

A few tips on rear drum brakes.

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Here are a few pictures to help you if you only have a box of bits to make up into drum brakes. Personally I took several attempts before I put the shoes & so forth together correctly.

Slave cylinder: The positioning of the springs which hold the cylinder against the back plate is crucial; the curved spring is against the plate bending towards the centreline of the car.



The other tricky bit is making sure you have the correct adjuster on each side of the car so that the handbrake slowly tightens the shoes against the drums. Look at the pictures carefully.



Springs: The picture below will help a lot. Do the upper spring first. Actually I think it's hold down spring on the front shoe with the upper spring fitted to it. Upper spring into second shoe. Lower spring into both shoes. Strain – but don't let go until you have the second shoe retaining spring in place.

