

Grease!

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The Model A Ford has numerous grease fittings sticking out all over the car just begging to be greased. However, one area Henry failed to consider is the two parking brake levers on the rear wheels, each with a pair of bushings.

Even though the bushings see little wear, they should be greased. Trying to oil them is difficult. There is a way to install grease fittings. The modification has been around for years and is something worth doing. It is best approached when doing a brake job when the rear brakes are apart.



The above photo shows a pair of brake levers with grease fittings installed. Drill from the end of the shaft with a nominal 1/8" drill bit down to a point between where the two bushings ride and cross drill it. Then drill the end of the shaft with a 5/16" drill bit about 3/8" deep.



Press in type grease fittings and the insertion tool

Press in grease fittings and the tool to insert them can be obtained from Bratton's. The part number for the grease fittings is 36740 and the part number for the drive-in insertion tool is 36810; page 160 in their catalog.

Using the tool, hammer the grease fittings into the end of the shaft where you drilled the 5/16" hole and the shafts are then ready for installation.



The above photo shows a grease fitting in service on a vehicle driven daily. Give it a shot of grease whenever greasing the car.