



Side view of a 2½-litre Riley saloon converted by J. H. Keller, Zurich, to a drop-head coupé but utilizing existing parts.

This three-quarter rear view of the converted 2½-litre Riley shows that the original lines have been maintained.



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Interesting Bodywork Conversion to two Famous British Cars



BY cleverly adapting standard parts the Swiss firm of J. H. Keller, of Zurich, has produced two most interesting body styles for a 2½-litre Riley and a 1¼-litre M.G.

The drop-head coupé was built to meet the big demand existing in Switzerland for bodies of that type. A reasonable price has been arrived at by using existing parts of a standard Riley saloon, such as wings, running boards, windscreen, front seats, and instrument panel. To provide easy access for the rear passengers the front seats tilt forward and extra wide doors are fitted, and the chassis has been stiffened in the region of the door hinge points. The windscreen frame, too, has been stiffened to eliminate any possible movement.

To provide access for the rear passengers extra wide doors are fitted to the drop-head coupé and the front seats tilt forwards.

The body was built by Reibold and Christe, Ltd., of Basle.

As regards the other car illustrated, the lively performance of the 1¼-litre M.G. saloon, coupled with its independent front suspension system, must have led many to consider the possibilities of an open two-seater version. The body is the TC Midget type, including instrument panel, seats, and hood; the wings, running boards, rear boot, and parts of the bonnet, are, however, from the saloon. To mount the sports-type body certain modifications had to be made. The steering column has been lengthened and the positions of the clutch and brake pedals, hand brake and gear levers have been altered to suit. The engine has been brought up to TC performance standards and a Nordec supercharger, giving a maximum boost of about six pounds, is fitted.

Another conversion carried out by the Swiss firm, in this case to a 1¼-litre M.G. The wings, rear end and the road wheels are clearly from the current saloon, but the body is from a TC Midget.

