

Stainless Steel Strut Cover Installation Instructions

For PT Cruiser Convertible Rear Hatch.

1. Use a broomstick or other means to make sure your rear hatch will not accidentally fall while you are working.
2. Remove the upper end of one strut from the PT (the other end may remain attached). A flat blade screwdriver will release the end fitting from the ball-stud it is attached to (see first illustration).
3. Unscrew the end-fitting (second illustration). Sometimes, the end fitting can be removed by hand, or with only a crescent wrench. For stubborn end-fittings, use a crescent wrench on the end-fitting and locking pliers (with brass or wood shims to protect the rod from scratches!) to keep the rod from turning. For very stubborn fittings, remove the strut completely from the car and place rod (with protective shims) in a vise to remove end-fitting.
4. Slide the Cover on (3rd illustration) and replace the end-fitting. Add a wrap of tape if necessary now or in the future if needed for a snug fit. Re-attach strut to your PT.
5. Repeat for other side.

