



# Now What? Tire Changing Tips

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Have the right tools. A long “Cheater Bar” adds leverage.

JACK (ACCESSIBLE)

CHEATER BAR

SOCKET WRENCH WITH  
SOCKET THAT FITS YOUR  
LUG NUTS.

TORQUE WRENCH



# So you have a flat, what now?

**Single Axel** – get as far off the road as possible

**Double Axel** – drive slowly, flashers on, on 3 tires to a level place, or a nearby town where the tire can be changed.

AFTER LOOSENING LUG NUTS Build a ramp with levelers to lift the flat off the road.





## Loosening lug nuts

Do this while there is weight on the tire, before you jack it up, or it will spin.

Or, to stop spin pull brake-away switch / pin.



# Breakaway Switch





A long “Cheater Bar” adds leverage when loosening lug nuts.





Where's your jack?

Know where your jack is  
BEFORE you need it.

Be sure you have a jack  
that's strong enough to lift  
your trailer. Bottle Jacks are  
available in several weights.  
30' Airstream – 4 ton jack.



Where to put the jack?  
Duel Axel

**ON THE FRAME, NOT ON  
THE AXEL**











Where to put the jack?  
Single Axel

ON THE FRAME, NOT ON  
THE AXE



Single Axel Jack Placement - **ON THE FRAME, NOT ON THE AXEL**





Where **NOT** to put  
the jack?



Where is the spare? Under the front of your trailer.





Lowering the spare tire.





How a small person can lift a heavy tire.





TIGHTEN lug  
nuts on  
opposing sides  
of the pattern

12 o'clock,  
6 o'clock,  
3 o'clock,  
9 o'clock.



Torque your lug nuts to 110 foot pounds with the torque wrench. Retorque after 50-100 miles.

