Placing your Alfa 4C onto 2 or 4 Floor Stands

Working on a car can be dangerous when it gets lifted. We like to place our cars securely onto floor stands whenever we need to get under a car. This blog shows how to safely place an Alfa 4C onto four floor stands so that you can easily pull all wheels and/or work under the car. This is especially convenient with brake jobs, oil changes and mechanical inspections - especially before AND after your track/AutoX events. We also show how to place the car safely onto two rear stands.

Suggested tools:
- flatJACKS - qty 4
- 4CLIFTkit
  - Alternative: LIFTjackPACK combines 1 set of flatJACKS + 4CLIFTkit
- Floor jack
- wood pieces (2x4 are great)

Placing the car onto 4 Jack Stands

Step 1: Jack the car from center jack pad that is located on the chassis
Jack from this pad - located rearward of front pad

Front of car

Jack from the center pad that is located on the chassis (small red rectangle)

Notes:

- The center pad is rear of the front pad
- Use a low-profile floor jack or drive the rear car tires up onto pieces of wood to provide clearance for a normal floor jack (as shown)
- We use a small piece of wood between the floor jack and the chassis - we like being sympathetic to our babies...and the rubber pad fell off our jack years ago. 8^)

Step 2: Place a flatJACK under the rear jacking point and one under the front jack pad

Notes:

1. The rear point is ribbed and in-line with the arrow molded into the side sill
2. The front point is pad molded into the chassis and is in-line with the arrow molded into the side sill.
3. Lower the car onto the stands slowly

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drive rear tires onto wood to raise car

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rear jack point - car is NOT resting on stand
Step 3: Lift the opposite side of the car from the center jack point

Notes:
- Carefully lift from the center jack pad
- Lift the car just enough to clear the flatJACKS (floor stands)
- Slide the flatJACKS into position
  - rear jack point and front jack point
  - slowly lower car onto floor stands
Placing the car onto 2 Jack Stands

Most maintenance tasks required usually only need the rear of the car lifted and placed onto stands. **We do NOT recommend attempting to place the 4C onto 2 front stands as the car will not be stable.** It is safe to place the 2 stands on the rear of the car.

If you follow the above Steps 1-3, you can safely place your 4C onto two rear stands. The process below shows a quicker process to placing the car onto 2 rear stands but requires our 4CLIFTkit - or your own DIY version (see previous blog).

**Step 1:** Install 4CLIFTkit

**Step 2:** Place floor jack under diffuser at the seam with the undertray

- Lift carefully

**Step 3:** Place floor stands under rear jack points

- Remove the floor jack

**Step 4:** Get to work!

These are a couple of safe ways to get the 4C onto stands. Use the safest method possible. I can't over stress the need for you to be safe. All of the above assumes you are working on a flat stable floor and you know how to use the tools/methods described. If in doubt, call us, your mechanic or a trusted friend!

Inspecting your car before and after your driving events is critical. Light-weight cars are a joy to drive on track but track use will quickly loosen joints. These loose joints must be caught and tightened otherwise parts may begin to fall off your car...

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