

The following steps will tell you how to use the jack and change a tire.

Removing the Spare Tire and Tools

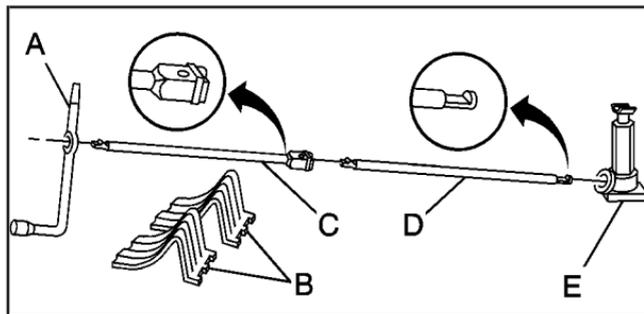


TrailBlazer



TrailBlazer EXT

The jacking equipment you will need is stored under the rear seat in the TrailBlazer or in the left rear quarter panel storage compartment in the TrailBlazer EXT. To release the jack from its holder, turn the knob on the jack counterclockwise to lower the jack head. See *Rear Seat Operation on page 1-6* for more information on accessing the jacking equipment.



The tools you'll be using include the wheel wrench (A), wheel blocks (B), extension(s) (socket end) (C), handle (jack end) (D), and jack (E). The Trailblazer EXT will include an additional extension

The following instructions explain how to remove the spare tire mounted underneath your vehicle.

Notice: If you remove or restow a tire from/to the storage position under the vehicle when it is supported by a jack, you could damage the tire and/or your vehicle. Always remove or restow a tire when the vehicle is on the ground.



1. To remove the underbody-mounted spare, insert the socket end of the extension on a 45 degree angle downward into the hoist drive shaft hole. It is exposed when the rear gate is open and is just above the rear bumper. Be sure the socket end of the extension connects to the hoist shaft.

2. Turn the wheel wrench counterclockwise to lower the spare tire. Keep turning the wheel wrench until the spare tire can be pulled out from under the vehicle.

If the spare tire does not lower to the ground, the secondary latch is engaged causing the tire not to lower. See "Secondary Latch System" later in this section.

When the tire has been completely lowered, tilt the retainer at the end of the cable and pull it through the wheel opening. Pull the tire out from under the vehicle.

Notice: If you drive away before the spare tire or secondary latch system cable has been reinstalled, you could damage your vehicle. Always reinstall this cable before driving your vehicle.

3. Put the spare tire near the flat tire.



Secondary Latch System

Your vehicle has an underbody mounted tire hoist assembly equipped with a secondary latch system. It's designed to stop the spare or flat road tire from suddenly falling off your vehicle if the cable holding the spare tire is damaged. For the secondary latch to work, the tire must be stored with the valve stem pointing up. See "Storing a Flat Tire and Tools" for instructions on storing the spare or flat tire correctly.

4. Position the chisel end of the wheel wrench in the notch of the center cap and pry off the center cap. See "Removing the Flat Tire and Installing the Spare Tire" later in this section to continue changing the flat tire.

CAUTION:

Before beginning this procedure read all the instructions. Failure to read and follow the instructions could damage the hoist assembly and you and others could get hurt. Read and follow the instructions listed below.