



SUFFOLK CENTRE

TIPS AND IDEAS



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Spare Wheel Carrier

Yes it's that old chestnut again – the infamous AL-KO Spare Wheel carrier hidden under your caravan. Following my own recommendations in earlier Tips & Ideas, I took the opportunity whilst swapping tyres around to thoroughly re-grease the two slide tubes on the carrier to make sure that any future accessing of the spare wheel is as manageable as the design allows.

One additional tip – if you get a puncture on the offside wheel and accessing the spare is a problem due to clearance – apply caravan handbrake firmly, chock the nearside wheel and then detach caravan from tow car. Having detached the caravan and moved tow car slightly forward, wind jockey wheel up to lower caravan front as much as possible. This raises the caravan rear and gains valuable clearance to lower the spare wheel carrier. Before commencing to jack up the caravan to change the wheel, I would recommend re-levelling it and/or re-attaching to tow car.

Note - If the puncture is in the nearside tyre, then jacking up the caravan should provide enough additional clearance for the spare wheel carrier to be removed.