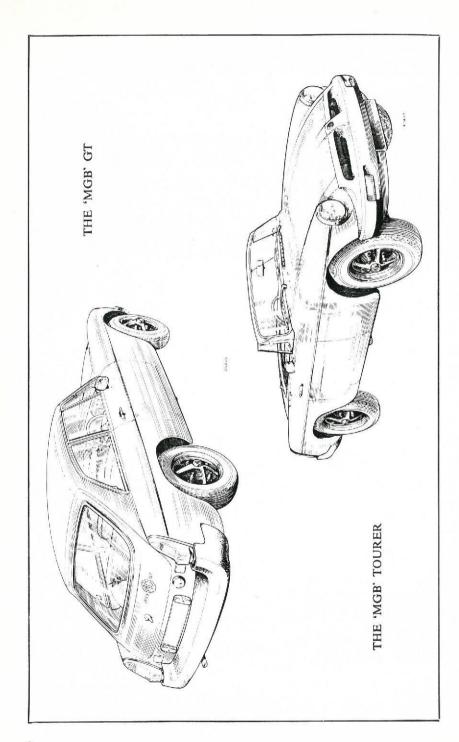


Leyland 4



Special Tuning for your





FOREWORD

This Tuning Booklet deals specifically with the Series MGB.

The 'MGB' as delivered from the Factory in its standard form is tuned to give performance consistent with complete reliability, and in compliance with various territorial regulations. There is, however, a demand from enthusiasts all over the world for information on methods of improving the performance for competitive and road purposes, and it is to meet this demand that this booklet has been prepared.

It must be clearly understood, however, that, whereas it is a simple matter to increase the power output of the engine, this increase in power must inevitably carry with it a tendency to reduce reliability. It is for this reason that the terms of the Owners Service Statement on a new MG expressly exclude any supertuning of the kind described in this booklet, but this does not mean that tuning in this way will necessarily make the car hopelessly unreliable. In fact, it may be assumed that it will be at least as reliable as other cars of similar performance.

This booklet is laid out to give details for progressively increasing the power. With the above ideas firmly in mind, you should select the simplest tuning method which will give the performance required.

Tuning hints are included for racing enthusiasts who want to go to the limit and who have facilities to modify or make up special parts for their cars. We hope this section will be of use to them.

In certain countries various special regulations are in force covering safety, air pollution and noise. The company cannot therefore accept responsibility for any modifications, whether or not listed in this book, which may contravene these regulations if carried out on the instructions of the owner.

Most competitive events are run under rules agreed by the F.I.A. which limit modifications for certain groups or categories. As soon as improvements are incorporated into production or become available as special parts, the necessary steps are taken to have these parts approved for competition and included on the homologation forms.

However, whilst every care is taken, no responsibility can be accepted for ensuring that any specifications or modifications comply with the F.I.A. Regulations or homologation forms. Copies of the forms of recognition are available only from the R.A.C. Motor Sport Division, 31 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QH who will also be able to advise on any queries concerning eligibility of modified cars.

All parts mentioned in this booklet can be obtained from your Leyland ST Distributor/Stockist. Ensure that the full part number is quoted.

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GETTING THE BEST FROM YOUR 'MGB'

The engine fitted to your 'MGB' is a highly developed unit and it is essential that you should know something about the specialized maintenance it requires

if you are to maintain it at the peak of its mechanical efficiency.

Special recommendations on the sparking plugs, ignition settings, and fuel to be used are given by the manufacturers, and it is stressed that failures are bound to occur if these are not strictly adhered to. Particular care is needed with this engine owing to its high compression ratio, which makes it extremely sensitive to variations in fuel, ignition timing, and the heat range of the sparking plugs.

In lower compression engines a much wider range of fuels can be tolerated without causing serious damage to the engine, and ignition settings will stand variations of a reasonable amount. Also, even if the incorrect sparking plugs are used, no more damage may be incurred than burnt-out plugs or leaky valves. But with an engine having a very high compression ratio the range of fuels, sparking plugs, and ignition settings is much narrower and it is essential that the mixture should always be correct, and particularly never overweak at maximum load or power.

High-compression engines are very sensitive to variations in spark advance (over-advance) and to fuel/air ratio (mixture). Variations in these settings will increase the combustion temperature, and if the variation is excessive preignition will cause high shock waves, resulting in damage to the engine.

Workshop Manual

A comprehensive Workshop Manual, Part No. AKD 3259, is available, and should be used in conjunction with this booklet.

Choice of fuel

The octane number of a motor fuel is an indication given by the fuel technicians of its knock resistance. High-octane fuels have been produced to improve the efficiency of engines by allowing them to operate on high compression ratios, resulting in better fuel economy and greater power. Owing to the high compression ratio of the 'MGB' engines, fuels with an octane rating below 98 are not suitable; should it be necessary to use a fuel with a lower octane number, the car must be used very carefully until the correct fuel can be obtained.

It is necessary to use Super grade fuels in the 100-octane range unless Premium

fuels of minimum 98-octane Research are available.

When fitted with low compression engine (ratio 8.0:1)

Premium fuels of minimum 93-octane Research up to 97 octane are required, with preference to 95/97.

Super grade fuels in the 100-octane range can be used if preferred.

Sparking plugs

The correct grade of sparking plug for use under normal driving conditions is the Champion N-9Y. Plugs of a lower heat range (hotter running) should not be used, otherwise pre-ignition will occur, with consequent rise in combustion temperature and resulting engine damage. For competition work or hard driving where high output is consistently sustained the Champion N64Y

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sparking plug should be used. This is a cooler-running plug and will ensure lower combustion temperatures and an increased margin of safety. Accumulated deposits of carbon, leaking or cracked insulators, and thin electrodes are all causes of pre-ignition. The plugs should therefore be examined, cleaned, and adjusted at the specified intervals and defective ones renewed.

Static ignition settings

It is of the utmost importance that the correct setting should always be maintained. It will be appreciated that any variation in the contact breaker gap will affect the ignition setting. After adjusting the contact breaker gap to the correct setting it is advisable to check the ignition timing, and to correct it if necessary.

An accurate check can be carried out by a very simple electrical method. To do this, connect a 12-volt lamp between the low-tension terminal on the side of the distributor and a good earth point on the engine.

With the ignition switched on and the sparking plugs removed, turn the crankshaft until the crankshaft pulley pointer is exactly at the correct number of degrees.

If the ignition timing is correct the lamp will light at exactly this point. Any discrepancy in the ignition setting can be rectified by turning the vernier adjusting nut on the distributor until the test lamp lights at exactly the correct setting. If pinking should occur due to the use of a fuel of a lower range than our recommendations, retarding the ignition 2 to 3° can be tolerated. Under no circumstances should the ignition be advanced beyond the correct setting.

Centre-lock wire wheel

This system must be properly treated in order to give 100 per cent service. Observation of the following hints will ensure complete satisfaction.

When wheels are replaced, remove any foreign matter that would prevent the wheel from properly seating and cover both conical surfaces and the serrations in the hub, also the coned surface and threads in the locknut, with a light coating of grease. Hammer tight and re-check after 50 miles (80 km.).

When a forced change is made on the road, remove and grease the hub as soon as convenient. Once a year remove the wheels for examination and regreasing.

Always hammer the locknuts tight. Lift the car on the jack before using the hammer. The locknuts are designed for self-locking, but they should not on that account be permitted to run untightened, because there is, in such case, a possibility of damaging the splines.

Engine				
Type		• •	• •	18G/18GA (3 main bearing), 18GB/18GD
Number of c	vlinde	TQ		18GF/18GG/18V (5 main bearing)
Bore	Jimac			3·16 in. (80·26 mm.)
Stroke	••			3·5 in. (89 mm.)
Capacity		• • •		1798 c.c. (109·8 cu. in.)
Firing order				1, 3, 4, 2
			 8GC	H.C. 8·8:1 (L.C. 8:1)
Compression	Tutto.	18V		H.C. 9·0 : 1 (L.C. 8·1)
Capacity o	of c	ombust		11.C. 90 . 1 (L.C. 8.2 . 1)
chamber (v				42.5 to 43.5 c.c. (2.59 to 2.65 cu. in.)
Valve operati				Overhead by push-rod
Safe maximu				6,000
Valve crash r				6,230
B.H.P.	·p			H.C. 95 (L.C. 91) at 5,400
DMED		• •		152 at 3,100
Torque (lb. f		• •		132 at 3,100
TT C	,			110 (15·2 kg. m.) at 3,000 r.p.m.
T C				105 (14·5 kg. m.) at 3,000 r.p.m.
Octane rating				Minimum requirements for knock-free opera-
		• •	• •	tion. H.C. 98+, L.C. 93+
Cooling syste	m	• •		Thermo-siphon, pump- and fan-assisted
Crankshaft				
Main journal	diam	eter		2·126 to 2·127 in. (54·01 to 54·02 mm.)
Minimum reg				2.086 in. (52.984 mm.)
Crankpin jou				1.8759 to 1.8764 in. (47.65 to 47.66 mm.)
Crankpin mi				(1. 62 to 1. 60 mm.)
diameter				1.8359 in. (46.64 mm.)
Main bearings				
Number and	type			18G/18GA—3 thinwall, 18GB/18GD/18GF/
Material				18GG/18V—5 thinwall
Bottom hal	F			Steel booked source to 1
Top half	-	• •	• •	Steel-backed copper-lead
Length	• •	••	• •	Steel-backed copper-lead
Front, cent	FO 55	d =		1 125 :- (20 575
Intermedia			1	1·125 in. (28·575 mm.)
End-clearance		GB on		·785 in. (22·23 mm.)
End-thrust		• •	• •	·002 to ·003 in. (·051 to ·076 mm.)
		••	• •	Taken by thrust washers at centre main bearing
Running clean	rance			·001 to ·0027 in. (·025 to ·0688 mm.)

Connecting rods 18G/18GA/18GB Angular—split big-end 18GD/18GF/18GG/18V Horizontal split big-end . . Bushed small end 18G/18GA/18GB ... Press fit small end 18GD/18GF/18GG/18V Length between centres 6.5 in, (165.1 mm.) Big-end bearings Material top half Steel-backed copper-lead Material bottom half Steel-backed copper-lead Bearing side-clearance ·008 to ·012 in. (·203 to ·305 mm.) Bearing diametrical clearance ·001 to ·0027 in. (·025 to ·0688 mm.) Gudgeon pin bore: 18GB/18GD/18GF/18GG/ 18V ·8126 to ·8129 in. (19·68 to 19·95 mm.) 18G/18GA ·7499 to ·7501 in. (19·04 to 19·05 mm.) . . **Pistons** Type ... Aluminium alloy Clearances: 18G/18GA: Bottom of skirt ·0018 to ·0024 in. (·045 to ·060 mm.) Top of skirt ·0036 to ·0048 in. (·091 to ·121 mm.) 18GB/18GD/18GF/ 18GG/18V: Bottom of skirt ·006 to ·0012 in. (·015 to ·030 mm.) Top of skirt ·0021 to ·0033 in, (·053 to ·084 mm.) . . Piston rings Compression: Plain Top ring (chrome-plated) Second and third rings Tapered . . Width ·0615 to ·0625 in. (1·56 to 1·58 mm.) Thickness ... ·137 in. (3·48 mm.) Fitted gap ·012 to ·017 in. (·304 to ·431 mm.) Clearance in groove ·0015 to ·0035 in. (·038 to ·089 mm.) Oil control ring Slotted scraper Width ·1552 to ·1562 in. (3·94 to 3·99 mm.) Thickness ... ·137 in. (3·48 mm.) Fitted gap ·012 to ·017 in. (·304 to ·431 mm.)

·0016 to ·0036 in. (·040 to ·091 mm.)

Clearance in groove

Guageon pin	
18G/18GA	
Type	Clamped
Fit (in piston)	
Diameter	·75 in. (19·05 mm.)
18GB/18GD/18GF	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Type	Fully floating
Fit (in piston)	·0001 in. to ·00035 in. (·0025 to ·007 mm.
Fit (in bush)	Hand push
18GD/18GG/18V	
Type	Press fit in connecting rod
Fit (in piston)	Hand push
Diameter	·8125 to ·8127 in. (20·63 to 20·64 mm.)
	(20 00 to 20 04 mm.)
Cylinder head	
Cylinder head depth	$3\frac{11}{64} + 015 \frac{\text{in.}}{-000} (80.6 + 000 \frac{\text{mm.}}{\text{mm.}})$
Thickness of cylinder head	ood min,
gasket ,.	·023 in. (·584 mm.) compressed
Capacity of cylinder head	
gasket	3-208 c.c.
Capacity of combustion	10 7/10 7
space: 18G/18GG	42.5/43.5 c.c. (valves fitted)
100	38·5/39·5 c.c.
Capacity of piston head below block face	HC 10.97 a.a. /I C 17.12
(including capacity of	H.C. 10.87 c.c. (L.C. 17.43 c.c.)
piston concavity)	H.C. 6.25 c.c. (L.C. 12.8 c.c.)
Capacity of plug centre hole	·2 c.c.
Inlet and exhaust manifold	2 0.0.
gasket	Part No. 1G 2417
Valve seat angle in cylinder	
head	45°
Valves and valve gear	
Seat angle	
Inlet and exhaust	45½° (seat angle in cylinder head 45°)
Head diameter	
Inlet:	
18G/18GA/18GB/18GG	1.562 to 1.567 in. (38.67 to 38.8 mm.)
187	1.625 to 1.630 in. (41.27 to 41.40 mm.)
Exhaust	1.343 to 1.348 in (34.11 to 34.22 mm)

Valves and val	-	r—conti	пиеа		
Inlet	.01			·3422 to ·3427 in. (8·6	92 to 8·709 mm.)
Exhaust	••	••		·34175 to ·34225 in. (8	8.680 to 8.693 mm.)
Valve lift (c	langan			54175 to 54225 iii. (0 000 10 0 0 0 0 111111,
in.)	··	ce set t		·3645 in. (9·26 mm.)	
Cam lift				·250 in. (6·35 mm.)	
		• •	• •	250 m. (0 55 mm.)	
Throat diam				1·3125 in. (33·33 mm.)
Inlet	• •	* *		1·156 in. (29·36 mm.)	
		• •	٠.	1.130 In. (29.30 IIIIII.)	
Valve stem t	0.00			·00155 to ·00255 in. (.0304 to .0648 mm)
Inlet	• •		• •	·00200 to ·00300 in. (
Exhaust	• •	**	• •	100200 to 100300 iii. (·051 to ·070 mm.)
Valve rocke		ance		045 1 (00) 1	1
Running Timing	••	• •	••	·015 in. (·38 mm.) col	a
Inlet ar	nd exh	aust		·021 in. (·53 mm.)	
Timing mar	kings			Dimples on timing w	heels
Chain pitch	and	number	of		
pitches				3 in. (9·52 mm.), 52 p	oitches
Inlet valve					
Opens				16° B.T.D.C.	
Closes				56° A.B.D.C.	
Exhaust val	ve				
Opens				51° B.B.D.C.	
Closes				21° A.T.D.C.	
0.000					
Valve guides					
Length				Early cars	Later cars
Inlet				15 in. (41·275 mm.)	$1\frac{7}{8}$ in. (47.63 mm.)
Exhaust				2辑 in. (56·96 mm.)	213 in. (56.96 mm.)
Diameter					
Inlet and	exhau	st			
Outside	e			·5635 to ·5640 in. (14	·3129 to 14·3256 mm.)
				·34425 to ·34475 in. ((8·74269 to 8·75665 mm.)
Fitted heigh	85.42	5.7		·625 in. (15·87 mm.)	
Fitted heigh					
Valve springs					
Free length					
Inner				$1\frac{31}{32}$ in. (50 mm.)	
Outer			• •	2 % in. (54·372 mm.)	

Valve springs—	continued		
Fitted length Inner			1 7/8 in. (36.51 mm.)
_		• •	1 % in. (39·69 mm.)
Number of w	orking coils	• •	1 18 111. (35 05 11111.)
			6 1
		• •	4½
Pressure			72
Valve open			Inner 50 lb. (22·7 kg.)
vario open	• • •		Outer 117 lb. (53.08 kg.)
Valve close	d		Inner 30 lb. (13·6 kg.)
74170 01030			Outer 72½ lb. (32·89 kg.)
T			
Tappets			Flat base. Barrel type
ever a series carea	••	• •	riat base. Barrer type
Diameter			13 in. (20·64 mm.)
10000000000000000000000000000000000000		• •	% in. (14·29 mm.)
Working fa Length		• •	2·293 to 2·303 in. (58·25 to 58·5 mm.)
Lengui	••	• •	2 293 to 2 303 m. (30 23 to 30 3 mm.)
Rockers			
Outside diam ting)	eter (before	e fit-	·751 in. (19·07 mm.)
Inside diame	ter (reamed	d in	
position)			·616 to ·620 in. (15·65 to 15·74 mm.)
Bore of rocke	er arms		·7485 to ·7495 in. (19·01 to 19·04 mm.)
Rocker ratio			1.426:1
Camshaft			
Journal diam	eters		
Front			1.78875 to 1.78925 in. (45.43 to 45.44 mm.)
Centre			1.72875 to 1.72925 in. (43.91 to 43.92 mm.)
Rear			1.62275 to 1.62325 in. (41.22 to 41.23 mm.)
End-float			·003 to ·007 in. (·076 to ·178 mm.)
Bearings-nu	mber and t	ype	3. Thinwall steel-backed copper-lead
Outside diam	eter (before	fittin	g)
Front			1.920 in. (48.76 mm.)
Centre			1·860 in. (47·24 mm.)
Rear			1·754 in. (44·55 mm.)
Inside diamet	er (reamed	in po	sition)
Front			
Centre			1-73025 to 1-73075 in. (43-948 to 43-961 mm.)
Rear			1.62425 to 1.62475 in. (41.256 to 41.269 mm.)
Diametrical c	elearance		·001 to ·002 in. (·0254 to ·0508 mm.)

Engine lubrication system		
Oil pump		
Type		Eccentric rotor
Relief pressure valve		
operates		70 lb./sq. in. (4-9 kg./cm. ³)
Relief valve spring		, 1, (,g,,)
Free length		3 in. (76·2 mm.)
Fitted length		2 ½ in. (54·77 mm.) at 16 lb. (7·26 kg.) load
Identification colour		Red spot
Oil filter		
Type		Tecalemit
Capacity		½ pint (·6 U.S. pint, ·28 litre)
Oil pressure		
Normal running		
Minimum		10 lb./sq. in. (·7 kg./cm.²)
Maximum		80 lb./sq. in. (5.6 kg./cm.2)
Torque wrench settings		
Cylinder head nuts		45-50 lb, ft. (6·2-6·9 kg. m.)
Main bearing nuts		70 lb. ft. (9·7 kg. m.)
Connecting rod set scre	ws	40-45 lb. ft. (5·5-6·2 kg. m.)
Clutch assembly to fly	wheel	25–30 lb. ft. (3·45–4·1 kg. m.)
Flywheel bolts		40 lb. ft. (5·5 kg. m.)
Gudgeon pin set screws		
Fuel system		
Carburetter		
Make and type		S.U. twin HS4 semi-downdraught
Diameter		1½ in. (38·1 mm.)
Needle		No. 5 (standard), No. 6 (rich), No. 21 (weak)
Jet		·090 in. (2·29 mm.)
Carburetter piston		Part No. AUC 2061
Piston spring		Red (Part No. AUC 4387)
18V: Make and type		S.U./HIF4 (twin)
Needle		AAU
Air cleaner		
Make and type		Coopers Mechanical Joints Ltd., Steel canis-
The second secon		ter, paper element (replaceable)
Fuel pump		
Make and type	٠,	S.U. electric, high-pressure
Delivery test		10 gal. per hr. (12 U.S. gal., 45.4 litres per hr.)
Suction lift		33 in. (83·8 cm.)
Output lift		48 in. (121·9 cm.)

Cooling system

Type Pressurized radiator, thermo-siphon, pumpand fan-assisted

Filler cap spring pressure . . 7 lb. (3.175 kg.)

Ignition system

Sparking plugs Champion N-9Y

Size 14 mm.

Plug gap024 to .026 in. (.61 to .66 mm.)

Coil Lucas HA12

Distributor Lucas, Type 25D4

Distributor contact points

gap014 to .016 in. (.35 to .40 mm.)

Suppressors type Lucas No. 78106A fitted on each H.T. cable

Timing H.C. 10° B.T.D.C. (L.C. 8° B.T.D.C.) (static)

Emission control units 18V 5° B.T.D.C. (static)

Clutch

Make and type Borg & Beck 8 in. (20-3 cm.) diaphragm

spring. Strap drive

Diameter 8 in. (20-3 cm.)

Facing material Wound yarn—Borglite

Damper springs 6

Colour Black/light green

Gearbox (Standard and Overdrive) 18G/18GA/18GB

Number of forward speeds.. 4

Synchromesh .. Second, third, and fourth gears

Overdrive802

Ratios

Reverse

Top 1.0000 : 1 Third 1.3736 : 1

Second 2·2143:1 First 3·6363:1

Overall ratios M.p.h. per 1,000 r.p.m.

4.7552:1

Overdrive ... 3.135:122.3 . . Top 3.909:117.9 . . 5.36 :1 Third 13.09 . . Second 8.11 8.65 : 1

. .

First 14·20 : 1 4·94
Reverse 18·60 : 1 3·77

Gearbox (Standard	and Overdrive)	18G/18GA/18	GB—continued
10.001			

Speedomet	er gear	s ratio	 9:28	(overdri	ve 5:16)
Optional a:	xle rati	os	Overa	ll ratios	M.p.h. per 1,000 r.p.m.
Overdriv	e		 3.649	:1	19-2
Top			 4.55	:1	15.4
Third		• •	 6.24	: 1	11.24
Second			 9.98	: 1	7.03
First			 16.54	: 1	4.24
Reverse			 21.63	: 1	3.24
Overdriv	e		 3.449	:1	20.3
Top			 4.3	: 1	16.3
Third			 5.9	:1	11.89
Second			 9.52	:1	7.37
First			 15.63	:1	4.4
Reverse			 20.44	:1	3.43
Overdriv	е		 3-288	:1	21.3
Top			 4-1	:1	17-1
Third			 5-63	: 1	12-44
Second			 9.07	: 1	7-73
First			 14.90	: 1	4.70
Reverse			 19.49	: 1	3-60

Gearbox (Standard and Overdrive) 18GD onwards

Number of forward	gears	 4	
Synchromesh		 All forward gea	rs

Synchromesh	 	All forward	gear
Gearbox ratios			

Reverse	 	 3.033 : 1
First	 	 3.44:1
Second	 	 2.167:1
Third	 	 1.382:1
Fourth	 	 1.000:1

Overdrive:

Type Laycock L.H.

Ratio82:1

Overall gear ratios

Reverse 12-098 : 1 First 13-45 : 1

 Second
 ..
 ..
 8·47:1
 Overdrive

 Third
 ..
 ..
 5·4:1
 ..
 ..
 4·43:1

 Fourth
 ..
 ..
 3·909:1
 ..
 ..
 3·2:1

Top gear speed per 1,000 r.p.m.

 Standard
 ..
 ..
 18 m.p.h. (29 km.p.h.)

 Overdrive
 ..
 ..
 22 m.p.h. (35 km.p.h.)

Speedometer gear ratio

Standard 10:26 Overdrive 8:21

Number of f		rd speed	ds	4	
Synchromesh					and fourth gears
Overdrive ra	tio	• •		⋅82	
Ratios					
Top				1.0 :1	
Third		• •		1.268 : 1	
Second				1.620 : 1	
First				2.450 : 1	
Reverse				4.7552:1	
Overall ratio	0.000				M.p.h. per 1,000 r.p.m
Overdrive				3.135:1	22.3
Top				3.909:1	17.9
Third				4.956:1	14.1
Second				6.332 : 1	11.0
First				9.577:1	7.3
Reverse				18.588:1	3.7
Speedometer	gear	s ratio		9:28 (Overdr	ive 5:16)
Optional axle	e rati	os		Overall ratios	M.p.h. per 1,000 r.p.m.
Overdrive				3.649:1	19.2
Top				4.55 : 1	15.4
Third				5.769:1	12.1
Second				7.371 : 1	9.5
Fi4	1000		**	11.147:1	6.3
D				21.635 : 1	3.2
Overdrive				3.449:1	20.3
Тор				4.30 : 1	16-3
Third	1505		• •	5.452:1	12.8
Second				6.966:1	10.0
First	• •	• •		10.535 : 1	6.6
D				20.447:1	3.4
Overdrive	• •	• •	• •	3.288:1	21.3
Top		* *	• •	4.10 : 1	
Third	• •	• •	• •	5.198:1	17.1
C 1	• •			6.642 : 1	13.4
T'	• •	• •	• •	10.045 : 1	10.5
D	* *		•	19.496 : 1	7.0
			• •	19.490 ; 1	3⋅6
teering				225 12 N W W	
	• •			Rack and pinion	on
Steering-whee		W 10		883550.982	
Turns—loc		lock		2.93	
Diameter				16½ in. (41·9 c	m.)
Camber angle	e			Front 1°	
Castor angle				7°	
King-pin incl	linati	on		8°	
Toe-in				16 to 32 in. (1.	
Track: Front		• •		Disc wheels 49 Wire wheels 49	94 in. (1·244 m.)
Rear			• •	Disc wheels 49 Wire wheels 49	4 in. (1·251 m.)

GENERAL DA	IA			
Front suspension		Tourer	GT	
Type		Independent coil		
Spring detail Coil diameter (mea Diameter of wire Free height	,,	3.238 in. (82.23 mm.) .498 in. (12.66 mm.) $9.9 \pm \frac{1}{10}$ in. (251 mm. ± 1.6 mm.)	·54 in. (14 mm.)	
Number of free co Static laden length		1,030 lb. (467·2 kg.)	of 1,193 lb. (541·5 kg.)	
Dampers (front) . Anti-roll bar (front)		Piston type ⁹ / ₁₆ in. (14·3 mm.) dia. standard	$\frac{5}{8}$ in. (15·9 mm.) dia. standard	
Rear suspension				
Experience Experience Participation Part		Semi-elliptic		
Type		Tourer (Early type)	Tourer (Later type)	
Number of leaves	• •	5 and bottom plate	6 and bottom plate	
Width of leaves .		1 ³ / ₄ in. (44·45 mm.)	1 ³ / ₄ in. (44·45 mm.)	
		$\frac{7}{32}$ in. (5.56 mm.)	3 at 7 in. (5.6 mm.),	
Gauge		32 III. (5 50 IIIII.)	3 at 3 in. (4.8 mm.)	
Working load (- [7 kg.])	-15 lb.	400 lb. (181·44 kg.) 450 lb. (204·12 kg.) <i>GT</i> 510 lb. (321·6 kg.)		
Dampers (rear) .		Piston type		
Propeller shaft				
-		Tubular flanged 1100	series	
Make and type of joint Propeller shaft length	ints	Hardy Spicer, needle	roller	
tween centres of jo	oints)	27 ⁵ in. (70·167 cm.) s ² 28 ³ in. (73·025 cm.) o	verdrive	
Overall length .		30 in. (76-2 cm.) stand 31½ in. (79-057 cm.) o		
Diameter		2 in. (50·8 mm.)		
Rear axle		Tourer (Early)	Tourer (Later) and GI	
Type		'B' type, three- quarter-floating	'Tubed' type, semi- floating	
Ratio		11110	11/42	
		11/43	11/43	
Alternatives .		9/41, 10/43, 10/41	9/38, 9/41	
Adjustment		Shims		

Electrical equipment 12-volt. Positive earth early cars; negative System earth from Car No. 151915 Charging system Compensated voltage control Battery Two 6-volt Lucas SG9E Starter motor Lucas 4-brush M418G Dynamo Lucas C40/1 Alternator Lucas type 16ACR Brakes Type ... Lockheed hydraulic (front and rear) Front Disc 103 in. dia. (27.3 cm.) . . Rear .. Drum 10 in. (25.4 cm.), single leading shoe Rear linings ... 10 in. $\times 1\frac{3}{4}$ in. (25.4 cm. $\times 44.45$ mm.) Lining dimensions 9.6 in. $\times 1\frac{3}{4}$ in. (24.38 cm. $\times 44.45$ mm.) Lining area Front pads 20 sq. in. (129.03 cm.2) total Rear 67.2 sq. in. (433.55 cm.2) Material Front **DON 55** Rear DON 24 Brake cylinder diameter Front 2½ in. (53.97 mm.) dia. Rear ·80 in. (20-32 mm.) dia. . . Wheels Type Tourer GTVentilated disc $4J \times 14$ in. $5J \times 14$ in. Wire (optional) $4\frac{1}{2}$ J × 14 in. and 60-spoke (Tourer and GT) Tyres Standard Tourer GTSize 155-14 (SP) 165-14 (SP) Pressures (set cold) Front 21 lb./sq. in. 21 lb./sq. in. (1.5 kg./cm.2) (1.5 kg./cm.2) Rear 24 lb./sq. in. 24 lb./sq. in. (1.7 kg./cm.2) (1.7 kg./cm.2) Sustained speeds in excess of 90 m.p.h. (145 km.p.h.): Front . . 27 lb./sq. in. 28 lb./sq. in. . . (1.9 kg./cm.2) (2.0 kg./cm.2) Rear 31 lb./sq. in. 31 lb./sq. in. (2.2 kg./cm.2) (2.2 kg./cm.2)

Note.—Rear tyre pressures may be increased by 2 lb./sq. in. (·14 kg./cm.²) with advantage when touring with a laden boot.

For competition work and use of racing tyres, advice may be obtained direct from Dunlop, Fort Dunlop, Erdington, Birmingham 24.

Capacities		Imp.	U.S.A.	Litres
Engine sump (incl. filter)		$7\frac{1}{2}$ pts.	9 pts.	4-28
Gearbox		$5\frac{1}{2}$ pts.	$6\frac{3}{4}$ pts.	3-12
Rear axle		2½ pts.	3½ pts.	1.56
Cooling system (with heat	ter)	10 pts.	12 pts.	5-67
Steering rack		∄ pt.	·39 pt.	·19
Fuel tank				
Early cars		10 gal.	12 gal.	45.4
Later cars		12 gal.	14 gal.	54.5
Brake system		1 pt.	1.2 pt.	·568
Oil cooler		₹ pt.	·9 pt.	.42

General dimensions

Wheelbase	 	91 in. (231·14 cm.)		
Over-all length	 	153 3 in. (389·13 cm.)		
Over-all width	 	59 15 in. (152.28 cm.)		
Over-all height	 	$49\frac{3}{8}$ in. (125.41 cm.)		
Ground clearance	 	5 in. (12·70 cm.)		
Weight:		Tourer	GT	
(Unladen)	 	1,920 lb. (871 kg.)	2,190 lb. (993 kg.)	
Turning circles	 	32 ft. (9·754 m.)		

Electrical system

After Car No. 151915, all cars were changed to NEGATIVE EARTH. When fitting polarity-conscious electrical equipment ensure that it is NEGATIVE EARTH.

TUNING

Stage 1 Road tune

An increase of some 4 b.h.p. may be achieved by the fitting of twin 45 mm. (1.75 in.) diameter S.U. carburetters to the standard engine.

The larger carburetters can be obtained under Part No. C-AUD 505 and all the necessary parts and instructions for fitting these are included in installation kit number STN 0041.

Ignition timing: 8° B.T.D.C.

Carburation: KP needles. Blue spring, .100 in. jets.

Pluspac 'B' Road tune—STN 0062

105 b.h.p. approximately at 5,500 r.p.m. can be achieved by fitting Pluspac 'B', STN 0062, which comprises the twin 45 mm (1.75 in) S.U. carburetters and fitting kit as used in the Stage 1 plus camshaft C-AEH 864.

The ignition timing should be set to 8° B.T.D.C. and TE needles AUD 1347 used in the carburetters with blue springs and flare pipes.

An indication of the improvement to be expected by the fitting of this Pluspac is shown in the following chart.

Pluspac 'R'

Acceleration through gears from rest

Km P H Standard

MPH

	141.1 .11.	11/11.1 .11.	Standara	i iuspac D
	0-50	0-80	8.2 seconds	7.4 seconds
	0-60	0-96	11.8 seconds	10.3 seconds
	0-70	0-113	15-9 seconds	14.4 seconds
	0–80	0-129	21-4 seconds	18.6 seconds
	Top gear ac	celeration		
	30-50	48-80	8.8 seconds	9.6 seconds
	50-70	80-113	10.5 seconds	8.9 seconds
	70-90	113-145	16·1 seconds	10·1 seconds
Maximum lap speed		lap speed	107·6 m.p.h.	112 m.p.h.
			(173.1 km.p.h.)	(190.2 km.p.h.)

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Pluspac 'S' Road tune (112 b.h.p. approx.) Compression ratio 9.7:1

A complete 'S' Pluspac may be obtained under part number C-AJJ 4106 which consists of the following parts:

C-AUD 505 Twin 45 mm, S.U. carburetters

STN 0041 Installation kit (includes inlet manifold)

C-AHT 100A Cylinder head (35 c.c.)

C-AEH 768 Head gasket C-AEH 864 Camshaft

C-37H 4208 N64Y sparking plugs

GEG 504 Sump gasket

12H 1319 Timing cover gasket

AEC 340 Lock-washer—timing chain adjuster 1G 1319 Lock washer—crankshaft pulley 2A 759 Lock washer—camshaft sprocket

Camshaft C-AEH 864 gives 6.35 mm. (0.252 in.) cam lift. Inlet opens 36° B.T.D.C., closes 52° A.B.D.C. Exhaust opens 56° B.B.D.C., closes 32° A.T.D.C. In assembly, check that the camshaft identification ring does not foul the connecting rod. Tappet settings 0.43 mm. (0.017 in.) hot.

The carburetters are fitted with 100 jets, SY needles and light blue springs. No air cleaners are arranged for the carburetters, but extension pipes C-AHT 392 to reduce the turbulence at the carburetter mouth are included in the

installation kit.

Important Note

The carburetter joints are made of neoprene and must not be overtightened. Some movement of the carburetters against the double coil spring washers must be possible at all times, this is why lock-nuts are provided. Overtightening will result in the joints being squeezed into the port causing considerable restriction and engine misfire.

Check the valves at full lift to ensure that the exhaust valves do not foul the top face of the cylinder block; if so, the block must be undercut to clear the valve head and give a minimum lift clearance of 1.59 mm. (.062 in.). Use a 48.9 mm. (1.53 in.) diameter flat cutter with a 1.59 mm. (.062 in.) radius at the corner of the cutter.

Performance Figures	(Courtesy of	of 'Moto	r')	Pluspac 'S'	Standard
Max. lap speed				 112.6 m.p.h.	107.6 m.p.h.
Flying 4 mile					105·0 m.p.h.
Acceleration through	n gears from	rest:			
0-50 m.p.h. 0-80				7.0 secs.	8.2 secs.
0-60 m.p.h. 0-96	km.p.h.			 9.9 secs.	11.8 secs.
0-70 m.p.h. 0-113	km.p.h.			 13.5 secs.	15-9 secs.
0-80 m.p.h. 0-129	km.p.h.			 17.8 secs.	21-4 secs.
0-90 m.p.h. 0-145	km.p.h.			 24·1 secs.	30·2 secs.
0–100 m.p.h. 0–161	km.p.h.			 34.2 secs.	46.3 secs.
Top gear acceleration	n:				
30-50 m.p.h. 48-80	km.p.h.			 10.3 secs.	8.8 secs.
50-70 m.p.h. 80-11	3 km.p.h.			 9.2 secs.	10.5 secs.
70-90 m.p.h. 113-14	15 km.p.h.			 12.0 secs.	16·1 secs.
Touring fuel consum	ption			 30.8 m.p.g.	33·0 m.p.g.
20	*				F-0

Stage 4 Road (18GB engines onwards) Competition tune Compression ratio 11·1:1

Fit cylinder head assembly C-AHT 100A.

Standard valves and guides may be used successfully, but for consistent performance fit bronze Hidural inlet and exhaust valve guides and high-duty $1 \frac{\alpha}{10}$ in. dia, inlet and $1 \frac{11}{112}$ in. dia, exhaust valves in Nimonic material. The valve guides are already fitted to polished head C-AHT 100A.

Use valve springs—outer C-AHH 7264 and inner C-AHH 7265, also the special valve cotter (pairs) C-AEH 761, the valve spring top cup C-AEH 760, and the bottom cup C-AEH 801.

Do not fit the metal oil shroud or the valve stem rubber oil seal that is used on the standard engine.

The valve springs put a heavy load on the rocker shaft, especially at the ends where it is overhung, and, although it is not essential, it is desirable to fit the special front and rear rocker shaft brackets which support the end rockers from both sides Part Nos. C-AEH 762 and C-AEH 763. Do not refit the springs which hold the rockers apart, but in place of these fit the tubular steel distance pieces C-AEH 764 (1 off) and C-AEH 765 (2 off), leaving an end-float of ·076 to ·127 mm. (·003 to ·005 in.). Standard rocker shaft, valve rockers, and the two centre rocker shaft brackets are used.

The standard tappet adjusting screws may be used, but if the possibility of fracture is to be eliminated, then fit the special screws C-AEH 766 which are solid and have no holes drilled in them: the oiling of the ball will be satisfactory without these holes.

Use the special camshaft C-AEH 864 with a tappet setting of \cdot 457 mm. (\cdot 017 in.) hot.

Fit nitrided crankshaft C-AEH 822 (5 bearing) with main bearing set 18G 8022 and big-end bearing set C-18G 8022.

In order to transmit the increased b.h.p. it is advisable to fit the uprated driven plate C-AHT 345 and competition pressure plate assembly C-BHA 4873. For racing use driven plate C-AHT 409.

For high engine r.p.m. the complete rotating assembly should be dynamically balanced; this includes flywheel, pressure plate, front pulley and crankshaft.

For improved exhaust efficiency fit the extractor exhaust manifold C-AHH 7103.

For durability, when using the special camshaft, it is a benefit to use the steel timing chain sprockets 12H 244 and C-AEH 771. On late engines use Duplex timing chain kit C-AJJ 4123.

In the centre of the cylinder head face two large core holes will be found; thread these and fit water-tight aluminium plugs, which should be faced off carefully to the head face. This will prevent water loss if the cylinder head lifts under arduous conditions. Use the special cylinder head gasket C-AEH 768.

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Stage 4-continued

Thread and plug the one small hole in the centre of the cylinder block face that is opposite to the cylinder head aluminium plug.

To increase water flow through the head drill out to 14·29 mm. (·562 in.) dia. the two water holes at the rear end of the cylinder block face.

Fit high-compression flat top competition pistons C-AEH 853. These will fit the standard connecting rods.

To increase the oil pressure fit a packing piece in the end of the oil release valve cap behind the release valve spring; this should be 5.08 mm. (.200 in.) thick by 12.3 mm. (.484 in.) dia. or two packings 2.54 mm. (.100 in.) thick (Part No. AEH 798). 18GB units already have one 2.54 mm. (.100 in.) packing fitted. See page 40 for further details on oil filter head modifications.

Fit the large 45 mm. (1.75 in.) S.U. carburetters as in Stage 3.

Spark plugs for road and competition work should be Champion N-64Y.

Use 100 minimum octane fuel, ignition timing set at 5° to 8° B.T.D.C.

The engine should develop approximately the following brake-horse-power:

R.P.M.	B.H.P.	R.P.M.	B.H.P.
3,000	62	5,500	120
4,000	89	6,000	121
5,000	111	6,500	119

Stage 5 Competition tune

Compression ratio 11.6 to 11.8:1

Prepare your engine as Stage 4, but in place of the S.U. 45 mm. (1·75 in.) carburetters, fit a 45 DCOE 13 Weber twin-choke carburetter C-AEH 785. An installation kit C-AJJ 3312 is available containing the manifold and all necessary parts to fit this carburetter. See page 30 for particulars of settings. The improvement to be gained by fitting the Weber carburetter, is marginal with some slight loss at the lower r.p.m.

The carburetter is mounted on synthetic rubber 'O' ring gaskets using doublecoil spring washers to prevent vibration of the carburetter mechanism and disturbance of the fuel-to-air ratio. Each fixing nut should be drilled and wired in pairs to prevent them coming slack. Tighten the nuts up fairly firmly, but by gripping the carburetter some slight free movement should be felt.

The steady rod to the rear plate should be adjusted to the free position so that the bolts go easily through the fork ends and brackets.

Tighten bolts solid and lock up fork locknuts.

Fit camshaft C-AEH 770 with a tappet setting of \cdot 475 mm. (\cdot 018 in.) hot. This camshaft has a lift of $8\cdot0$ mm. (\cdot 315 in.) and a valve lift of $11\cdot5$ mm. (\cdot 452 in.). The inlet period is 300° and the exhaust 300°.

Timing: Inlet opens 50° B.T.D.C., inlet closes 70° A.B.D.C.

Exhaust opens 75° B.B.D.C., exhaust closes 45° A.T.D.C.

The high lift camshaft can be used with the standard push-rods and tappets satisfactorily, but cover for travel of the cam is only barely sufficient over the base of the standard tappet.

This can be overcome by boring the tappet holes in the cylinder block to a diameter of $23\cdot81~^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$ mm. ($\cdot9375~^{+0.005}_{-0.002}$ in.) for a length of $79\cdot38$ mm. ($3\frac{1}{8}$ in.) from the centre line of the camshaft and fitting larger tappets of 24 mm. ($\frac{19}{16}$ in.) diameter, Part No. 12B 1363. This will necessitate the use of push-rod Part No. 12B 1364.

For maximum power, bore the engine +2.00 mm. (.080 in.) which gives a total capacity of 1892 c.c. Part No. of pistons C-AJJ 3375 with circlips or C-AHT 386 with press fit gudgeon pin.

Cylinder head C-AHT 552 is also advised for maximum power. The cylinder head has a volume of 39 c.c. and is fitted with large valves, inlet 42.8 mm. (1.69 in.), exhaust 36.5 mm. (1.44 in.). Both valves are of Nimonic material.

Use competition distributor Part No. C-BHA 4415.

Ignition timing should be set at 5° to 8° B.T.D.C. static or 14° B.T.D.C. stroboscopic at 1,000 r.p.m.

For bench testing use Champion N-57R plugs, but on the race circuit you may be able to use softer plugs. If the circuit is short you may find N3 in cylinders 1 and 4, and N-62R in cylinders 2 and 3 will be suitable.

If the circuit is long you may require N-62R in cylinders 1 and 4 and N-57R in cylinders 2 and 3. The centre cylinders are inclined to run hotter due to the proximity of the two exhaust valves.

For rallying use N64Y sparking plugs.

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Stage 6 Competition tune

Compression ratio 11.6 to 11.8:1

Tune as for Stage 5, but fit twin 51 mm. (2 in.) HS8 S.U. carburetters.

The larger carburetters C-AUD 279 should be fitted to a large bore inlet manifold which is contained in the installation kit C-AJJ 3374. Also fit flare pipes C-AHT 440.

Recommended needles: UDE standard, UVD weak, UVP rich.

Use Champion spark plugs as listed for Stage 4.

	B.H.P. taken at Gearbox Tail Flange						
R.P.M.	Stage 5 with Weber Carburetter	Stage 5 with Weber 38 choke 175 main 160 air corrected	Stage 6 with 2 in. S.U. Carb (Two)				
3,000	65	64					
3,500	82	81	85				
4,000	96	95	100				
4,500	109	108	112				
5,000	120	120	123				
5,500	128	127.5	132				
6,000	130	131	139				
6,500	127	128	137				

Stage 7 Competition tune Compression ratio 11.6 to 11.8:1

Tune as for Stage 6.

Camshaft C-AEH 862 and C-AEH 863 having even wider overlap are available, but will only be suitable for sprint-type events where maximum power is required at fairly high revolutions. Pick-up and low speed torque will be poor using these camshafts, and wear on the clutch will consequently be very severe.

Timing:

		C-AEH 862	C-AEH 863
Inlet opens B.T.D.C	 	 60°	60°
Inlet closes A.B.D.C	 	 80°	80°
Exhaust opens B.B.D.C.	 	 75°	85°
Exhaust closes A.T.D.C.	 	 45°	55°

Brakes

After many consecutive applications of the brakes during competition driving some brake fade may be experienced with the standard linings. Competition front disc pads and rear brake-shoe linings or lined shoes are available (see list). The rear linings are made to a thickness suitable for grinding to radius after fitment. The front pads are of a suitable heavy-duty material. With fair competition driving these linings will be free from fade, but will give a harder pedal effort on application.

When the lining friction value is altered from that of the standard car it may be found that changing the rear wheel cylinders to ones of smaller size (15·87 mm. (.625 in.) dia.) will improve the front to rear brake ratio.

As these wheel cylinders have a dowel on the fitting face, it will be necessary to drill a hole in the back plate to match this dowel.

Braze a steel plug in the existing hole and face off level with the plate before drilling the new hole. The size of the hole is 4·32 to 4·45 mm. (·170 to ·175 in.) dia. and drilled 14·68 mm. (·578 in.) above the centre of the cylinder mounting hole and 8·89 mm. (·350 in.) offset from the radial centre-line of the cylinder mounting hole.

When using your car on a racing circuit always remove the dust shields from the front disc brakes. This will enable the discs and brakes to run at a lower temperature and will decrease the possibility of brake fade.

Balancing of road wheel and tyre assemblies

To obtain the smoothest steering, free from all steering-wheel kick, and to eliminate any tendency to front-wheel patter, especially at speeds around 70 m.p.h. (113 km.p.h.) and over, it will be found beneficial to have the front road wheel and tyre assemblies statically and dynamically balanced. This usually results in balance weights being fitted on both sides of the rims, but this dynamic balancing is well worth while. Balance may require re-checking every few thousand miles if the car suffers brake locking, etc., as this may again put the tyres out of balance enough for the effect to be felt.

It is advisable to keep front tyres in good condition and free from uneven tread wear. This can sometimes be done by changing tyres from front to rear before uneven wear develops. Pick the best tyres for use at the front (or those that have even tread wear and run true) before they are dynamically balanced. Balancing a tyre which has flats or uneven wear is not usually very successful. In some cases the tread can be buffed true, but this is not an economic way of using rubber.

Valves and guides

The standard valves are of high quality, but special valves are available in Nimonic alloy—inlet C-AEH 757 and exhaust C-AEH 758. These must be used in conjunction with special spring collars C-AEH 760, also special cotters C-AEH 761 to suit the half-round groove in the valve stem. If triple valve springs are used, top collar C-AHH 7313 must be used. These valves should be used in conjunction with bronze Hidural guides for both the inlet and exhaust

valves, inlet C-AEH 755 and exhaust C-AEH 756. The inlet guide is 27 mm. (·062 in.) long and the exhaust 33·4 mm. (·312 in.) long. They should be pressed into the head so that they are left standing out between 19·4 and 19·8 mm. (0·765 and 0·781 in.). Polished cylinder head C-AHT 100A is supplied with standard valves but Hidural bronze guides.

Cylinder head gasket

When the compression is raised it is necessary to use a reinforced competition cylinder head gasket C-AEH 768 constructed from ·229 mm. (·009 in.) copper and steel with internal reinforcements. As the cylinder block and head faces may suffer some distortion in the early life of the engine it is advisable to check these faces for flatness before fitting the new gasket. If the faces are distorted they should be finely surface ground, and a certain amount of careful lapping or flat scraping is worth while. Do not lap excessively as this will only produce an uneven surface. Check them finally together with marking.

Before replacing the cylinder head studs slightly countersink (not too heavily) the tops of the threaded holes in the cylinder block. This will enable the head to pull down around the studs and seal more efficiently.

To maintain the clamping pressure of the cylinder head onto the gasket it is advantageous to remove the flat washers under the 11 cylinder head nuts and replace these with special disc washer set C-AHT 288.

Valve springs

The valve bounce r.p.m. on the standard engine is 6,230 r.p.m. and the valve springs, operating mechanism, and drive are safely stressed to maintain this.

If for competition purposes it is desired to raise the valve bounce period, the appropriate springs may be selected from the following table:

			Total		Valve bou	Valve bounce r.p.m.		
Part No. outer springs	lb.	Part No. inner springs	16.	lb. ful! lift	Standard camshaft	Comp. camshafi		
1H 1111*	117	1H 723*	50	167	6,230	6,500		
1H 1111	117	C-1H 1112	57	174	6,360	6,600		
C-AHH 7264	140	1H 723	50	190	6,480	6,700		
C-AHH 7264	140	C-1H 1112	57	197	6,600	6,750		
C-AHH 7264	140	C-AHH 7265	70	210	6,680	6,800		

^{*} Standard engine.

It is advised that these springs be used only for competition as if used under everyday conditions the cams and followers will have a shorter service life. The springs will not necessarily give an increase in brake-horse-power, but will extend the same horse-power up to valve bounce. This is sometimes useful in enabling a lower gear to be retained, still maintaining the same maximum speed, with increased power for acceleration.

Rear axle ratios

With several axle ratios available, and the standard and close-ratio gears it is possible to obtain a combination suitable for most competition purposes. Ensure special equipment is available when dismantling 'Tubed' axles, and follow instructions in the Workshop Manual. The 'Tubed' axle, originally fitted only to the GT, was fitted to the Tourer from Car No. 132923 (wire wheels) and 132916 (disc wheels).

When changing the crown wheel and pinion, it should be noted that there are 18 different sizes of distance collar (2 off required) and eight pinion thrust washers (1 off required) which are selective.

ALTERNATIVE GEARBOX RATIOS

There are no special gears available for 18G, 18GA and 18GB engines fitted with three-speed synchromesh gearboxes. The ratios of the all-synchromesh-type gearbox, as fitted to the 18GD engines onwards, are closer than those of the earlier type. The straight-cut gear set Part No. C-AJJ 4034 are standard all-synchromesh ratios, but they are much stronger and are recommended for competition applications. It is possible to obtain close gearbox ratios by the fitment of the MGB GT V8 gears to any of the all-synchromesh-type gearboxes. They are not suitable for the early type gearboxes.

		Three-speed synchromesh ratios	All-synchromesh and gear set C–AJJ 4034 ratios	MGB GT V8 ratios
First	 	3.64:1	3.44 : 1	3.036:1
Second	 	2.21:1	2.167:1	1.973:1
Third	 	1.37:1	1.382 : 1	1.258:1
Top	 	1.00:1	1.00 : 1	1.000:1
Reverse	 	4.76:1	3.095:1	2.819:1

Final drive ratios

MGB Tourers up to Chassis No. G-HN3-132923 were fitted with a banjo type axle. Alternative ratios for this type of axle are:

Ratio	No. of teeth	CW & P Part No.
4.55 : 1	9/41	88G 284
4.3 : 1	10/43	88G 283
3,909:1	11/43	BTB 653 (Standard ratio)

Late MGB Tourers and all GT models are fitted with tubed axles. Differential cage BTB 840 has to be fitted with the alternative ratios as listed below:

Ratio	No. of teeth	CW & Part No.	Differential cage
3.07 : 1	14/43	BTB 900	BTB 840
3.307:1	13/43	BTB 841	BTB 840
3.907:1	11/43	BTB 856	BTB 866 (Stan-
			dard ratio)

NOTE: The 3-071: 1 ratio was fitted together with differential cage BTB 840 standard on the MGC and is now fitted to the MGB GT V8.

Fuel pump

Check the fuel flow of your petrol pump by removing the two float-chamber tops complete with the fuel lines. Unclip the main fuel line and reassemble it alongside the car so that the two float-chamber tops (complete with needles and levers) can be held over a 2-gal. (2·4 U.S. gal., 9·1-litre), or larger can. Switch on the pump and check the time for 1 gal. (9·6 U.S. pints, 4·55 litres) to flow. The standard engine uses a maximum of approx. 7·2 gal. (8·6 U.S. gal., 32·76 litres) an hour, and the engine tuned to Stage 6 uses approximately 9 gal. (10·8 U.S. gal., 40·95 litres) an hour. A good pump may flow at 13 gal. (15·6 U.S. gal., 59·15 litres) an hour, but a pump needing attention may only flow at 6 gal. (7·2 U.S. gal., 27·3 litres) an hour.

If a pump is required which will give a flow with a wide safety margin S.U. fuel pump (Part No. AUA 173) is available. The mounting bracket will need slight alteration to mount this pump and the fuel lines reset to suit. Alternatively two standard fuel pumps could be used.

Clutch

With increased power output a competition clutch cover assembly C-BHA 4873 having more torque capacity, etc., may be required. It is desirable to ventilate the clutch pit for competition purposes. This may be done by removing the drain split pin in the base of the bell housing and drilling the hole out to 15·9 mm. (·625 in.) dia. Discard the rubber bellows from the clutch operating lever. Drill a hole 31·7 mm. (1·25 in.) dia. at the top centre of the bell housing 76·2 mm. (3 in.) down from the bolting flange and make up and fit a 22 S.W.G. sheet-metal square box cover over this hole 50·8 mm. \times 50·8 mm. \times 15·9 mm. (2 in. \times 2 in. \times ·625 in.) deep with an open end 15·9 mm. \times 50·8 mm. (·640 in. \times 2 in.) towards the clutch lever side of the gearbox and the top, bottom, and other end closed in. A flange 9·5 mm. (·375 in.) wide can be made top and bottom to fix the cover to the bell housing with four 3·2 mm. (·125 in.) dia. rivets. A driven plate with riveted and bonded linings should be used. Race plate C-AHT 409. Road/Rally plate C-AHT 345.

Crankshaft bearings

The standard main and big-end bearings have suitable close clearances for the quietness of the running of the standard engine. When using the engine for racing purposes, especially above 6,000 r.p.m., it is desirable to use both main and big-end bearings with increased initial clearances. The increased clearance bearings of the lead-indium type are:

18G/18GA

Main bearings (set of six halves), C-8G 8843 (bearing stamped V.P. 4769), and big-end bearings (set of eight halves), 8G 2259.

18GB onwards

For standard crankshaft, use C-8G 8843, plus C-18G 8021 (intermediate main bearings), and big-end bearings C-18G 8022. For competition hardened crankshaft C-AEH 822 use **only** main bearing set C-18G 8103, which have additional grooves.

Aerodynamic Pacs

Research on the air dam and spoiler shape was carried out in the M.I.R.A. full-size wind tunnel and it was found the drag was reduced, also the upward force decreased which gives a slight saving in fuel, greater stability and improved performance.

The front air dam STR 0189 which fits under the bumper, after removal of the front body apron, of both current and early cars is available separately. It divides the oncoming air and smooths it along the body shape and enhances the car's appearance. An illustration of this is shown on the front cover.

Rear spoiler STR 0190 is mounted on the rear door below the window and is designed to give greater downward thrust at speed and improve stability.

Oil cooler

An aluminium-alloy oil cooler for road use is supplied together with high-duty flexible hoses and fittings, for mounting behind the radiator grille in Pac STN 0035.

A larger oil cooler, C-ARO 9875, is essential for competition use.

An oil cooler cover, C-AHT 181, is also available to save disconnecting the oil cooler in winter. The cover will clip onto any size oil cooler.

Weber carburetter 45 DCOE (Part No. C-AEH 785)

This will require a special inlet manifold and parts as contained in installation kit C-AJJ 3312.

The carburetter is mounted on synthetic rubber 'O' ring gaskets to prevent vibration of the carburetter mechanism and disturbance of the fuel-to-air ratio.

Under each carburetter fixing nut a double-coil spring washer should be fitted; each fixing nut should be drilled and wired in pairs to prevent them coming slack. Tighten the nuts up fairly firmly, but by gripping the carburetter some slight free movement should be felt.

The steady rod is fitted from the inlet manifold to the rear plate, adjust the rod at both ends so that the bolts go easily through the forks and brackets. Tighten the bolts solid and lock up the fork locknuts.

The settings supplied in the carburetters should be as below:

 Auxiliary venturi
 ...
 5.000 mm.

 Chokes
 ...
 ...
 40 mm.

 Main jet
 ...
 1.85 mm.

 Air correction jet
 ...
 1.60 mm.

 Emulsion tubes
 ...
 F16

 Idling jets
 ...
 ...
 60/F8

 Pump jets
 ...
 ...
 ...

Needle valve 2.25 mm. must be spring-loaded type. Level between the float and cover gasket to be 5 mm.

When checking the level between the float and the cover gasket it is essential that the float is allowed to hang vertically so the 5 mm. is measured before the spring in the needle valve is compressed. If the lid is held horizontal, a false setting will result.

The pump inlet valve should have a hole of 2.00 mm. in the top and an exhaust hole in the side of 1.00 mm. dia. The accelerator pump operating rod should measure 6.35 cm. (2.5 in.) total length end to end. These settings should be found correct for Stage 5, but non-approved manifolds may upset carburation.

For endurance running in long-distance races a richer 175 main is beneficial.

The spring-loaded needle valve prevents mixture variation due to vibration.

If the pick-up condition can be tolerated, the power can be slightly increased at the top end by fitting 38 or 40 mm. chokes and 175 main jets with a 160 air jet; again for long distance a 180 or 185 main used with a 160 air jet will maintain performance, but note that it slightly decreases the power at the lower range.

It is sometimes found that to use a 3.5 auxiliary venturi in place of the 5.00 will give improved pick-up conditions, but this is a matter of trial under the local conditions. When fitting the special operating cable for the accelerator, it will be necessary to remove the cable reaction pillar above the pedal, and to slot this approximately 1.9 mm. (.075 in.) wide from end to end, on one side to enable the inner cable to be assembled.

SUSPENSION TUNING

Modifications to the suspension will normally affect the handling characteristics of the car and give either more 'oversteer' or 'understeer'.

These terms are recognizable as follows:

Understeer—The vehicle will tend to go straight on when the front wheels are turned on lock; i.e. the slip angle of the front tyres is greater than that of the rear.

Oversteer—The vehicle will tend to rotate when the front wheels are turned on lock; i.e. the slip angle of the rear tyres is greater than that of the front.

Factors tending towards understeer:

- 1. Stiffer front springs.
- 2. Fitting a front anti-roll bar, or increasing the diameter of bar.
- 3. Lower front suspension (premature contact of front bump stops).
- 4. Increasing rear tyre pressure above recommended figures.
- Decreasing front tyre pressures. MUST EQUAL AT LEAST recommended figures.

Factors tending towards oversteer:

- 1. Stiffer rear springs.
- 2. Reducing size of front anti-roll bar, or fitting one to rear if available.
- 3. Raising front suspension (or renewing front springs if weakened).
- 4. Increasing front tyre pressure above recommended figures.
- Decreasing rear tyre pressures. MUST EQUAL AT LEAST recommended figures.
- 6. Lowering rear suspension (premature contact of rear bump stops).

Road springs

Two main factors should be considered when selecting road springs for suspension tuning: (i) the stiffness of the spring, and (ii) the working load of the spring.

- (i) The stiffness of the spring is expressed in lb. per inch (or kg. per cm.) which means that one inch of deflection will return a load equal to the rate. Note that this rate is effective at the wheel in the case of rear non-independent axles, but is a function of the independent suspension geometry in the case of the front spring.
- (ii) The working load of the spring is determined by the type of use to which the car will be put. A rally car carrying extra fuel and tyres over rough country will require a spring with a high load capacity. For short-circuit racing a lowload capacity spring will be required.

It should be noted that springs which have lost their load capacity due to 'settling', can produce the result of a lowered car. This is particularly noticeable in the case of rear springs where premature contact between the rear axle and the bump stops will produce oversteer tendencies.

Road springs

Part No.	Туре	Rate (lb./in.)	Working load (lb.)	Deflection at working load (in.)	Fitted height (in.)
AHH 6451	Coil	348	1030	2.965	7.0
BHH 1225	Coil	372	1026	2.76	7-44
BHH 5789	Coil	480	1193	2.49	6.6
BHH 1007	Coil	480	1190	2.48	6.84
C-AHT 21	Coil	480	1193	2.49	6.14
AHH 7080	Leaf	93	450 (flat)	4.97	
AHH 6453	Leaf	99	400 (flat)	4.04	
C-AHH 8343	Leaf	100	375 (flat)	3.75	
BHH 1767	Leaf	110	496	4-48	
AHC 31	Leaf	99	510 (flat)	3.20	
BHH 1771	Leaf	110	498	4.53	
AHH 7346	Leaf	124	542 (flat)	4.37	
C-AHT 20	Leaf	124	542 1" neg.	3.37	

For standard application refer to P.C.M.I. reader.

Anti-roll bars

§14.3 mm. (% in.) AHH 7329 (2 off bearing AHH 6541 also required).

†15.9 mm. (5 in.) C-AHH 7593 (includes bearings).

18 mm. (3/4 in.) C-AHH 7924 (includes bearings and locators).

Installation kit C-AJJ 3306 is required if the car has not previously been fitted with an anti-roll bar, and can be used with any of the above anti-roll bars.

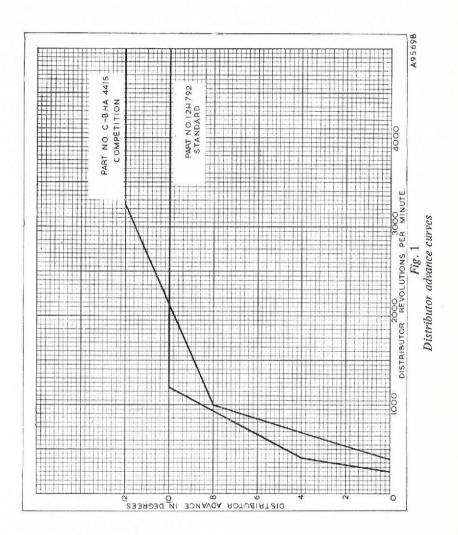
† Fitted to 'MGB' GT and 'MGB' GT V8.

§ Fitted to all 'MGB' Tourers from Car No. 108039.

Shock absorbers

For competition work it may be desired to fit shock absorbers with a stiffer setting as follows:

New shock absorbers can be changed from standard to stiff setting by fitting valve assembly—front C-AHH 7217, 2 off and valve assembly—rear C-AHH 7218, 2 off. This is not advisable if any wear has taken place.



Distributor

The special distributor used in Stage 4 has a 32 oz. spring, no vacuum advance and an advance curve as illustrated in Fig. 1. The Part No. is C-BHA 4415.

Tyres and tyre pressure

All testing at the works is carried out on Dunlop tyres and consequently no information is available on the effect of fitting other makes of tyre. Any queries of this nature should be directed to the tyre manufacturer concerned.

Advice on the use of Dunlop racing tyres and recommended pressure for competition use may be obtained from the Competition Department, Dunlop Ltd., Fort Dunlop, Erdington, Birmingham 24, England.

Sparking plugs

The standard plug was Champion N5, but is now N-9Y. For competition purposes N-64Y is recommended, or if a colder grade of plug is required use N-62R, or colder N-57R.

Dynamo

For long-distance races it is preferable to run the dynamo or alternator at a slower speed by the fitting of a large pulley C-AEA 535 and suitable drive belt.

Exhaust system

The twin exhaust manifold down pipes and twin silencers are very efficient but for competition purposes a lightweight steel tube free-flow manifold is available, Part No. C-AHH 7103, also the centre silencer can be removed and replaced by a section of plain pipe 51 mm. (2 in.) outside diameter and approximately 1·2 mm. (·048 in.) thick. The tail pipe and rear silencer should be retained.

The noise level will, of course, be increased, therefore any regulations in force should be considered.

Fly-off hand brake

To conv	ert you	ır hand	-brake to	o the	fly-off t	ype, th	e follo	wing :	are required:
Pawl									C-AHH 7223
Operation	ng rod-	-early	cars						C-AHH 7222
		from	Car No.	11559	96 and				
		all GI	HN/D-4	cars					C-AHC 551

Headlamp cowls (Sebring)

If regulations permit, Perspex headlamp cowls can be fitted. The necessary parts and instructions are contained in kit C-AJJ 3307. These prevent stone damage to the light units, as well as improving air flow in this area.

Crankshaft

The standard crankshaft is quite satisfactory up to Pluspac 'S' tune, but with continued high duty in due course will show some wear, and may need renewing at intervals. For all competition stages of tune, a nitrided heavy-duty crankshaft C-AEH 822 must be used which should be balanced with the other rotating parts.

Timing chain sprockets

With high r.p.m. and the use of high-lift camshafts the sprockets have to withstand a much heavier duty. The standard sprockets are cast iron, but steel sprockets for both crankshaft and camshaft are listed on page 43.

Note-Mini-Cooper 'S' camshaft sprockets do not give correct valve timing.

Engine oil sump

Especially in long-distance racing, the oil level may drop to a position where oil surge on violent cornering and braking may cause a temporary but complete loss of oil pressure. This could be seriously detrimental to the engine and may result in bearing failure. It is advisable to increase the oil capacity above the oil pump inlet and to fit a baffle in the oil sump to prevent the oil surging away from the pump inlet. This can be done by fitting the deep sump C-AHT 832 18GB and later engines only.

Fit the correct packing piece C-AEH 847 between the pump strainer and pump extension, using an extra gasket and longer bolts. This will lower the oil pick-up to the correct position.

Weld an extension piece onto the end of your oil dipstick so that the original oil level is maintained, or use the stick as it is, and make a new maximum high-level mark 25.4 or 31.8 mm. (1 or $1\frac{1}{4}$ in.) above the existing one.

For short circuits, where oil levels may not drop, the standard depth of sump should be found satisfactory, but the surge baffle should be made up and fitted as illustrated.

Gearbox dipstick and oil seal

To ensure that no oil leaks occur from the gearbox during the arduous conditions of competition work you can fit a gearbox dipstick (Part No. AEC 3683) which is retained by rubber sealing rings.

The dipstick will need alteration by cutting off 61.9 mm. (2 \(\frac{7}{16} \) in.) and remarking 'HIGH' and 'LOW' levels (as old dipstick); this will then make it suitable for the 'MGB' gearbox.

Also ascertain if the front gearbox cover is fitted with a high-duty mainshaft oil seal 22H 475; at the same time check the front gearbox cover in which the seal is mounted for perfect flatness and refit with jointing compound. This will ensure that no gearbox oil will get through onto the clutch facings.

Water thermostat and fan

For sustained maximum power and speed, such as in road-racing conditions, it is advantageous to remove the thermostat. This will ensure the maximum water flow only if thermostat blanking sleeve kit C-AJJ 4012 is fitted.

The fan should also be removed and the bolts refitted with flat washers.

Oil pump (Standard)

The oil pressure may be increased by packing the oil relief valve spring; this is done by fitting a circular steel packing of $12\cdot3$ mm. ($\frac{31}{4}$ in.) dia. in the end of the release valve cap and behind the relief valve spring. These packings may be of $2\cdot54$, $5\cdot08$, $7\cdot62$, or $10\cdot16$ mm. ($\cdot100$, $\cdot200$, $\cdot300$, or $\cdot400$ in.) thick, or multiples of the $\cdot100$ in. ($2\cdot54$ mm.) packing can be used.

Under the cap two fibre gaskets are fitted; one of these can be removed, or, better, both removed and replaced with one copper gasket (Part No. 6K 431).

Between 70 and 80 lb./sq. in. (4·92 and 5·62 kg./cm.²) and up to 100 lb./sq. in. (7·03 kg./cm.²) is a good pressure and dropping to 30/40 lb./sq. in. (2·11/2·81 kg./cm.²) is satisfactory.

Sometimes the oil pressure increases up to, say, 5,500 r.p.m. and drops off in pressure beyond this speed. This can be prevented by machining the pump cover and making twin inlet ports to the pump. (See Fig. 2 to machine early pumps.)

A point which should be carefully checked is the oil pump strainer. The threaded attachment plate is spot-welded to the inside face of the strainer top plate. If the strainer top plate is not flat, or if the attachment plate has not pulled up perfectly to the under side of the top plate, an air leak can occur between the attachment plate and the top plate. Ensure that the top plate is flat over the gasket area, and to make sure that no air leak can occur carefully warm the whole strainer up and tin around the hole in the top plate to the attachment plate so that the bottom corner joint is sealed. Under normal conditions this position is under oil level, but when oil surge occurs, as in competition work, it may become uncovered.

Oil filter

It is not essential, but it gives some slight improvement in the oil flow, to machine an undercut in the face of the top casting of the early type filter head; this allows an unrestricted flow of oil from the square feed hole. (See Fig. 3 for details.) You must remove the circular plate from the casting to do this; lever the plate off carefully, and ensure that it is flat before replacing and peening over.

Torque wrench settings

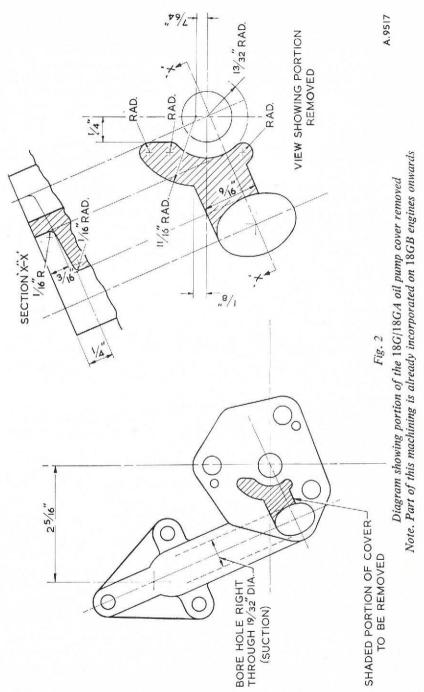
When tightening the cylinder head nuts to 50 ft. lb. (6.91 m, kg.) ensure that they are correctly and evenly tightened.

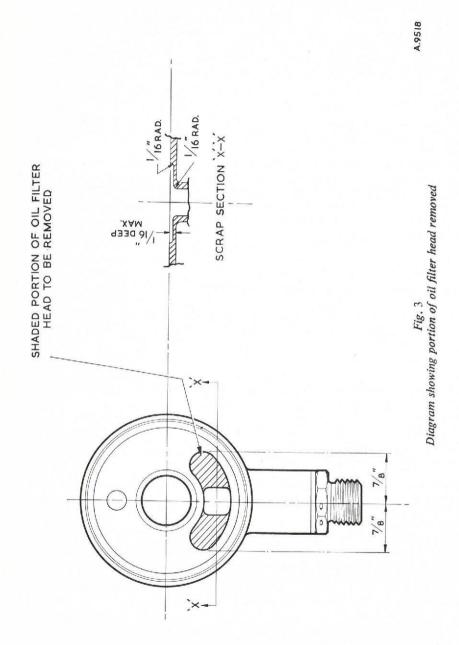
The main bearing nuts should be tightened to 70/75 ft. lb. (9.68/10.37 m. kg.).

Big-end bolts should be tightened carefully to 40/45 ft. lb. (5.53/6.22 m. kg.) only; overtightening to more than 45 ft. lb. (6.22 m. kg.) will only cause fracture of the bolts in operation.

Tighten the flywheel bolts to 40 ft. lb. (5.53 m. kg.).

Tighten the gudgeon pin bolts to 25 ft. lb. (3.46 m. kg.) and clutch bolts to 25/30 ft. lb. (3.46/4.15 m. kg.).





PLUSPARTS AND PLUSPACS

General		Part No.	Qty./car
Bonnet securing straps leather		C-AJJ 3381	1 set
Sebring headlamp cowl kit		C-AJJ 3307	1
*Roll-over bar—rally (GT only)		STR 0146	1
*Roll-over bar—race (GT only)		STR 0145	1
*Roll-over bar—front cage (GT only)		STR 0147	1
*Front air dam		STR 0189	î
*D :1-		STR 0190	î
Rear spoiler	* *	51K 0170	1
Brakes			
Brake pads set (Ferodo D.S.11 competition facing *Rear brake-shoe and lining assembly (Ferodo V.G.		C-8G 8834	1
competition facings)		C-8G 8828	2
competition facings)		C-8G 8829	1
in.) dia		17H 8773	2
*Pawl, hand brake lever (for fly-off hand brake)		C-AHH 7223	1
Pawl rod (for fly-off hand brake)—early cars		C-AHH 7222	
*Pawl rod (for fly-off hand brake)—later cars		C-AHT 551	1
Dual brake master cylinder kit		C-AJJ 4048	1
D.S.11 brake pad set (MGB, GT, V8)		C-AHT 639	1
Suspension			
*Shock absorbers (competition setting)—front		C-AHH 7104	. 2
*Shock absorbers (competition setting)—Iront		C-AHH 7104	
*Shock absorbers (competition setting)—rear L.H.		C-AHH 7106	
*Shock absorbers (competition setting)—real E.A.		C-Ann /100	1
		C-AHH 7217	2
*Shock absorber valve assembly (competition settin	۰۰.	C-Ann /21/	2
		C-AHH 7218	2
	• •	C-AHT 21	2
	• •	C-AHH 8343	
Rear road springs		C-AHT 20	2
*Rear road springs		C-AJJ 3306	1
Anti-roll bar installation kit		C-AJJ 5500	1
Alternative 15.9 mm. (.625 in.) dia. anti-roll bar (
bearings)	• •		
Alternative 19 mm. (·75 in.) dia. anti-roll bar	٠.	C-AHH 7924	1
Clutch			
Competition clutch cover assembly (18GB onward	ls)	C-BHA 4873	1
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Engine	Part No.	Qty./car
Crankshaft (nitrided 18GB onwards)	C-AEH 822	1
Main bearing set for C-AEH 822	C-18G 8103	1
Main bearing set (racing clearances) (18G/18GA)	C-8G 8843	1
Valve guide—inlet (Hidural)	C-AEH 755	4
	C-AEH 756	4
Inlet valve—39·7 mm. (1·562 in.) dia. (Nimonic)	C-AEH 757	4
	C-AEH 860	4
	C-AEH 758	4
	C-AEH 861	4
Valve spring—inner (57 lb. [25.9 kg.])	C-1H 1112	8
Valve spring—outer (140 lb. [63·5 kg.])	C-AHH 7264	8
Valve spring—inner (60 lb. [27·2 kg.])	C-AHH 7265	8
	C-AEH 760	8
Valve spring bottom cup and double springs	C-AEH 801	8
	C-AEH 761	8
Rocker shaft bracket—front	C-AEH 762	1
	C-AEH 763	1
Distance piece for rocker—long	C-AEH 764	1
	C-AEH 765	2
	C-AEH 766	8
	C-AEH 767	8
	C-AEH 768	1
Camshaft—road tune	C-AEH 864	1
Camshaft—race	C-AEH 770	1
	C-AEH 863	1
Camshaft—super sprint	C-AEH 862	1
	C-AEH 771	1
Connecting rod bearing set (18GB onwards)	C-18G 8022	1
Piston ring—top	C-AEH 738	4
71	C-AEH 854	8
Piston ring—second and third	C-12H 759	4
Gudgeon pin	C-AEH 741	4
Circup	C-AEH 742	8
Piston, with gudgeon pin and rings (18GB onwards)	C-AEH 853	4
Piston ring—top	C-AEH 738	4
Piston ring—second and third	C-AEH 854	8
Piston ring—scraper	C-12H 759	4
Piston ring—scraper	C-AJJ 3375	1
Piston—ring set (+ '080 in. only)	C-AHT 255	1
Cylinder head—polished (with valves, etc.)	C-AHT 100A	1
	C-AEH 832	1
Packing piece for oil pump strainer (18G/GA)	C-AHH 7238	1
Packing piece for oil pump strainer (18GB onwards)	C-AEH 847	1
	C-AHT 552	1
Disc washer set (cylinder head)	C-AHT 288	1

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Engine		Part No.	Qty./car
Weber carburetter assembly 45 DCOE		C-AEH 785	1
	ith	C 4 11 2212	
manifold		C-AJJ 3312	1
Exhaust manifold (lightweight free flow)		C-AHH 7103	3 1
Pulley—dynamo/alternator (reduced speed)		C-AEA 535	1
Distributor (Competition tune)		C-BHA 4415	1
Carburetters—51 mm. (2 in.) S.U. pair		C-AUD 279	1
Installation kit—51 mm. (2 in.) S.U. carburetters		C-AJJ 3374	1
Intake trumpets—51 mm. (2 in.) S.U. carburetters		C-AHT 440	2
Carburetters—45 mm. (1.75 in.) S.U. pair	× 6	C-AUD 505	1
Installation kit-45 mm. (1.75 in.) S.U. carburetter	S	STN 0041	1
Intake trumpet		C-AHT 392	2
Thermostat blanking sleeve kit		C-AJJ 4012	1
*Competition oil cooler		C-ARO 9875	1
Oil cooler cover	••	C-AHT 181	1
Gearbox			
*Straight cut gear set (18 GD onwards) (1st 3·44:1, 2nd 2·16:1, 3rd 1·38:1, Rev. 3·09	 : 1)	C-AJJ 4034	1

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Plusparts marked * apply also to V8 models.

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