

LOCK STEADY

Protect your caravan from theft by locking up your steadies. Sam George show how to fit Kapitall locks to your rear steadies
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Ever tried to tow a caravan with its steadies down? Of course not. So, if you could secure the steadies in the upright position, even the most determined thief would be put off, right? Well here is a set of corner steady locks which you should be able to fit in under an hour. The Kapitall locks featured here are quite economically priced, too.

Cost around £49.95 (plus p&cp).

Tools used

- 1 Hammer
- 2 centre punch
- 3 5mm drill
- 4 power drill
- 5 5mm spanner



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TOP TIP When parking-up in your driveway or in a storage compound, try to site the caravan nose down. This makes it more difficult to lift the hitch onto the towball.

NOTE 1. If you have any doubts about your competency to fit these steady locks, you should seek expert help.
 2. Only work on one corner at a time and support that corner of the caravan with a jack placed beneath a chassis member.
 3. Never use the corner steadies to raise the caravan's wheels off the ground.



1 Clean the area around the steady's screw head and then fit the steady lock's outer cup over the head using a pencil or other implement to mark the position of the two holes for the high-tensile cup head setscrews.



2 Use a centre punch and a hammer to mark the hole centres. The holes are designed to be drilled to an exact size, so take care when marking the centre – use the outer cup to check their positions before drilling.



3 Although the holes are only 5mm diameter, you'll find it easier to drill them if you first make a pilot hole. Drilling underneath the caravan like this can be a bit awkward, so take your time and don't force the drill or you may break it.



4 The locks come with high-tensile cup head setscrews, washers and Nyloc nuts. You also get an Allen key which fits into the head of the setscrews. The Nyloc nuts make it virtually impossible to undo the steadies once the inner cup has been fitted and locked into position.



5 Offer up the outer cup to the steady and insert the setscrew through the drilled hole. Then fit a washer and Nyloc nut.

Use the Allen key and a 5mm spanner to tighten the setscrew. Then repeat for the other setscrew.



6 Kapitall's steady locks are supplied with a special hexagon-hole tab washer which is fitted over the head of the steady screw. This stops attempts to wind the steady up from the other end of the screw.

7 With the inner cup fitted and locked in position it's almost impossible to raise the steady.

