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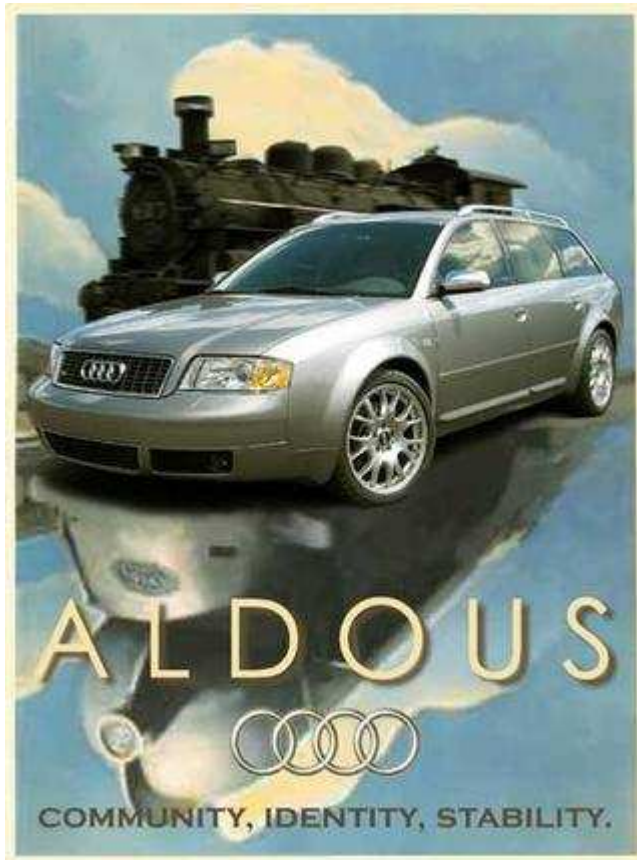
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### Well, in this picture...

**Posted by:** Aldous on 2002-11-21 21:52:38  
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In Reply to: [Thx, where exactly are the jackpoints where the bottle jacks are?](#) posted by Jon C on 2002-11-21 19:07:02

...in preparation for overhauling the brake system, I was using just a small single floor jack, and wanted to get the car up on four jack stands - without it falling off of any of them in the process, ...so, I picked up the rear wheels first, with the jack centered on the differential (there's a small area of frame there you can lift from also, but look carefully, and don't put you jack on anything soft ...the differential's pretty obvious, flat, and very solid), and simply place the two rear stands under the two rear sill jack points (shown in the owner's manual, just forward of the rear wheels). I then moved the floor jack to one of the front sill jack-points (in the owner's manual), and placed a stand at the structural-frame point just to the inside and slightly forward of the lower control-arm bracket. On the S6 (speaking from memory, as it's too dark to go outside and confirm), the aluminum lower control-arm ends with a large (maybe 3" round) silver flat disk-like bracket, which is a structurally sound place to jack from, but there's also a black sub-frame area just off to the side of that, that I like better (wouldn't want to scratch the aluminum) for the jackstand. Repeat this for the other side, and there you are. There is no convenient central jacking spot at the nose of the car, so each side has to be lifted individually. From the side of the car, if you're wanting to pick up just a pair of wheels, the front sill jack point can be used (as these cars are pretty nose heavy), but, though I see S4 owners do it all the time at the track, I don't like this method, and normally I go around to all four corners individually when changing tires. As for picking-up all fours (as I've just described), I would not try to use just the side sill for the left two, then the right two, as you Really run the risk of pushing the car off the stands IMO - the back-to-front (or vice versa) method is much safer, and you don't have to go as high with the jack. One note: I have some little square blocks of aluminum I use for the jackstands on the sill points (as it's a pretty small surface area, and you don't want to unnecessarily scratch or damage any of the surrounding rust proof surfaces). Wood blocks work also, but can crack and break-down as you're lifting the other corners; and that's why I like the aluminum (soft, but it's not going to fly apart).



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- [Ok, it's official, floorjacks are the ONLY way to go!](#) - **Finman** 2002-11-19 16:43:59 (812 views)
  - [I've got 2 floor jacks and an impact \(removal only\), rotations take about 10 mins.](#) **NT** - **Dan\_L** 2002-11-20 08:58:56 (295 views)
    - [Yeah, that will come...in the next house...](#) - **Finman** 2002-11-20 09:32:38 (234 views)
  - [And this will cut the time in half again](#) **PIE** - **Gerry** 2002-11-19 18:42:19 (1048 views)
    - [Awesome.](#) **NT** - **Singletrack** 2002-11-20 20:15:48 (170 views)
    - [My dad's garage has that setup. It rocks :0\)](#) **NT** - **Quattro007** 2002-11-20 08:11:23 (189 views)
  - [On our Volvo V70, I can jack one whole side up and do two wheels at same time!](#) - **drhaller** 2002-11-19 17:45:35 (298 views)
    - [Hell yeah, same thing on my friend's 850turbo - so nice.](#) **NT** - **Singletrack** 2002-11-20 20:14:24 (141 views)
    - [You can do it from the front jack point on the Audi too.](#) **NT** - **Aldous** 2002-11-19 18:37:11 (273 views)
      - [Do tell more. Jack behind the front wheel well until both side tires are up?](#) - **Stoney** 2002-11-19 21:02:35 (302 views)
        - [The short answer: yes. The long answer: I have a nice under car pic, I'll photoshop some red arrows](#) - **Aldous** 2002-11-19 21:24:10 (350 views)
          - [Here's the undercar jackpoints pic. \(Ask, if it's not clear\)](#) **NT** **PIE** - **Aldous** 2002-11-21 14:29:06 (755 views)
            - [Thx, where exactly are the jackpoints where the bottle jacks are?](#) - **Jon C** 2002-11-21 19:07:02 (310 views)
              - [Well, in this picture...](#) **PIE** - **Aldous** 2002-11-21 21:52:38 (3598 views)
                - [Couple more Qs...](#) - **Jon C** 2002-11-22 07:06:07 (266 views)
                - [Thanks! How confident are you about lifting on the differential? How is it mounted to body?](#) **NT** - **Stoney** 2002-11-21 23:52:39 (239 views)
                  - [I initially took that guidance from an Audi tech at the dealership, and have since had others agree.](#) **NT** - **Aldous** 2002-11-22 00:59:12 (266 views)
                - [Yes, its a bit hard to see the forward positions fromt his picture \(but much better than nothing!\)](#) **NT** - **Stoney** 2002-11-21 20:48:57 (215 views)
              - [Thanks, please do, the A6 is one of the least jack-friendly cars I've ever seen.](#) **NT** - **Jon C** 2002-11-20 06:17:27 (218 views)
                - [And the jack locations seem so crushable. I use pine board to protect the car.](#) **NT** - **Stoney** 2002-11-20 10:40:10 (229 views)
                  - [I use some little square aluminum blocks. They're soft enough to not damage anything, but...](#) - **Aldous** 2002-11-21 14:34:49 (213 views)
                  - [I've crushed a couple places...they looked ok, but were not...](#) **NT** - **Finman** 2002-11-20 13:05:11 (215 views)
                    - [similar issues on my old 911, you end up having to crush a seam...](#) - **Jon C** 2002-11-20 13:59:13 (235 views)
        - [You forgot to mention one other vital piece of equipment necessary for wheel changes](#) **PIE** - **WhtA6** 2002-11-19 17:27:50 (1113 views)
          - [LOL - he looks happy.](#) **NT** - **Singletrack** 2002-11-20 20:12:43 (118 views)
          - [I use the same method but two years older then your's =\)](#) **NT** - **Querc** 2002-11-19 19:55:29 (200 views)
            - [What's the warranty on these? I imagine without a warranty, the upkeep's got to be outrageous.](#) **NT** - **Aldous** 2002-11-19 20:43:45 (172 views)
              - [Warranty?? Trust me this is one item that comes with NO warranty! ;-\)](#) **NT** - **WhtA6** 2002-11-20 06:34:24 (146 views)
                - [Absolutely the preferred method!](#) **NT** - **Gerry** 2002-11-19 18:43:18 (194 views)
                - [Bwha, ha, ha !](#) **NT** - **April/verdegrll** 2002-11-19 17:49:39 (173 views)
          - [Can't imagine changing wheels without a floorjack. A "must own" IMO.](#) **NT** - **Aldous** 2002-11-19 17:26:27 (196 views)
          - [Totally Agree. Best \\$50 Ever Spent](#) **NT** - **thadco** 2002-11-19 16:58:10 (237 views)
            - [I went cheap like you...intentionally...](#) - **Finman** 2002-11-19 20:05:02 (220 views)
            - [\\$50 for a floor jack. Probably won't last a year. Ya gotta buy a good one](#) - **alfabutt** 2002-

11-19 17:00:52 (320 views)

- [Yikes! Like FIN I only spent \\$39 for the 1 in my post. Harbor Freight.](#) **NT** - **WhtA6** 2002-11-20 06:32:29 (187 views)
- [Aluminum jack is the way go. Easy to manouver.](#) **NT** **URL** - **April/verdegrri** 2002-11-19 17:22:30 (491 views)
  - [They've also got a 3,000 lb capacity Aluminum lift for only...](#) - **Chris JB** 2002-11-20 06:59:56 (319 views)

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