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TECHNICAL SERVICE BULLETIN

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BRITISH LEYLAND MOTORS INC.
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SUBJECT:

RECALL CAMPAIGN #CC 615
STEERING COLUMN LOCKS

MODELS:

1970 MG MIDGET UP TO SERIAL #85307
1970 MGB ROADSTER UP TO SERIAL #208338
1970 MGB GT UP TO SERIAL #206520

U R G E N T

An immediate recall campaign has been instituted to all owners of 1970 MG models, and, as required by Law, certified mail commenced Monday, 4/27/70 to owners as per the attached sample letter.

In the interests of owner safety, it is our responsibility to ensure that the steering column locks are replaced on these cars without fail, and that all cars currently in dealer stock are positively fitted with replacement locks before sale.

Warranty claims for this operation may be submitted for 1.00 hour covering MG Midget models or .50 hour for MGB models, and to assist you, supplies of a much simplified claim form will be forwarded to you by your Distributor which will reduce processing.

Arrangements are being made to supply suitable quantities of replacement locks to you with the least possible delay, however to ensure the absolute minimum of owner inconvenience, an inhibitor plate may be fitted to owners' cars only, as an interim measure until locks are available, and in these cases the labor allowance is doubled.

Under no circumstances is an inhibitor plate to be fitted to unsold cars in your stock, as this would not be in compliance with the Safety Standards. An emergency supply of inhibitor plates is enclosed and additional inhibitor plates and lock assemblies with keys will be made available by your Distributor according to your ordered requirements.

You are hereby instructed to immediately remove all locks from your stock of unsold cars and return them complete with all three keys to your Distributor. Please attach suitable identification tags to each of these locks indicating serial number of vehicle.

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In conjunction with your Distributor, these locks which you will have removed from your unsold stock of cars will be checked and if satisfactory, returned to you for refittment to the vehicles. This procedure will greatly accelerate the availability of satisfactory lock assembly for this campaign. Defective locks will, of course, not be returned as they will be replaced with new assemblies.

LOCK REPLACEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

MG Midget Models (Steering Column Must be Removed)

- (1) Remove air cleaners.
- (2) Remove steering column pinion pinch bolt (under hood).
- (3) Remove three column to firewall securing bolts and nuts.
- (4) Remove three column upper fixing bracket nuts and bolts. Note the position and number of packing washers and refit exactly to ensure proper column realignment.
- (5) Pull the steering column towards you and rest the steering wheel on the seat.
- (6) Proceed as for MGB models below.

MGB MODELS

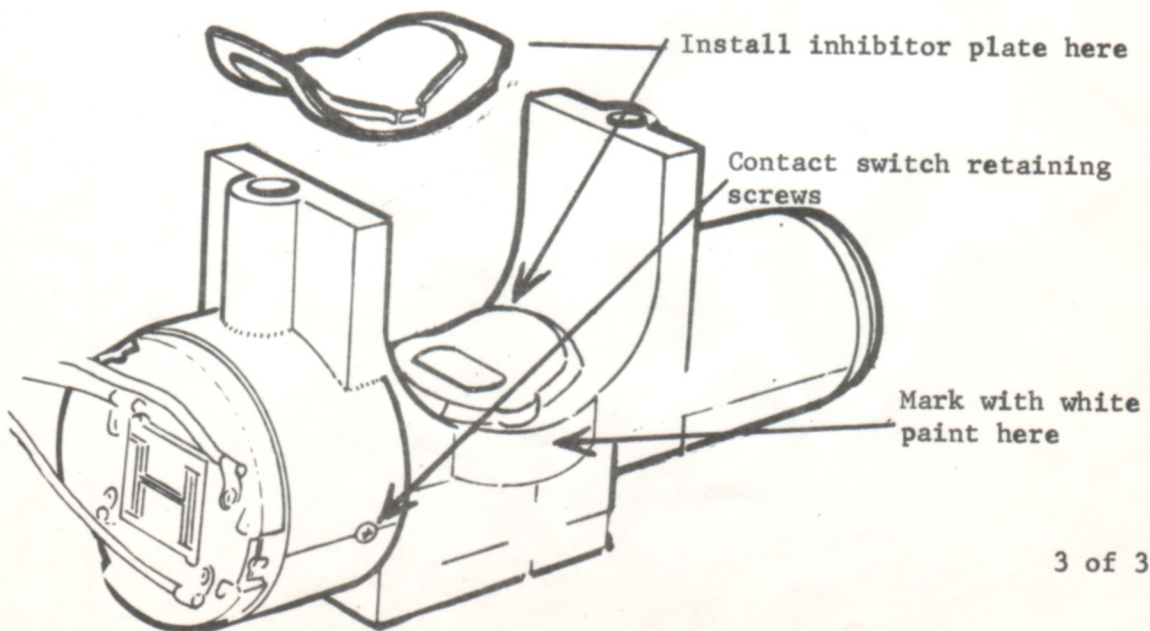
- (1) Remove steering column switch cowl and remove contact switch locating screws to detach switch and refit screws to lock.
- (2) Unlock steering column by turning key to position 'I' and using a centre punch unscrew shear bolts to remove lock.
- (3) (Owner Cars Only) If no lock immediately available, refit lock with inhibitor plate in position, advise owner, record details and call back when lock received. Do not use new shear bolts. Reuse existing shear bolts by saw cutting them to make screwdriver slot.
- (4) When new lock available, install with new shear bolts and tighten until shears, mark lock body with dash of white paint as illustrated and re-assemble as required.
- (5) Finally, and most importantly, mark underside of switch cowl with dash of white paint to signify replacement fitted and campaign check completed.

(Note: All future cars received from your Distributor will have been corrected and will be marked with paint--if not contact Distributor urgently).

- (6) All new steering column locks fitted must have key number recorded on your repair order and on the claim, and all displaced locks with keys must accompany claim.

SPECIAL SIMPLIFIED CLAIM FORM INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) Only the simplified claim form is to be used for claiming against this campaign.
- (2) This claim form is to be used in your imprinter machine in the normal manner using both your dealer plate and the owners.
- (3) If car is still unsold, enter 'IN STOCK' in place of owners name and supply serial no.
- (4) Insure number of new key belonging to replacement lock assembly appears on form.
- (5) If an inhibitor plate is fitted to an owners car, the claim is to be held until the lock is changed.
- (6) Return claim in specially provided envelope to your Distributor with the old lock assembly and keys (3).
- (7) Retain bottom (pink) copy of form for your own records.
- (8) A 20% material handling allowance will be included in your claim payment.





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Dear MG Owner:

In the interests of your personal safety, we are recalling your 1970 MG for inspection by an authorized MG dealer who will install a replacement steering column lock on your car, if necessary, in accordance with Federal Safety Regulations.

This is due to the possibility that the locking 'bolt' of the steering column lock fitted to your car may have been ineffectively secured in the manufacturing process, with the result that, under certain circumstances, the lock could possibly engage with immediate loss of directional control of the car.

Instructions have been circulated to all MG dealers outlining the procedures to be observed in correcting this condition, therefore, may we urge you to contact your local dealer to arrange an appointment and have this service performed on a free-of-charge basis.

It is an essential function of the correction procedures that all the steering column lock keys in your possession are provided when the car is received by the dealer. Your assistance in arranging this is requested.

We apologize for the inconvenience caused but urge your cooperation in the interests of road safety.

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