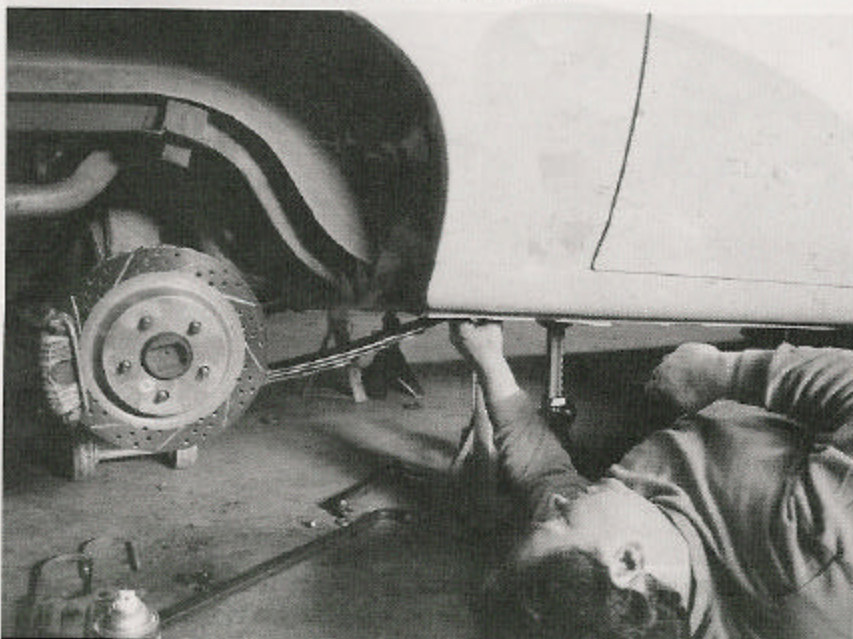


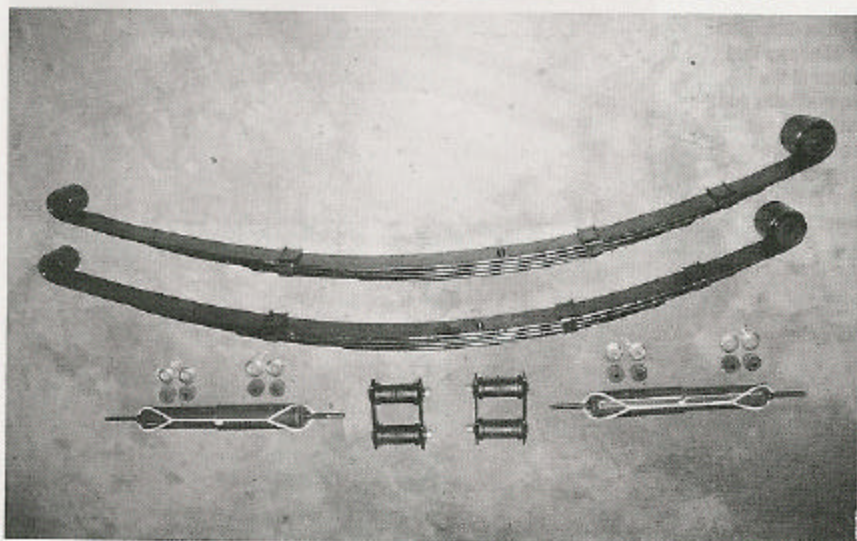
# BRINGING UP THE REAR

**RAISE YOUR SAGGING BACK END WITH SUSPENSION HARDWARE FROM AUTO KRAFTERS**

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**N**ot long ago, we outfitted Jack Lafrate's '69 Mustang with a new front suspension from Auto Krafters. His car runs straight and true. However, the back end of his car looks like he's got a dead body in the trunk; the cops pull him over all the time to ask him why his rear end has so much roll in the corners. To rescue Jack from this embarrassment, we returned to Auto Krafters to see its many new rear-suspension components for his car. It makes sense to do this upgrade, so we're going for it. This new equipment should raise the back of the car to the correct ride height and firm up the ride quality as well. It isn't complicated to install a new stock rear suspension, but components are very heavy and care must be taken. Let's look at what's involved.



It's definitely going to be nice to have new rear leaf springs after nearly 35 years of service. They come with new bushings that are press-fit into the large end. For the small end of the spring, we have new shackle kits with brand new bushings as well. A fresh set of Monroe shocks completed our wish list.

## What's It Cost?

Fresh springs from Auto Krafters .....	\$150
Monroe shocks .....	65
Shackle kits .....	50
Total .....	\$265



We begin in the depths of the trunk where we removed the cover plugs to access the upper end of the shock absorbers. We removed the fasteners.