

Tie Down Points

Posted by Salanis42 - 30 Jan 2010 01:54

Picked up a trailer for my 924S. I'm just wondering what folks use as good tie-down points to secure their cars. The frame loops in the front seem obvious to me, but I'm less sure about the rear.

Re:Tie Down Points

Posted by 944Racer72 - 30 Jan 2010 05:37

You should never tie down to the body or chassis. When you do this, you bind the suspension when it is trying to move and can damage suspension components.

Get some wheel straps to put through wheels and retain that way.

Re:Tie Down Points

Posted by Salanis42 - 30 Jan 2010 05:41

I've heard mixed reports on tying down to the chassis vs. the wheels. Seems like enough people do it either way, that it isn't too big a deal. I have heard quite a few reports of wheels being bent outwards and alignment being really messed up when tying down through the wheels though.

Re:Tie Down Points

Posted by Salanis42 - 30 Jan 2010 07:47

Got D rings welded on. Taking a closer look at the car, I'm thinking I'll run axle straps around the trailing arms and attach those crosswise. For the front, I'm debating whether to attach to the chassis loops, run straps through the wheels, figure out a way to go around the control arm, or attach at the sway bar mount.

Re:Tie Down Points

Posted by Big Dog - 30 Jan 2010 07:52

Some say to allow the suspension to move.

Some say do not allow the suspension to move as it puts wear and tear on the suspension.

Some say tomato

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I say you are correct, it doesn't seem to matter that much with our cars. Just make sure it doesn't move. I don't like to put straps through the front wheels for fear of stressing the steering and affecting the alignment but don't know if that is really an issue either. On my open trailer, that method puts stress on the wheels by pulling them out slightly so I don't do that.

Big Dog

Re:Tie Down Points

Posted by cbuzzetti - 30 Jan 2010 10:58

Just be sure to leave it in neutral when towing. You do not want to have it rocking back and forth using the gear box as a brake.

I prefer to tie the chassis instead of the wheels.
