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Recall Campaign Bulletin

SUBJECT:

RECALL CAMPAIGN B 193
Front Brake Pipe Clips

MODELS:

MG MIDGET

December, 1973

Austin Morris Group, British Leyland U.K. Ltd., has determined that on a range of 1974 MG Midgets there is a possibility that a brake pipe, which is routed from the 4-way connector on the right hand inner fender panel to the left front wheel, may have been positioned close to or under the unsupported side of both front bumper support brackets.

These bumper support brackets were added to 1974 Midgets to meet the 5 MPH collision requirements of F.M.V.S.S. 215. One side of each bracket is bolted flat against the front cross member and the other side is approximately 1/4" proud of the member. If the brake pipe has been positioned close to or under the proud side of these brackets and the vehicle is involved in a front end collision, the pipe could be flattened.

It is necessary to recall all 1974 MG Midgets within this range and modify them as detailed in the attached service procedure.

DEALER VEHICLE CAMPAIGN LIST

Enclosed is a "Dealer Vehicle Campaign List" listing all affected vehicles which, according to our records, were invoiced to you. Use this list as a work sheet and check off each vehicle as it is campaigned.

Also enclosed is one computer prepared "Campaign Claim" form for each vehicle listed as in dealer stock. All stock vehicles must be campaigned prior to retail sale.

If a list is not enclosed then, according to our records, you did not receive any of the affected vehicles and this bulletin is for your information only.

If any vehicle listed as in dealer stock has in fact been retailed, the dealer must contact the owner and advise him to return the vehicle for campaign work.

OWNER NOTIFICATION

Commencing December 24, 1973 (campaign launch date), all owners whose names and addresses appear on the "Dealer Vehicle Campaign List" will be sent recall notifications by certified mail, together with a letter advising them of the suspect condition. (An illustration of the owner's letter is enclosed.)

They will be instructed to contact their selling dealer or the nearest authorized Austin/MG dealer and make an appointment to have their vehicle campaigned. They will also be instructed to sign and turn over the "Campaign Claim" form to you at the appointed time.

Three weeks after launch date, dealers are requested to contact any owner who has not responded to the recall notification, in an effort to campaign the remaining vehicles.

PARTS INFORMATION

Enclosed with this bulletin are two brake pipe clips (part # USB 193) supplied F.O.C. for each vehicle listed on the "Dealer Vehicle Campaign List." Also enclosed are "Modified OK" labels which should be placed on the hood lock platform as each vehicle is campaigned. In the unlikely event a vehicle requires a new brake pipe, a small number of made up brake pipes are being supplied F.O.C. to your Distributorship Parts Dept. (Part # USB 193A). Order only as required.

CAMPAIGN CLAIMS/REPAIR CODES

Complete the applicable "Campaign Claim" form, (see section C, "Dealer Guide, Recall Campaigns"). Insert in the "Repair Code" box on the "Campaign Claim" form one of the following repair codes:

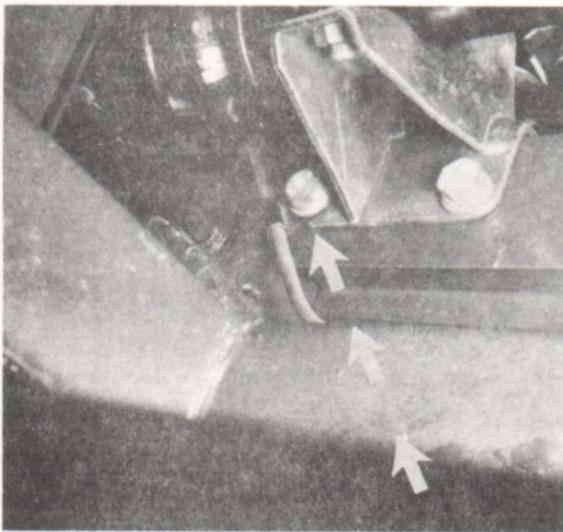
DA: Which has a labor allowance of 00.35 hrs. to fit (2) pipe clips, plus 00.10 hrs clerical time, for a total of 00.45 hrs.

DB: Which has a labor allowance of 01.00 hrs for fitting a new brake pipe and (2) pipe clips, plus 00.10 hrs clerical time for a total of 01.10 hrs. A net allowance of \$ 1.00 will be added to this repair code for brake fluid.

Mail factory and Distributor copies of completed "Campaign Claim" forms to your Distributor as soon as the vehicle has been campaigned,

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1. Put vehicle on lift.
2. Locate brake pipe routed along the front of the cross member.
3. Examine area of pipe near both front bumper support brackets.
4. If pipe shows signs of flattening by support brackets, replace it.
5. Put 2 clips over brake pipe and bolt to left hand and right hand steering rack support bracket. (see photographs below)



Brake pipe clips secured to left hand and right hand steering rack support brackets.

6. Place "Modified OK" label on the hood lock platform, indicating vehicle has been campaigned.



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Safety Recall Campaign B 193

Dear MG Midget Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Austin Morris Group, British Leyland U.K. Limited, has determined that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in a range of 1974 model MG Midgets.

This range includes your vehicle as identified on the enclosed "Campaign Claim" form, and while it is believed that this defect does not apply to all vehicles within this range, it may be found on your car. Therefore immediate corrective action should be taken.

The defect concerns the possibility that a hydraulic brake pipe, routed along the front cross member to the left front wheel, may have been positioned between the front bumper support brackets and the cross member. The front bumper support brackets were added to 1974 Midgets to meet the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard # 215. One side of each bracket is bolted flat against the front cross member and the other side is approximately 1/4" away from the member.

Only in the event of a front end collision, or heavy front bumper impact, will the support brackets move back against the cross member. If this brake pipe has been inadvertently positioned behind either of the brackets, it will be flattened.

Severe flattening of the brake pipe could result in a reduction of fluid to the left front wheel, which may result in the vehicle veering to the right under braking. If this warning is not heeded, it could, under extreme conditions, result in a loss of directional control and vehicle crash.

In view of the above you are requested to contact your selling dealer wherever possible, or if you have moved, the nearest authorized Austin MG Dealer and make an appointment to have your vehicle inspected and modified.

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The modification will be to install two clips over the brake pipe and bolt them to the cross member, thereby keeping the pipe away from the bumper supports. If the pipe shows signs of flattening, it will be replaced.

Installation of the clips takes approximately 20 minutes and replacement of the pipe, if necessary, an additional 40 minutes, all at no charge to you.

In the meantime, until your vehicle is modified, you are urged to avoid operating it under conditions which may cause front bumper impact.

Details of this recall campaign have already been mailed to all authorized Austin/MG Dealers, along with sufficient quantities of the brake pipe clips referred to above.

The enclosed "Campaign Claim" form identifies your vehicle and verifies to your dealer that your vehicle is one requiring the above campaign service, (the vehicle identification number quoted on the campaign claim form is stamped on a plate on the dash panel of your car).

Please be sure to sign the form in the space provided and present it to your dealer at the appointed time. He will then process the claim for payment and we can be sure your vehicle has been campaigned.

If you do not now own this vehicle, please refer to the instructions on the last page of the "Campaign Claim" form, and if possible, provide the name and address of the present owner so that we may contact him.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience this may cause you but, we know you will understand that this action is taken in interest of the safety of yourself and other drivers.

Yours sincerely,



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