

Repair Tips For Your MG.

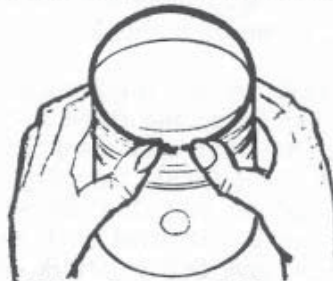
Hello from Gillspeed. This is a special issue of the Gillspeed Bulletin for MG Car Club members. It contains four 'tricks of the trade', general information, new and used parts and cars for sale. If you have any questions or suggestions after reading this Bulletin, please ring Bob Gill or Derek Bayliss on (03) 568 0688.

'Tricks of the Trade'

1-Fitting MG piston rings the easy way.

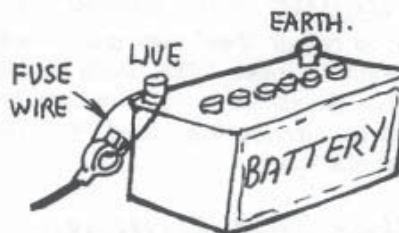
Fitting piston rings can be a worry if you have never done it before. The flexible steel segmented oil rings are no problem as long as you remember to stagger the gaps and check that the ends of the expander have not overlapped. Cast iron compression and oil rings are easily broken.

If you practice the following method with some old rings, you will soon become an expert. Starting with the bottom cast iron ring, hold both ends of the ring in the desired groove with both thumbs, and then move your thumbs equally in opposite directions around the piston, pushing the ring over the top of the piston and into its groove as you go.



2-Installing your new MG loom without it melting.

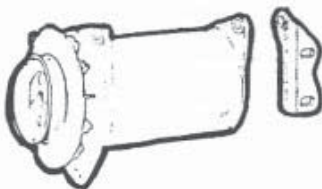
Installing a new loom is tricky enough without having the extra worry of 'shorts' and melted wires when you hook up the battery. You can easily protect your loom during installation with a loop of 5 Amp household fuse wire as shown in the drawing.



3-Speedo cable fitting.

When your inner speedo cable breaks, it is usually due to old age. It may also be because of sharp turns or kinks in the outer cable, or even a seized speedo unit. When you fit a new cable, always fit the speedo end first, and then give the inner cable a twist by hand at the gearbox end to make sure the inner cable turns freely.

4-How to avoid broken generator lugs.



Have you ever wondered why the mounting lugs break off Lucas generators? The usual reason is the incorrect location of the rear mounting bracket bolted to the side of the engine. On most MG motors, this rear mounting bracket is slotted to allow for adjustment. The trick is to leave its two mounting bolts loose until everything else is tight, thus taking the stress off the generator lugs.

How good is your fuel economy? A Boeing 747 Jumbo uses around 11 tons of fuel an hour. The old Queen Mary used one gallon every 13 feet!

Gillspeed Classifieds.

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- MG Midget Mk3 & 'BL'. Used alloy racing roll over bar. Fits under the roof, but it will not allow the roof to easily fold back. Ring Bob Gill 5680688. 48 Regent St oakleigh
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MGB, MGC, MGBV8 PARTS.

You probably already know Gillspeed is the place to go if you need MG Midget or Austin Healey Sprite parts or advice. However, did you know that over the past few years Gillspeed has doubled its stock to include the complete range of MGB spare parts as well? Mechanical and electrical parts, body panels, glass & trim parts are in stock for all 'B' models. if you need any assistance phone Bob Gill or Derek Bayliss today.

The Shocking Facts About Reds :

As well as our regular 'Black' changeover shock absorbers, Gillspeed has now introduced uprated 'Red' changeover units. These uprated units can only be successfully built from selected, premium quality core units. These core units are not always available, so supply is sometimes limited. Gillspeed 'Red' changeover units are supplied with a 12 month guarantee. They are ideal for road use and club competition. Beware of imitations.

We are often asked what is actually done to Gillspeed changeover shock absorbers. The following explanation should give you a clear picture of the reconditioning process.

All old units are first hot tank cleaned, dismantled and thoroughly inspected. The bodies are then line bored and fitted with Australian Flocast bronze bushes. Polished and sized shafts are fitted to the newly reamed bushes. New twin lip seals are fitted, the valves are reset to 'standard' or 'uprated' settings and the assembled units are pressure tested for leaks prior to painting. If your car is fitted with lever shockers and rides like a ship on the high seas, give Bob or Derek call on 5680688.

MG Gears now available for home mechanics.

Many MG owners are able to repair their own gearboxes at home. If you are having difficulty obtaining loose MGA, MGB or Midget gears, gaskets, shafts or bearings, give Gillspeed a call. We are happy to give you all the parts and technical assistance you need. You can also drive your car in for us to do the whole job.

In the next Gillspeed Bulletin :

We will explain why fitting tapered roller front wheel bearings to your Sprite or Midget may be very dangerous, and why removing the front wheel bearing spacer from your MGB may be equally dangerous, to both car and driver !

- PS: 1** If your MG is running a little rough and you haven't the time to fix it yourself, book it in to Gillspeed for a service and a thorough checkover. You will then have the confidence and peace of mind to drive it anywhere.
- 2** If you would like the next Gillspeed bulletin, simply write your name, postal address and car make and model on the back of an envelope, and send it to our 'Reply Paid 13' address below. (no postage stamp required).

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