

# Stainless Steel Strut Cover Installation Instructions

For 2003 and newer MINI Cooper

**Note:** These instructions cover kit #P1056 for the Rear Hatch, and kit #P1056B for the Hood.

1. Use a broomstick or other means to make sure your hatch/hood will not accidentally fall while you are working.
2. Remove the upper end of one strut from the Mini (the other end may remain attached). A flat blade screwdriver will release the end fitting (see first illustration).
3. Unscrew the end-fitting (second illustration). Use a crescent wrench on the end-fitting and locking pliers (with brass or wood shims to protect the rod from scratches!) to keep the rod from turning. For very stubborn fittings, remove the strut completely from the car and place rod (with protective shims) in a vise to remove end-fitting.
4. Slide the Cover on (3rd illustration) and replace the end-fitting. Re-attach strut to your Mini.
5. Repeat for other side.

