

Alignment shop needed.

Posted by Gary_44 - 17 Jan 2010 11:45

Now that I have my suspension dropped and stiffened up, I'm sure the alignment is messed up. Anyone have shop recommendations over here in the valley close to Modesto?

I'd hate to drive it all the way to Autopoint with everything so out of whack, and my trailer isn't available for a while.

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Posted by rlofgren - 19 Jan 2010 02:40

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Posted by rd7839 - 19 Jan 2010 05:29

It's hard to argue with the champ, and Rick's right, but I did have mine aligned once at Les Schwab tires. I know they aren't your first thought for a performance alignment but they are cheap and get it close enough. We had a little trouble getting on the rack but after that it went well. I'm doing wheel bearings and tie rod ends and will take it to them when I'm done.

I'm also going to be a lifetime customer of theirs because of the good service. They accidentally put the wrong size tires on the front of my wife's all wheel drive Volvo which burned up the all wheel drive unit. They acknowledged their mistake and paid for a new one no questions asked!(I think the diameter difference was less than 1/8" which still burned the unit up in 60 miles right after I had done the same thing by replacing just 2 tires. Lesson learned!)

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Posted by Gary_44 - 19 Jan 2010 15:44

rlofgren wrote:

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I'm too sore and already spent way too much time working on it lately, so I'll just pay a shop this time.

I don't have a Les Schwab here, but I asked the guy who does the NASA HPDE tech here in Modesto. He said he'll do a 4 wheel alignment for \$150 and set it to my specs. That seems like a fair price to me, or could I get the same thing at any Joe Schmoe alignment shop that does it for cheaper?

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