



The Classic 'Y'



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EDITORIAL

At the time of writing I am waiting to go into hospital to have an operation. There will be no-one here to keep things running whilst I'm away so, if you contact me and don't receive a reply, at least now you'll know what's going on. The June issue of TCY would normally be posted out on 20th June; if we have to miss out an issue of the newsletter, subscriptions/membership periods will be extended accordingly.

Back in Issue No.176 (October of last year) I mentioned the purchase of YB/0481 by M.G. Rover, for their new museum at Longbridge. I wrote to them around that time to seek more information, and to offer my support - but I never received a reply! It seems that the old "Unipart Response" of the seventies is alive and well at Longbridge, even today! There have been indications in the past few months that things are beginning to go wrong at M.G. Rover.

This issue sees the concluding part of our look at John Thompson Motor Pressings of Wolverhampton, the company who manufactured Y-Type chassis, and chassis and components for many other M.G.s. Thanks once again to Stanley Barnett for supplying this very interesting information.

The full-page photo in this issue was taken at Binghampton, New York, in September 1997, the occasion being one of the New England M.G. "T" Register's "Gatherings of the Faithful". The picture was scanned and reproduced for us by Gary Mills.

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MP30	4-11-53	2300		Side member A.C.B. 5027-B	RILEY 22-5-53 6230 5870 149	J.H.R.D.	22-5-53 6230 5870 149	MP30
	14-10-53	150		Front Extension A.C.B. 5002-B	RILEY 20-9-53 6230 5871		20-9-53 6230 5871	W.D.
	11-11-53	175		Extension Channel A.C.B. 5002-B	RILEY 9-9-53 6230 5872 149		9-9-53 6230 5872 149	L.S.
	12-9-53	55		V Tool A.C.B. 5002-B	RILEY 23-7-53 6230 5873		23-7-53 6230 5873	W.D.
	1-10-53	135		Front Extension A.C.B. 5002-B	RILEY 22-7-53 6230 5874		22-7-53 6230 5874	S.P.
MP36 500T	95			Clutch Lever A.C.B. 5013T				
	14-7-53	115		L.H. Brace A.C.B. 5060				
	2-10-53	540		Braces A.C.B. 5019-20				
	8-9-53	290		3rd Cross member A.C.B. 5091				
MP35	5865							
H.E.	22-7-53 6230 5866 60							
RILEY	26-5-53 6230 5868 129							
E.H.	22-6-53 6230 5869							
RILEY								

Handwritten note: "Copy from 1953 JOHN THOMPSON BOOK"

ARMSTRONG - SUD

9-12-56 9045 6905
12 1/2"

28-1-56

5-1-56 1741 6910

Rear Eng Mtg Member.
EN92705

HE

M/G Cars.

HYD

14-12-56 8398 6906
12 1/2"

Pie-bend

13-3-56

PARK ROYAL

6911

Front Strut Frame GualPost

T.B.

M.G. RILEY

HYD

7042 6907
12 1/2"

21-1-56

PARK ROYAL

5-1-56 1741 6912

Brace L.H. Pie-bend

A.C.B. 5899

W.T.

PARK ROYAL

HYD

3-1-56 1741 6908
5 1/2"

5-1-56

PARK ROYAL

3-1-56 1741 6913

Brace Channel

R9562/17/24

N.C.

PARK ROYAL

HYD

5-1-56 1741 6909
5 1/2"

21-9-56

N.C.

PARK ROYAL

9-3-56 1741 6914
5 1/2"

Bolster Bearings

R9604

J.L.

S.P.



TOOL NO.	CUSTOMER	ORDER NO.	PART NO.	PART NAME.	TOOL TYPE.	MACHINE	START	FINISH	ISSUE	DRAWN BY	TOOL REQ. FOR DATE	TOOL FINISH DATE	REMARKS.
0.627	THAMES STRAPPED TOOLS SUPPLIES M.G. RILEY	6230	M.T.G. 453	CHECK FIX. FRAME ASSY	CHECK		GAUGE MADE TO		10.2.55	M.G. DRAWINGS.			
0.628	" WOLSELEY	7427	"	" " " "	"								Auto copy
0.629		7634/4	AGS5156/7	REAR ENG. MFG. CROSS.	SET								Auto copy
0.630	"	3507	PW118982	FRONT ENGINE MOUNT	CHECK		24.5.54	24.5.54	26.5.54	B.A.R.			Auto copy
0.631	M.G. HILBY.	6230	AGE 5000	CHECK BODY MNTG. HOLES.			MADE TO T. M. O. 1481	24.6.54					
0.632	HOLDS-ROYCE STAMP	7091	UR 720	FRAME ASSY	CHECK		MADE BY HOLLS ROTOR.						
0.633	M.G. CARS (HILBY 1 1/2)	8364	AGE5805	FRAME ASSY	CHECK								
0.634	M.G. (WOLSELEY)	7427	AGE 5158	FRAME ASSY	CHECK.		MADE TO DRO. 3873						
0.635	HOLLS-ROYCE		J.26009/1	DRGS. SUPPLIED BY DIALER.			FRAME CHECK 26095 3 1/2						
0.636	WOLSELEY	9241	7125536/7	1st. CROSS ASSY	CHECK.								
0.637	WOLSELEY	9048	ENG3006	FRONT CROSS	CHECK.		26.9.55	27.9.55	6.10.55	J.V.			
0.638	"	"	ENG3548	FRAME ASSEMBLY	CHECK.		5.8.55	20.9.55	4.10.55	J.V.			
0.639	WOLSELEY	8681	BMK. 5180 BMK. 5232	FRAME BODY MOUNTING HOLES	CHECK.		MADE TO PROD DRC.						
0.640	WOLSELEY	9703	7116398	FRONT CROSS.	CHECK.		28.7.55	29.7.55	10.1.55				
0.641	"		7125542R.	1st. INNER CROSS	CHECK.		USED DRC. Q 608		24.8.55				
0.642	"		7125543L.	LARGE BRAKE.	CHECK.		USED DRC. G.609		24.8.55				

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The above photograph of a Hutson TF "reproduction" was taken at a publicity event attended by the John Thompson sales director, Mrs. Thatcher and other government ministers. John Thompson made the chassis frame for the Naylor/Hutson vehicles. The tooling was compatible with small batch production and the front crossmember was made by the prototype department by virtually hand-making all the bits.

John Thompson also undertook the repair of chassis frames that they had originally produced. This service lasted until the mid-1980s. There was only one experienced man (and he was very experienced) in this department, and when he retired the department came to an end (although there had not been a great deal of repair work in the previous year or two).



