

JOWETT TECHNICAL INFORMATION NOTES

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENT

These introductory notes should be read prior to opening any of the Technical Notes Series, and other documents that are provided on this CD-R.

Over the years of involvement with matters Jowett, and with the dawning of the personal computer age, a conscious decision was made to preserve Australian sales and service information, concerning Jowett vehicles, for future generations. It is the future generations who will prefer to flick images on their personal devices, rather than leafing through pages in a tattered and oil stained book to access information.

It was also decided to include such publications as Spare Parts Catalogues and Maintenance Manuals amongst the 'restored' documents and publications. The term 'restored' has been used because it soon became apparent that, as with our efforts in restoring Jowett vehicles, we desire excellent quality of workmanship in the reproduction of Jowett related documentation. Not for us the crude, and crooked, photocopies that have been issued over the years. These have been, even though technically advanced at their time, with aging, they have become difficult to read.

Hence the decision to 'restore' the publications and documents that have come to hand. For the purpose of interest, the text pieces were scanned, using the Canon scanner's optical character reader (OCR), then copied and pasted into a MS Word document. Then the resultant, sometimes confusing, text was painstakingly corrected and properly set in the document. The illustrations were scanned and repaired in Corel PaintShop Pro to clean up ink blobs, oily fingerprints etc. Most text in the illustrations was erased and typed in using the Microsoft Paint facility, this was to make them more convenient to read. Once cropped to size, they were pasted into the Word document. A careful look at the files on the disc will reveal that the skills for this 'restoration' project increased progressively as it went along. Once the MS Word file was complete, it was converted to Adobe PDF, which is what you have on this disc.

It should be noted that the Javelin and Jupiter Spare Parts Catalogue is a combination of all the books that were to hand (from 1948 to 1953). Still wanted for 'restoration' are the later Javelin owner's manuals, the blue covered PC version and the later PD, PE and SC editions, if they are available. If these missing publications can be loaned to me, I am happy to restore them reasonably quickly.

Special thanks must go to the late Doug Anderson who, while browsing various swap meets, purchased a large number of Bradford items. These were borrowed for the restoration project. Thanks, Doug, up there!

Included on this disc are a number of my own technical ramblings, which may be of use.

Please be sure to use the information contained on this disc. Jowett cars Limited did get a great amount right – in the best Yorkshire tradition.

The Maintenance Manuals were written on the assumption that they would be used by skilled motor mechanics who, perhaps, had attended service training sessions conducted by Jowett Cars Limited and later, for owners who had reasonable mechanical knowledge of motor car maintenance and overhaul. To-day, the only interest the modern motorist has is Blue Tooth connectivity – whatever that may be.

IMPORTANT!

The Jowett Technical Notes Series, from Part II have now been an ongoing activity for several years. That means that some techniques may have been superseded in later notes on the same, or associated topics in the series. Also be aware that some topics and recommendations may be specific to certain Engine Serial Number ranges. It appears that, in Australia, the various State agents did not carry out Service Bulletin information during Jowett active times. A set of Service Bulletins is in Part III.

Part XLIII – Jowett Engine Refurbishment, is a recent addition. It is lengthy and a great amount of practical work has been put into it. It developed into a form of engine service manual and took a great amount of time to complete. It does differ from the Jowett Maintenance Manual in that it contains a number of photographs for those of us who can not interpret the illustrations in the original manuals. Digital photography makes such a task very much easier. There are a number of in-depth explanations. Thanks are due to Phil Squire for his assistance and exemplary patience with the lengthy project. It is hoped that younger enthusiasts will be able to make use of Part XLIII.

Some of the notes are restorations of what was written by members of the Jowett Car Club (UK) and by members of the JCCA. Our thanks for those items.

Included on this CD-R is a Lucas Correspondence Course, these Sections can be of great assistance when trouble-shooting electrical problems related to your Jowett, or any other British vehicle of the same period

CONCLUSION

Enjoy using this disc. Remember that while viewing the files using Adobe Acrobat Reader, the view can easily be enlarged for clarification purposes. Some of the later parts of the Jowett Technical Notes Series may not have been completed yet, but the basic information is in there.

Please note that this is an ongoing project

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