

When replacing the struts, you must make sure the roof is well supported and secured. The replacement struts will also need to be compressed when installing onto the posts. You can do this with ratchet straps but strut compression tool would be preferred. Replace 1 at a time and ensure the roof does not shift while it is open.

Extend the roof and place 2x4 posts between the roof cap and body of the vehicle at both front and back. If you have the roof rack, I would extend this out with a 2x4 as well and ratchet the roof down 2", keeping it even on both sides. Anchor the straps either to the running board or some other solid point below. I would also recommend ratcheting the seatbelt buckle male end to female end on the interior roof or down to the floor to secure further.

Remove the strut from the posts on one side, compress the replacement and secure in place. Then move to the opposite side and repeat. It wouldn't hurt to have a set of hands holding onto the 2x4 posts when the strut is removed to make sure it does not kick out.

