

 **Lowering 911 Seats**

Subject: '74 911 seats lowered  
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Hi all,

I finished the seat lowering job about a month ago, it was a bigger project than I thought it would be, took 2 1/2 week ends. The seating position is similar to earlier cars, it now longer feels like the roof is on my head.

To do the project I used 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" square aluminum on the tunnel side and 1" x 2" square aluminum on the door side, the 1/2" is the difference in height of the floor. These were bolted to the floor. An access hole on top 19mm in diameter was drilled to bolt them to the floor. Then I used 1 1/2" washers with an inside hole of 5/16". These were used to shim the square aluminum up enough so the bottom of the upholstery would be just a hair above the tunnel (the seats are too wide at the upholstered part to go any lower). Some of the washers had to be cut to the edge of the hole (making them nearly in half) to rise above ridges in the floor, once above this spot you can use the whole washer, except where you are too close to the tunnel. The spot you bolt these to the floor should be inside the spot you will be bolting the seats as not to interfere with.

You need to completely remove the factory mounting brackets. To do this I used a spot weld remover, this is a small hole saw with a retractable center point, do be careful not to go through the tunnel for there is gas lines on the drivers side, either cables or wiring on the passenger side. This will cut the metal around the spot weld and leave the center spot in place, then use a chisel and they should pop off. I used a cutoff tool for the welds. Once removed use a grinder to level the area from high spots then paint.

Things to watch out for.

- 1) Seats I used were from a RS America. They had a mount welded to the slider on the tunnel side with a threaded hole, I assumed this was for a seat mounted belt, this was removed, I don't think they would have fit with it in place, it would have been at the least very tight. You have 18" from tunnel to the door side.
- 2) Seat will move about 1/2" towards the door but I don't notice this at all.
- 3) Floors should be solid, if floors are rusty this might not be a good idea.
- 4) Upholstery and carpet should be removed as not to contaminate with metal grindings.

I hope this gives an idea of how I went about the project, if some thing is unclear let me know. I also have some digital pictures, they are poor quality but should at least show the finished job.

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