

Jack Stand Support

From My Shop

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This month's tip will be short and sweet. Over the years, working on these Model T's, I, like I'm sure many of you, have needed to jack up the car from below the frame instead from below the axle. The need for this becomes clear when the time comes to remove the front or rear end assemblies.

Over the years, I've had to improvise jacking and blocking the frame high enough to be able to perform the work at hand. I was always in a big hurry and never spent the time to come up with a better way—until now!

Sometimes, you do something and wonder why you never really thought of it before. The problem was simple and so is the answer. Jack stands always seem to be shorter than what you need, so my solution was to build some very simple heavy-duty wood boxes to put under the jack stand base which gave me the extra height I need to raise and support the car from under the frame.

The construction is simple, as I said. The photos will show the steps of construction. I chose to use a 2"x 6"x 8' board (which is enough for two boxes) for the sides and used some 1/2" plywood that I had for the top. That gave me a height of 7" total which I think is ideal. You can measure your jack stands for the size. I made my boxes 10" square, which is exactly big enough. I think 11" square would probably have been better.

In assembling them, screws or nails are fine. A coat of primer and paint will protect them. I haven't done it yet, but plan to put a handle on each of mine just to be able to carry them more easily. The choice on that is yours. Having these handy has really made things much better in the shop. Why I never did this years ago is beyond me. Hope they work as well for you.





A lot more stable than blocks between the stand and the frame.