



## **PURCHASE POINTS**

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If you are working with the right equipment and know how to use it, the most difficult or time consuming task with vehicle stabilization is finding or creating adequate purchase points for both the buttress heads and the base restraints. For those involved in stabilization, this subject is worth some focused consideration. Knowing where to find or make purchase points is a critical step which could make or break your scene efficiency. Note that rust, collision, or other factors may render certain purchase points unsafe and useless. Also be aware that sheet metal and spot welds may fail under load.

Here are a few key principles I apply for purchase point selection and use:

1. Select or create a purchase point that can handle the load.
2. Select a purchase location which will not damage equipment like strap webbing for example.
3. Select purchase locations which will not interfere with patient access.
4. Select purchase points which will not be undermined by or interfere with extrication.
5. Select or create a purchase point that will cause as little disturbance to the vehicle as possible.
6. With the above in mind, make the purchase quick !