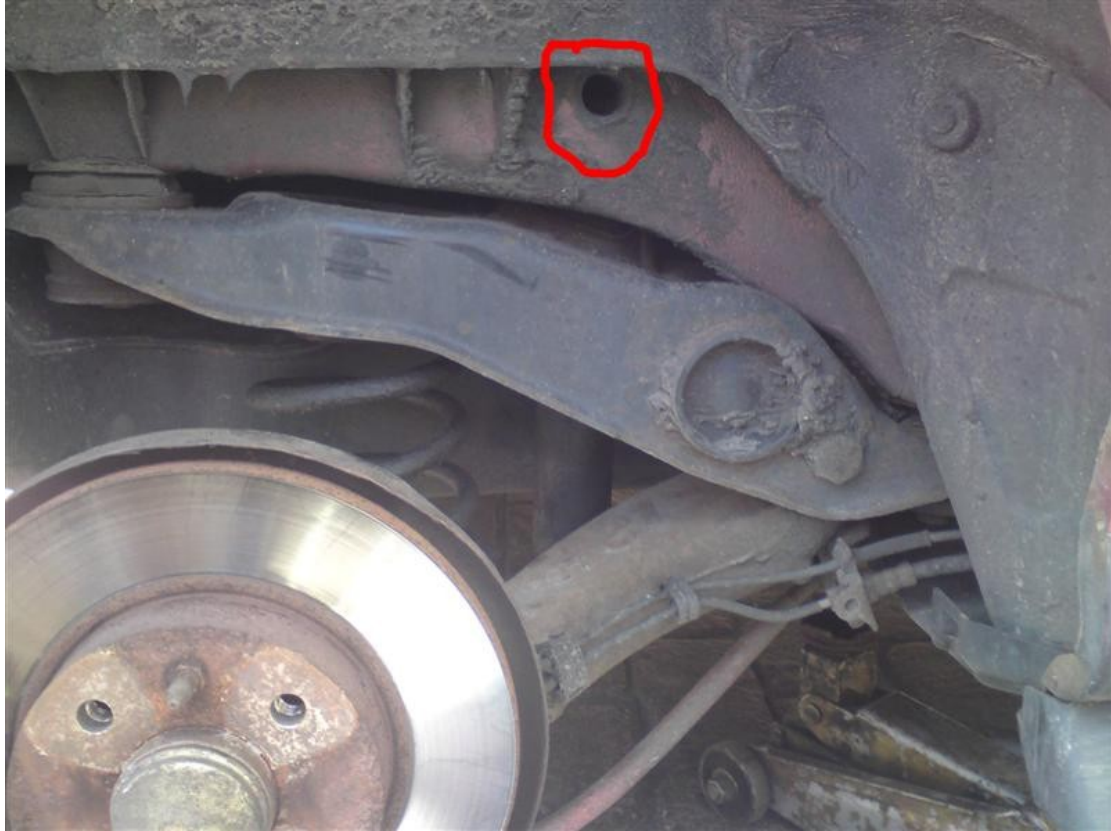
2.

Use the 19mm spanner to remove the bolt holding the lower part of the shock. Also remove the washer. The washer is there but can sometimes become stuck on the shock.



3.

Circled is the access hole to the top bolt. I found it best to remove the plastic tube inside. This is used to stop the bolt from falling into the chassis of the car but makes it hard to get the socket in.





4. Put the cloth inside the hole as a stopper just in case the bolt does drop down into the chassis as you will never see it again.



5. Put a bit of folded over Gaffer tape inside the socket to help grip the bolt as it comes out.



6. Insert the socket and undo the bolt, be careful not to drop it in into the chassis! This is why you need a 'deep' socket...





7.

Next put the new shock in place and re-insert the bolt.
Now just do the reverse of this guide to put it back together.

Once the bolts are done up on top and bottom use the thin nosed pliers to remove the cloth used to bung the hole in the chassis (the pliers might come in handy if the socket comes off the bar also)

Then put the plastic tube back in the hole, re-attach the wheel and a job well done!

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