

CONDENSER FOR MGTF and MORE

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CONDENSER PROBLEM

Two Moss condensers failed on my TF7211. I tried an MGB condenser (Advance Auto Parts Beck/Arnley Part No. 172-5829), but the mounting ear is on the tail of the can. It requires the breaker plate to be drilled and tapped or purchase a plate from Moss that is drilled for an MGB condenser.

I looked at photos of over 200 condensers and found only two with a clip that can be mounted to my breaker plate without modification:

- The Moss condenser, which failed.
- And a condenser for a 1978 Plymouth Arrow that cost only \$1.99. I installed the Plymouth Arrow condenser. It is smaller diameter than most condensers, but it has performed fine for a year.
 - Plymouth Arrow: Advance Auto Parts BWD G635
 - Plymouth Arrow: NAPA ECH EP657
- **2025 UDATE:**
 - The Plymouth condenser is no longer available at Advance Auto Parts and NAPA. They can still be found for less than \$5.00 via Google search.
 - This condenser from the Distributor Doctor in the UK will fit a TF breaker plate:
<https://distributordocor.com/collections/top-condenser/products/54413006>

CONDENSER JUMPER

I carry an emergency condenser jumper in my toolbox. I bought a condenser that fits a gazillion American cars, Echlin ECH RR175 from NAPA Auto Parts. I attached alligator clips to the pigtail and to the case. Clip the pigtail to the low-tension lead at the distributor or at the coil. Clip the case to ground. No need to remove the old condenser.

Good to get you going in a few seconds until you can do a real fix.

PHOTO

Top: Echlin ECH RR175 with clips for emergency jumper.

Middle left: MG TD-TF condenser from British Parts Northwest Did not fit.

Bottom row left: Original condenser

Bottom row second: Moss 163-900

Bottom row third: Condenser for Plymouth Arrow

Bottom row right: Condenser for MGB

