

Luggage Rack Modification

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Have you ever wished you had some extra hands when loading up your luggage rack?

Heading off to one of my first Morgan runs, I tried holding some folding chairs on the rack whilst trying to position the picnic basket and get the tie-down straps in place. The trouble was the gap between the bottom "Stop Rail" and the remainder of the rack is open and the chairs wanted to slip through.

My thoughts were that this gap needs to be filled in, but how? I've seen various posts on the web where owners have solved the problem with a board just resting under the luggage, but I wanted it to be discrete and in keeping with the remainder of the car. I also wanted it to be

permanent. Not something you fitted into place only when you were using the rack.

My first thought was to cut a nice piece of ply to shape, then varnish it up. But how to hold it in place?

In solving that issue, I decided I didn't need a board and bending up some aluminium flat (20mm x 3mm) into an "L" shape, wrapping a 20mm copper pipe saddle around the luggage rack bar, together with a 4mm dia. SS socket head bolt; was a better and neater solution.

Please refer to photos.

All materials should be available from your local hardware.

