

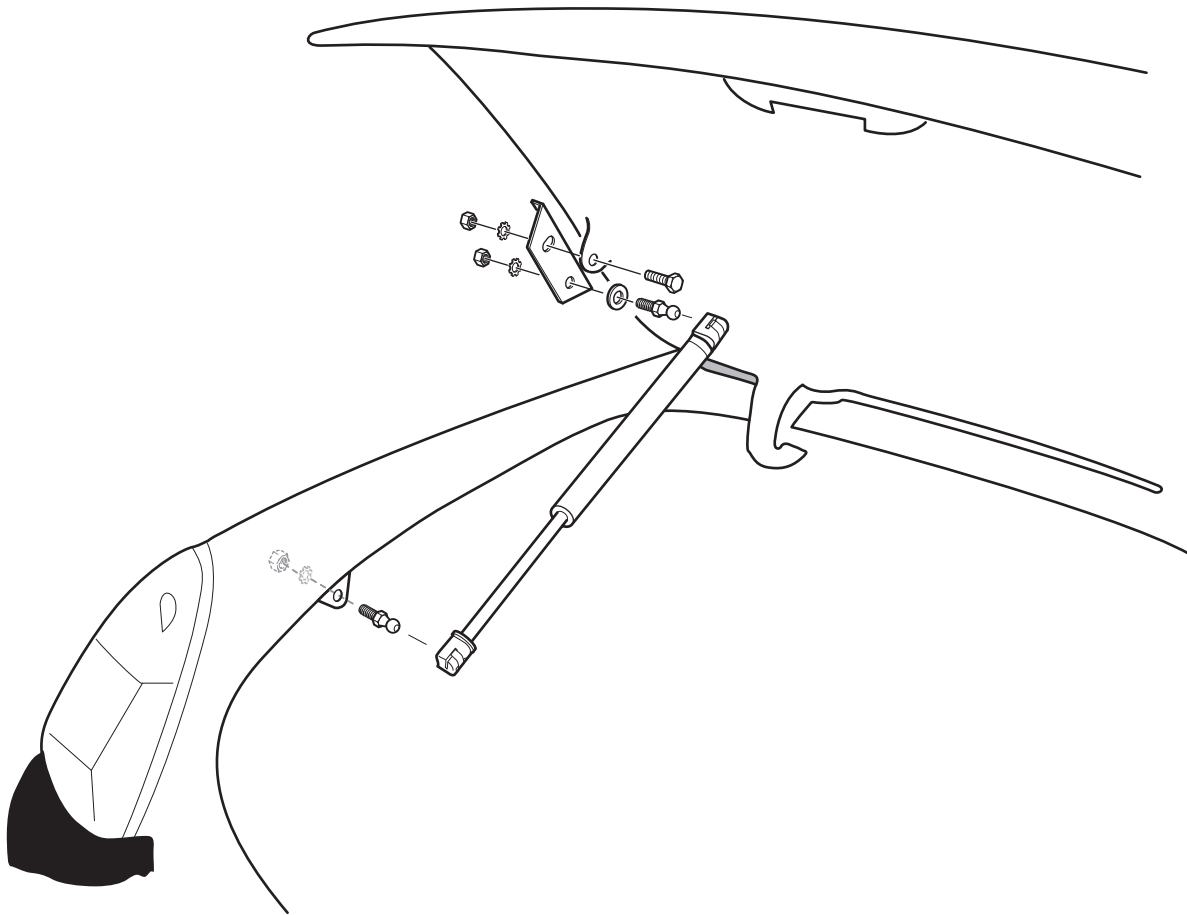
Gas Prop Installation Instructions

For '72 - '80 MGB Roadsters

Note: these props replace factory-original telescoping props on MGBs (approx. model years 1972 - 1980). They will not replace the manual props found on earlier vehicles--this requires kit #P1137E.

Left Side:

1. Remove the old prop. Use a short broom handle to hold the trunk lid open.
2. Attach the spacer-bracket and ball-studs exactly as shown in the illustration below. Tighten them after making sure the bracket is flush with the trunk lid.
3. "Loosen up" the props by compressing them once: Place one end on carpet and press the other end very firmly with the heel of your palm; just an inch or two of compression is fine--then release. Position the prop with the fat/cylinder end upward (this keeps the rod lubricated best and promotes long life for your prop) and press onto the ball-studs.
4. Carefully close and open your trunk lid to make sure everything works properly. Replace the broom handle and proceed to installing the right side. Note: prop may be easily removed by prying upward on the spring-steel lock on each end-fitting.



Right Side:

5. Lower Bracket:

First, remove the rubber sealing from the rear half of the trunk. Note the position of the factory bracket relative to its body weld (on the left side), and duplicate this positioning for the RH bracket (see illustration). Use a $1\frac{3}{64}$ " drill bit, and be sure to centerpunch first so your drill bit does not wander. Install the bracket with the machine screws and washer/nuts as shown.

6. Upper Bracket:

To locate the bracket, place a straight-edge across the trunk lid (or for more accuracy, cut a LH cardboard template and flip it over for the RH side). Obviously, it is the ball-stud location that must be duplicated from the LH side. Drill $\frac{1}{8}$ " holes for the sheet metal screws. Do NOT drill without a stop-collar on your drill bit, or you are likely to dent your trunk lid when the bit penetrates the channel. If you don't have a stop-collar, use a small piece of wood or tubing to limit travel*. Fasten the bracket with the phillips screws provided.

7. Install the RH Prop:

Just the same as the LH prop. Slowly lower your trunk lid to be sure everything works freely.

