

## Installing brake pads that do not have the Vibration spring slot

Typically one of the first things I do when I buy a new car is swap out the typically terrible and dust pads for a set of Semi-Metallic or Ceramic pads. However this was the first time I've run into a situation on an Audi where the pads I purchased did not have the vibration spring slot. Because you need to secure both the bottom and top tabs while pushing the center spring lip in place, I needed to improvise. So here's what I've done to install the springs

Make sure you put some safety glasses on, the spring tension will cause it to fly off while your trying to get it set, and the velocity that it "pops" off could easily take your eye out. Safer than Sorry

The pad on the left is the new one, which is noticeably missing the spring slot



These springs are a pain to fight with, and I found it was first a good idea to secure the bottom clip in place with a clamp, because it will take your multiple tries to get everything in place



Now that you have the bottom clamped in place, I used an old 3/8 extension, because it provided enough height to pass of the lip of the brake pad



After you have the “spacer” in place, might be a good idea to clamp the top in place as well, although as I said it was certainly pop off multiple times. Once you’ve got everything balanced though (the bottom & top clips, and the “spacer” in place. Grab your flathead and push like hell.



After a lot of bitching, cursing, and effort, the “tooth” from the spring, with slide over the brake bad clip, and everything is secure.

