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Like the TC, the YT was based on a prewar design, and featured independent front suspension designed by the famed father of the Morris Mini, Alec Issigonis. The unique (at least to M.G. and to several other British car makers) suspension coupled with an amazingly precise rack and pinion steering provided sporting handling which made up for the lack of startling power from the XPAG 1250 c.c. engine.

The engine was the same as had been used on the prewar TB, as well as the postwar TC, TD, TF, and Y Saloon. In the Y Saloon, however, the engine only had one carburettor which did an adequate if not sporting job. The Y Saloon came first and was an elegant little sedan. In 1946, some marketing experts visited the USA and talked with dealers and enthusiasts. They returned to England with the conviction that there were many enthusiasts with families who wanted a sports

car that could accommodate four people. Thus the Y Tourer was born. The chassis was Y Type right down to the Jack-all system for wheel changes ease.

Once in production, it was found that the YT did not appeal to the market for which it was designed. Production ceased after a mere 877 had been built. About half of the cars came to North America while the rest went all over the world. The serial numbers of these cars were mixed in with the regular Y Saloon numbers so

accurate sequencing is difficult. Since they were not highly regarded when in production, many cars were later scrapped to obtain parts for other M.G.s. One doubts if 150 Y Tourers survive today. Those cars which do survive are cherished by collectors and are always a delight to see at M.G. Gatherings.

Specifications

Engine	
No. of Cylinders	4 in line with 3 main bearing crank
Bore/Stroke/Displacement	70.61 x 90 mm = 1250 cc
Carburetors	Twin 1 1/4 SU
Fuel System	SU Electric Fuel Pump
Horsepower	54.4 bhp at 5,200 rpm
Torque	64 lb. ft. at 2,600 rpm
Compression ratio	7.25:1
Electrical	12 volt, Lucas battery
Chassis	
Transmission	4 speed: sychromesh on second, third, top
Steering	rack and pinion
Front suspension	independent with coil springs
Rear suspension	semi-elliptic leaf springs
Brakes	9" drum, Lockheed Hydraulic
Wheels and tires	16 inch disc, Dunlop 5:25 X 16
Body	4 Seat Tourer

Dimensions	
Curb Weight	2165 lb.
Wheel base	99 inches
Track	47 3/8 inches (front), 50 inches (rear)
Width	59 inches (overall)
Length	164 inches (overall)
Height	58.5 inches (overall)
Ground Clearance	6 inches
Fuel tank	8.5 U.S. gallons

Performance	
Maximum speed	73 mph
Miles per gallon	24.6
Production	
YT	877

Exterior Colors	
	Shires Green, Regency Red, Black, Sequoia Cream, Clipper Blue

Interior Colors	
	Green, Red, Biscuit