

Painting your brake calipers

You will need

- Brake caliper paint
- Jack
- Wheel Brace
- Paint brush
- Copper Grease

If you want to stop your brake calipers corroding and to tart them up a bit then you will want to paint them.

First of all you need to take the wheels off. Make sure the jack is level and on a firm surface before jacking up the car. You might also want to rest the car on axle stands when you are painting. Remove the wheel.

Clean the caliper, removing all the dirt, oil and rust from it and then dry it. You might also want to take the opportunity to clean the inside of the wheel and to check the inside of the tyre for wear.

Make sure the caliper is dry before painting. You might also want to mask all the rubber seals, the brake pipe, the brake disk and the brake pads but, if you're confident with the brush then you dont really need to do this.

Paint the caliper. I used Halford's brake caliper paint and it needed 2 coats to make the colour flat. You can re-coat it after 15 to 20mins drying time.

Once it's done, put some copper grease on the inside of the wheel and on the wheel nuts before putting the wheel back on the hub (you only need a very small amount). This isnt a requirement, but it is recommended.

Lower the car, tighten up the nuts (90 to 110 on the torque wrench) and set on the next wheel. Dont underestimate how long this will take you to paint all 4 calipers, with breaks it took me 6hrs!

