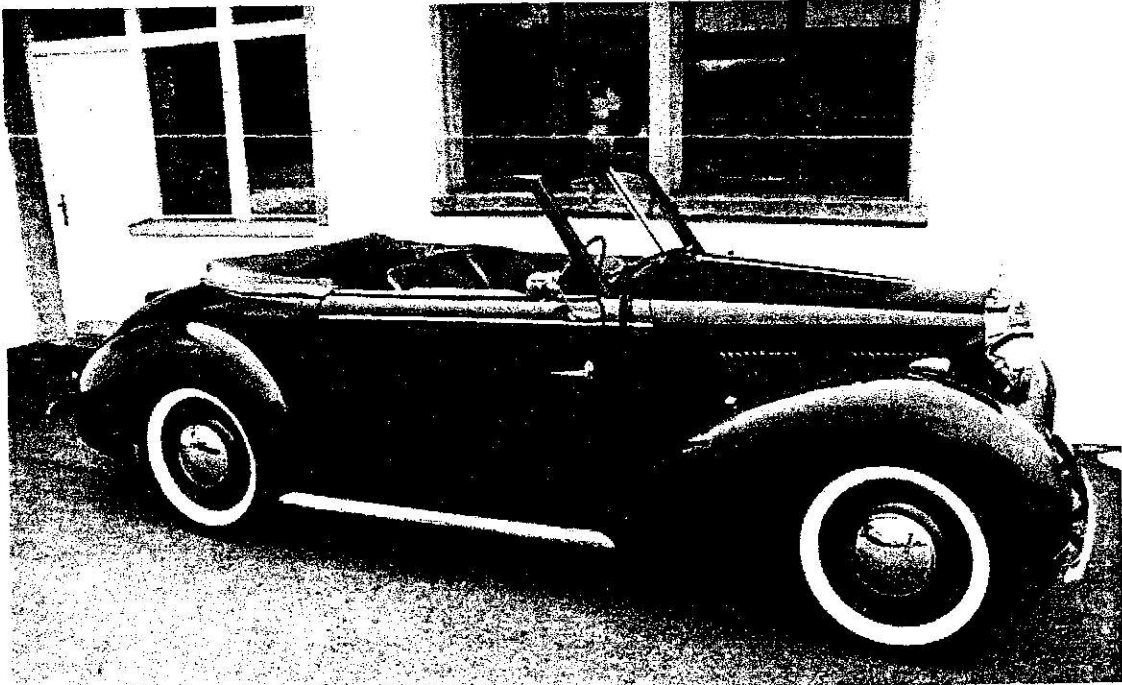


The Classic 'Y'



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This is Y/1373, a recently discovered Beutler-bodied car. More details on the following pages...

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REGISTER NEWS

Via Dave Lawrence in South Africa, I have recently learnt that a Y-Type which was bodied by the coach-builders Beutler of Thun, Switzerland still exists in that country (see photo on front page). This car (Y/1373) is currently owned by Armin Kuriger who acquired it from his father, who in turn bought it in 1973. A brief recap on the Swiss special-bodied cars follows:

We have long known about the three Reinbolt & Christé (of Basel) cars; Y/1366, Y/1367 and Y/1380. Dr. Tobias Studer of Basel later supplied us with details of 'Y's bodied by the coach-builders Ramseier (of Worblaufen) and Beutler, and these were featured in Issues 127, 129 and 181 of *TCY*. From documentation held in the archives of the Swiss Car Register, it seems that Carrosserie Worblaufen/Fritz Ramseier & Co. bodied three Y-Types; Y/1374, Y/1379 and Y/1381.

The following pages show a Ramseier/Worblaufen car with its hood raised and with it lowered. Note the differences in styling between the Worblaufen car and the Beutler car (front page).

Spares for Sale

A box-full of Y-Type king-pins, dampers, brake plates, etc. Contact Tony Miles, tel: [REDACTED]

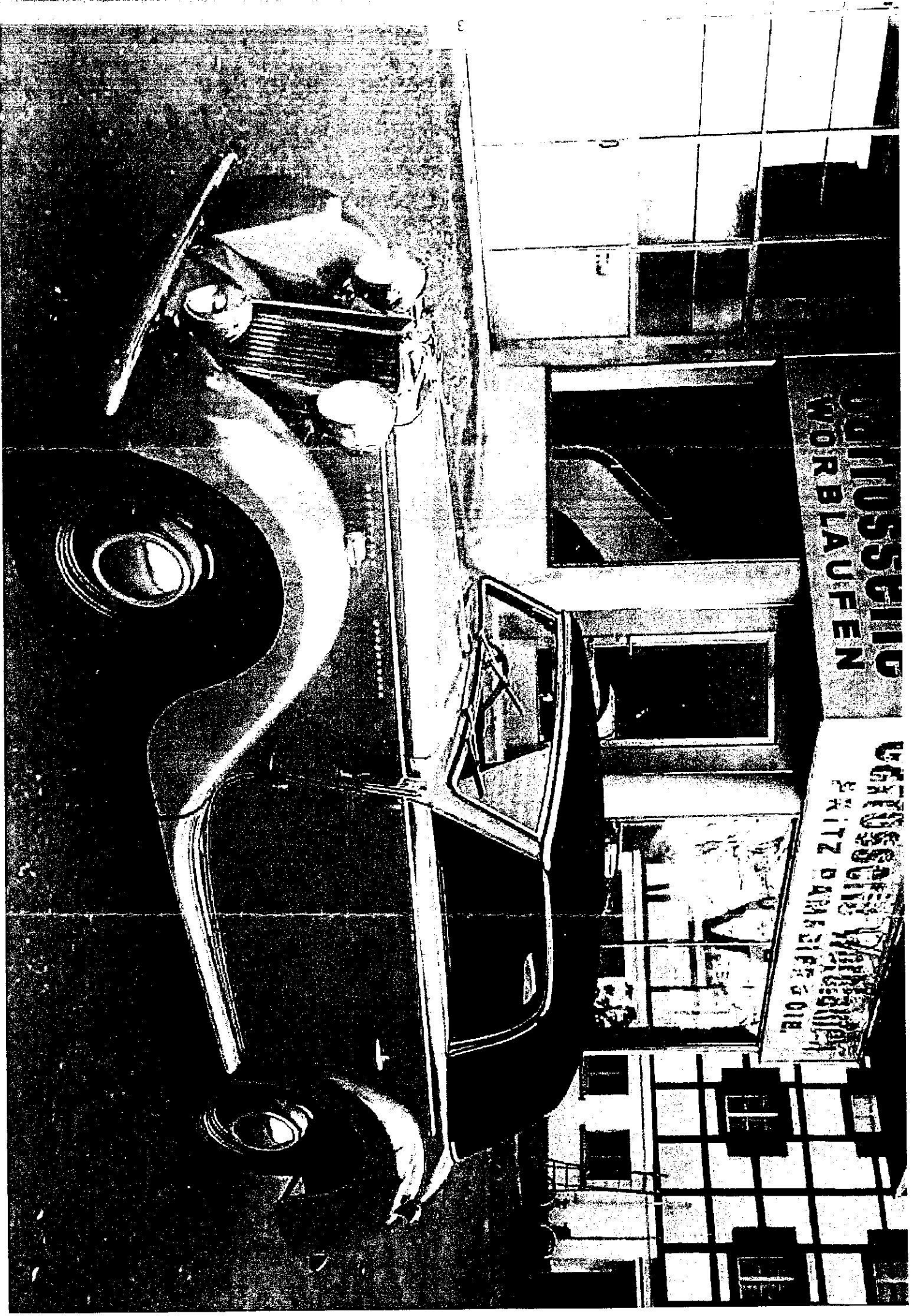
Cars Wanted

Mr. Raymond Brogan of [REDACTED] Kent, [REDACTED] (tel/fax: [REDACTED]) would like to acquire a Y-Type.



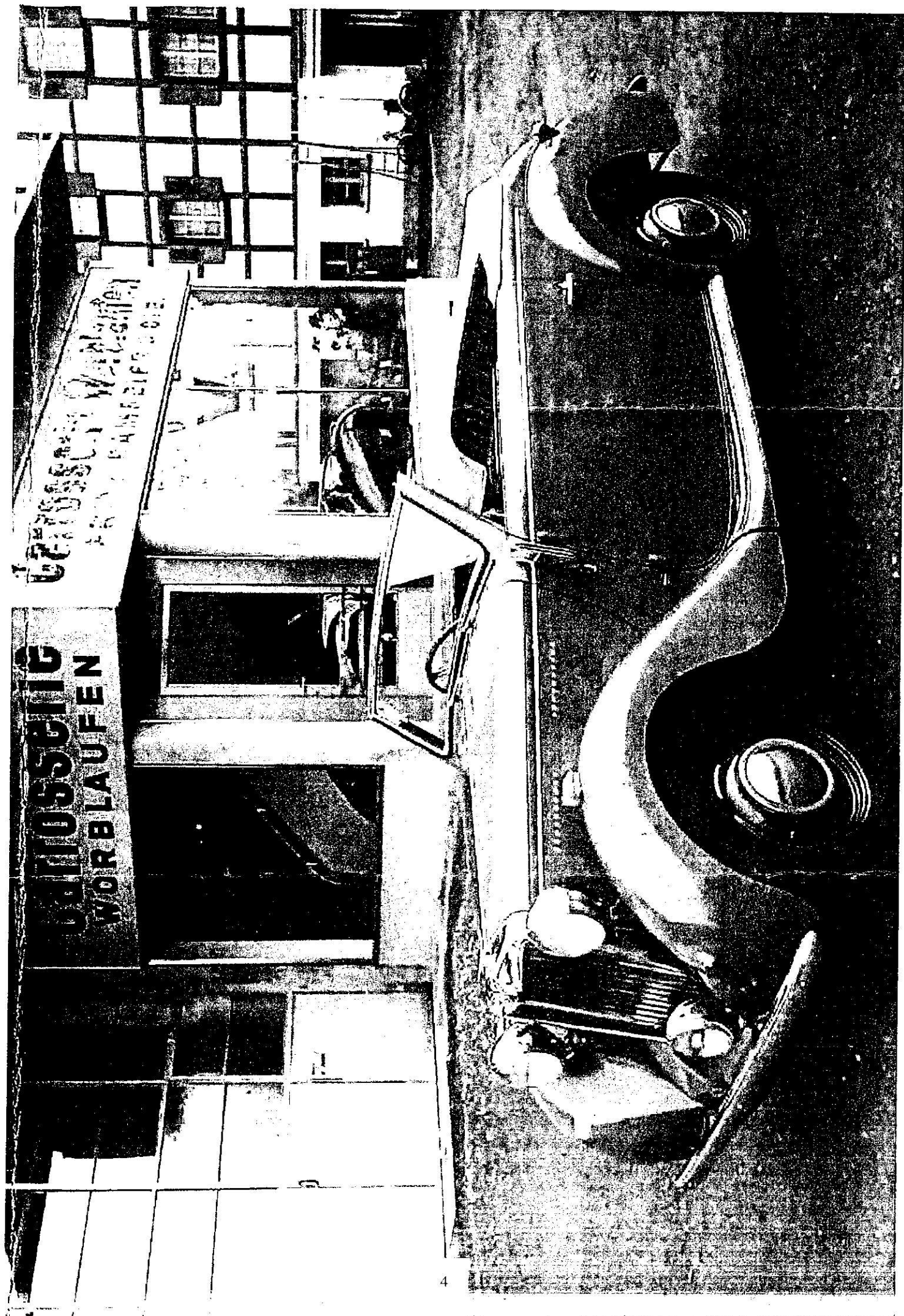
Who, what, when & where?
And they wonder why their half-shafts break!

(from the archives of the New England M.G. 'T' Register)



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Some additional updates to *Let There Be Ys*, received from Dave Lawrence...

Interior Trim

Despite the fact that prior to about June 1949 the Green and Red interior trim of Y Saloons used piping of the same colour, (ie, Green or Red), an anomaly has been found. Y/2750, which is in Australia, has been inspected and it was originally a Black car with Dark Green interior trim. This interior trim has a dark brown piping, the same as used on the beige interiors. Parts of this interior trim have been inspected by the author and they are without doubt original.

Brown piping with the Dark Green interior trim was never specified by the factory in any of their publicity material. It is felt that this may well be one of those cases where, when these particular seats and sets of interior trim were being made, there was no green piping in stock, and whoever was doing the assembly work just used the most suitable alternative available – in this case the brown piping. If this was the case, then it is very likely that other cars were similarly equipped.

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There is some reasonably positive evidence to indicate that some Elizabeth Grey/Shires Green two-tone cars **were** fitted with interior trim of Regency Red. In addition to Y/0363 which was mentioned in the book, Y/0398 has since been reported with this finish, which appears to be original.

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Recent research seems to indicate that later Y/T Tourers that were equipped with Beige interior trims may well have had Brown piping, instead of the earlier Beige piping.

The interior trim of Y/T/EXR/3471, which is in Australia and is almost certainly original, was Beige with Brown piping. In addition, one or two other cars have been reported with this combination, and some restorations have been completed this way.

While this aspect needs further research to fully confirm this combination, it can be stated that if it did exist, it was on the later Y/Ts. Early Y/Ts with Beige interiors definitely used “same-colour” Beige piping.

