

NEWSLETTER

Thanks Again ~

To everyone who voted for us in the MG Owners Club's annual survey. We again achieved 5 Spanner & 5 Star awards for workshop services & parts. We've been busier than ever this year which is why these newsletters haven't been as regular as we'd have liked, but at last here's another one!



Mark Blundell Miss Iekx (not MG driver but who cares!)



MG at Le Mans

Like many of our customers I (Stuart) was lucky enough to get to the 24 hour race this year and see first hand how MG fared on their return after a break of 36 years. Hopes were high, but expectations rather lower for this very new team which had a number of problems in practice. In fact the cars lasted well into the night, longer than they had ever run before, and were very quick in the wet. Next year they could give Audi, Bentley & co a real fight. Here are a few memories:



Struggling to fit an MG Badge - if that falls off at 200mph....



Historic Le Mans MGA Coupe



The Cost!

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Nose



The Pits

Wiring colours

Although a confusing array of wiring diagrams are shown in most manuals, the basic colours used did not change much throughout MG production to 1980. A website listing the main colours and their uses, and a lot of other interesting info can be found at:
WWW.team.net/sol/tech/lucascolours.html

1 3 4 2...The demise of the



distributor

Lucas, makers of all MG distributors, are to stop making them soon. Why? Well modern cars don't have them, as MGF owners may know, (though probably not as the electronics which replace them are so reliable that they no longer require any attention). Presumably the distributor, an essential part of any car for probably 100 years which times and distributes the electricity to the sparkplugs, and requires regular servicing & adjusting, has become un-economic to manufacture.

Hopefully, as with many other classic MG parts, manufacture will be passed on to a specialist such as Heritage, but if this doesn't happen, or if there is a delay, then replacement distributors could be in short supply in the near future. So, if your distributor is worn, or if you are thinking of fitting a tuned unit, it could be worth doing it sooner rather than later.

Tip

One quick way to check the condition of your distributor is to remove the cap and try turning the rotor arm by hand. It should turn a little and spring back when you let go. If it is loose or there is play in it your engine will not be running as efficiently as it could be - an overhaul or new unit is required.

Did you know....

The slogan "Safety fast!", associated with MG for many years, was first used in 1929. The story goes that MG's publicity manager saw "Safety first" on the back of a bus he was following through Oxford. Changed to "Safety fast" he thought it would make a great slogan for MG. When he went to MG founder Cecil Kimber to suggest this he found him angrily looking at a poster showing their then current slogan "Faster than most", to which someone had added the word "Bicycles"!

Kimber immediately realised that "Safety Fast!" could not be abused in this way, and the new slogan was born.



We currently have a selection of second hand panels e.g front wings from £30 - please phone for current stock

Also one secondhand Midget bodyshell, round wheelarch -some repairs required, £150

Car Sales

MGF 1.8i N reg, red, 52k miles, power steering, recent new clutch, timing belt, rear window, battery, uprated head gasket and overhauled cylinder head. Full service history, 12 months mot.
£6900

MGB 1968 red tax exempt, imported from USA '93, black leather interior with red piping, rh drive, stainless exhaust, £2.6k recently spent on mechanical & bodywork with us.
£6900

MGB GT 1978 special edition, black, painted wire wheels, black/grey interior, extensive LMG history, good overall condition
£5,500

MGB 1978 red, black interior, £5.5K spent with itemised receipts. Folding & packaway hoods, LMG service history.
£5,500



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