

Technical Tips, Modifications & Questions

REMOVING & REPLACING FUEL FILLER XJ & XJS CONVERTIBLE.

I needed to remove the fuel filler from my XJ-SC to remove the fuel tank to repair a weeping joint. Peter (Dwyer) & Graeme (Cox) generously offered to come and help, as I was not able to do any heavy lifting work following a little modification work to my heart.

As usual, according to the manual, just remove the bolts & clips, and then the filler assembly will lift out — ha, is anything ever that easy with a Jaguar! No matter how much bashing and effort was put into the action, it would not come out - **which was surprising us, as it only has an “O” ring seal.**

Oh well, nothing for it but in for a coffee, watch the yachts sail past, and think up a smart answer. **You guessed it, that didn't work either, although there were some magnificent yachts out sailing!**

Next morning I received a call from Peter *“been awake most of the night thinking, have come up with an extraction tool that I will make up from a head stud and bed end bracket and bring out”*

Presto, in with the tool, hook up the engine crane, with thoughts of lifting the car off the ground, let the weight of the car exert enough downward force to allow it to drop away, leaving the fuel filler swinging in the breeze!

With these thoughts in mind, slowly pumped the crane lifter handle, take up the slack, get ready

..... then surprise surprise, the filler just slipped out -

- what a fool I looked, what was all that drama about!





Needless to say, 4 hours work spent getting it out, 30 minutes cleaning up, 30 minutes putting back.

With the puller, would have only been 30 minutes to pull out as well!

Peter has generously donated the "fuel filler puller" to the Club, so in future any one needing to remove their fuel tank, can easily remove the fuel filler without all that sweat, cursing and agro.

My deepest thanks to Peter & Graeme for their help

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