

### **SAVVA Technical Tip 135 – Brake fluid containers.**

We are often faced with the horrible job of bleeding the brakes on our older cars. Strangely, it doesn't matter how hard you try not to make a mess the fluid invariably ends up all over the place. Charles Blair-White, with his many years of experience came up with the good idea of holding the bottle in a wooden box to stop it falling over in the middle of the bleeding process – see picture.

Charles points out the box must be wide and heavy enough so it doesn't fall over (especially when moving it around with your foot). The flexible pipe must be a tight fit into the top of the fluid container likewise the bottle must also be a tight fit in the box.

Thanks Charles, most of us have ended up with brake fluid all over the place.

I would go along with his suggestion however I would prefer to use a clear glass bottle so one can see when it's getting full.

Because we hate bleeding brakes we tend to ignore replacing the fluid every few years. The experts continually warn us that brake fluid is hygroscopic and becomes contaminated with moisture hence the white crystal looking substance that builds up around the slave cylinders. Not only does this make the fluid less effective but the braking components will corrode.

