

## IDLER ARM BRACKETS

In response to Noland's article about cracked or broken idler arm brackets, I can verify that it CAN occur very unexpectedly. MANY years ago I put a Corvette third arm and bracket on my '51 Chevy so that I could eliminate the sloppy kingpin joint of the original '51 third arm. On my way home from work one night, about 2 blocks from my house, I suddenly lost all steering because the bracket broke off in the area indicated by Noland. No problem, the next day I went to a salvage yard and bought another one for about \$5.00 (they aren't cheap today).

Since that day, I have never jacked my car at the third arm bracket. I have included a drawing of the adaptor that I made to place on my jack that straddles the bracket on my '56 Corvette and my '51 Chevy. I made it from scrap I had around the garage. I cut off a 1 foot length of channel iron (use any size that works for you), 2 wood blocks (made from scrap 2 x 4, or whatever) attached to the channel iron with screws (or nails). I had a large piece of 1 inch thick felt so I cut 2 pieces and nailed them to the wood blocks for padding (you can use a piece of carpet or whatever works for you, or nothing).

The important thing is that it is very easy to fabricate SOMETHING to straddle that bracket if you use a jack under your front cross member.

As Noland says, if you use a floor jack under the third arm bracket — STARTING TODAY, DON'T EVER DO IT AGAIN!

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