

Changing a Wheel

Practical skills

The sequence, and the two steps people do in the wrong order.

Educational reference. On a motorway or fast road, stay behind the barrier and call for help instead.

1

Park safely

Level, firm ground. Handbrake on, in gear, hazards on.

2

Chock the opposite wheel

Diagonally opposite, if you have anything to use.

3

Loosen the nuts half a turn

With the wheel still on the ground.

4

Jack at the marked point

The reinforced point shown in the handbook, not just anywhere on the sill.

5

Swap the wheel

Nuts finger-tight in a star pattern.

6

Lower, then tighten fully

In a star pattern, on the ground.

AFTERWARDS

Space-saver spares are usually limited to 50 mph

Re-torque the nuts after 50 miles

Get the punctured tyre repaired or replaced promptly

Educational reference. Never get under a car supported only by a jack.