

# Wheel changing


**Note:** If it is not possible to torque the wheel nuts when a wheel is replaced, they should be set to the correct torque as soon as possible.


If an alloy spare wheel is to be fitted, using a suitable blunt tool, knock the centre cap out of the removed wheel. Using hand pressure only, press the centre cap into the newly fitted spare.


Check and adjust the tyre pressure as soon as possible. See **238, TYRE PRESSURES**.


**Note:** Examine the jack occasionally, clean and grease the moving parts, particularly the screw thread, to prevent corrosion.


## REMOVING THE SPARE WHEEL

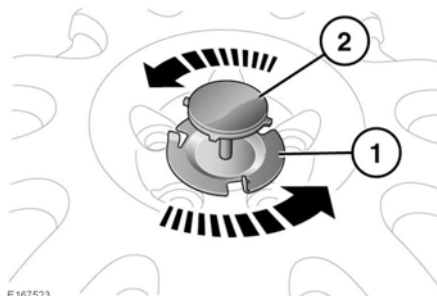
 **Remove the spare wheel before jacking the vehicle, to avoid destabilising the vehicle when raised.**

 **Wheels are heavy and if handled incorrectly may cause injury. Use extreme caution when lifting, lowering, and manoeuvring the wheels.**

 **Always secure the spare wheel, or the removed wheel, in the correct position, using the retaining bolt.**

 **Do not stow the wheel while the vehicle is raised on the jack.**

 **After wheel changing, always secure the tools, chock, jack, and the replaced wheel in their correct stowage positions. Such objects, if not properly stowed, can become flying missiles in a crash or rollover, potentially causing injury or death.**



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Always remove the spare wheel before jacking the vehicle. Raise and secure the luggage compartment floor panel:


1. Continually rotate the spare wheel centre clamp plate counter-clockwise to release.
2. Continually rotate the top plate of centre bolt counter-clockwise to completely remove.


Reverse the whole procedure to refit.

**Note:** Before removing the spare wheel, take note of its stowage position. The wheel to be changed must be correctly stowed and secured in its place.

## USING WHEEL CHOCKS

 **Before raising the vehicle, the wheel diagonally opposite the one to be removed must be chocked.**

 **Always chock the wheels using suitable wheel chocks. Chock the front of a front wheel, or the rear of a rear wheel. Make sure that the wheel chock is fully engaged with the tyre and the road surface.**

 **If jacking the vehicle on a slope is unavoidable, place the chocks on the downhill side of both wheels on the axle not being raised.**

A wheel chock is stowed in the vehicle's spare wheel tool kit.