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Asymmetric vs Symmetric Vehicle Lifts Which Is Right For Me

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Symmetrical Vehicle Lifts

Approximately 30 years ago, when cars were built out of steel, men were strong and women wore

In order to balance these behemoths six feet up in the air, the columns were placed across from

It took the lift manufacturers a while to figure it out, but eventually they did. Currently, w

Sure Fire Ways to Tell a Symmetrical Lift:

The columns face each other.

Front arm length is the same as rear arm length.

The lift states "symmetrical".

You have a difficult time getting out of the car when you drive in.

You don't have a difficult time getting out of the truck when you drive in.

You have an account with a body shop to repair door dings.

Asymmetric Vehicle Lifts

Sometimes Europeans are smarter than Americans. I don't like to admit it, but it's true. It tu

What Gunter came up with seemed to be a pretty good design. By making the rear arms of the lif

Gunter's design worked for about two years. He still dinged a door occasionally, but he was ab

After some serious investigative work (and several snaps of his suspenders), he noticed that t

Thankfully, those smart engineers in the United States don't drink beer while they are trying

Enough about Gunter; A TRUE asymmetric lift has columns that are rotated 30 degrees to point t

Very few manufacturers take the time to make this distinction on their auto lifts. The good ma

We highly recommend purchasing a TRUE asymmetric lift when you purchase this design. A quality

Sure Fire Ways to Tell a True Asymmetric Lift:

Columns are rotated 30 degrees from each other, facing the load center of the vehicle.

Front arms of the automotive lift are shorter than the rear arms.

You have a beer belly bigger than Gunter's and don't have a problem.

A Rotary Lift engineer tells you it's a True Asymmetric Lift.

Reduction in bill from the body shop allows for a bigger beer belly.

Sure Fire Ways to Tell a "Semi-Asymmetric" Lift:

The columns face each other, rather than the load center of the car.

The front arms of the vehicle lift are shorter than the rear arms.

The lift squeals, shakes and whines when lifting a load.

You have metal shavings on the floor near the column.

You bought the lift so you wouldn't bang the door on the column, but continue to bang the door.

You pay a company like mine to replace slider blocks every few years.

"Versymmetric" Design Auto Lift

If you have been really doing your research, you will have probably heard the term "Versymmetric".

One opinion is that this design takes the worst situations of two different types of lifts and combines them.

First off, a symmetrical auto lift will cause door dings and clearance problems with cars, no matter how well designed.

Some of these lifts are listed with the ALI and pass 3rd party testing. They can be constructed to meet the requirements.

We here at Standard Industrial & Automotive Equipment are happy to discuss various issues regarding auto lifts.

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