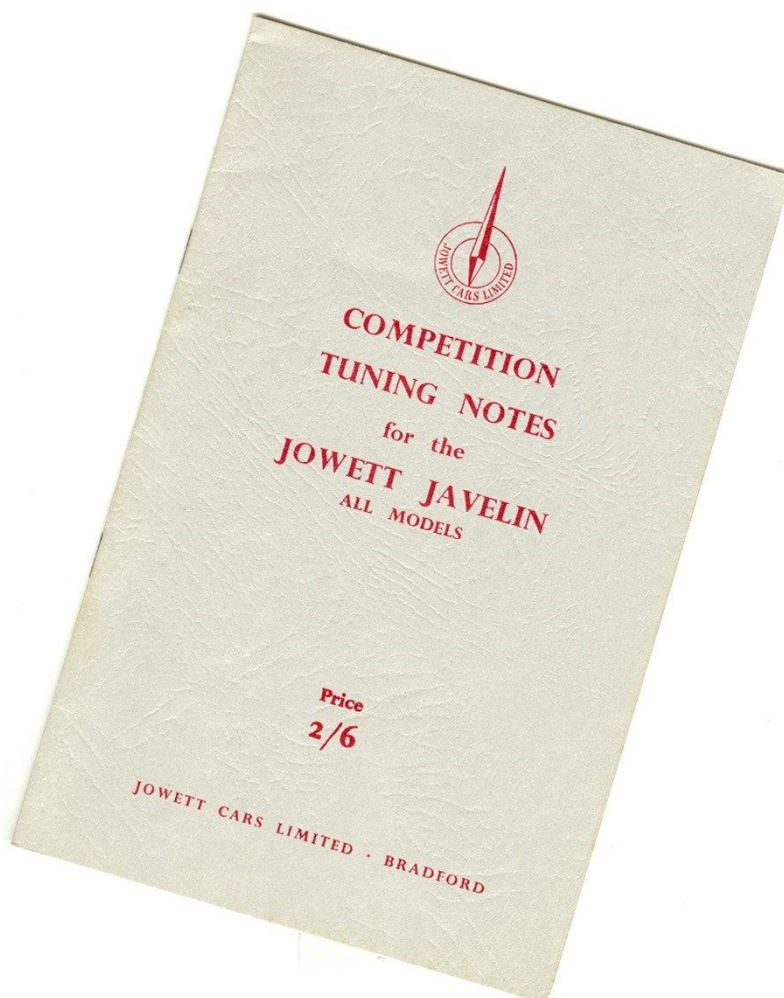


TECHNICAL NOTES SERIES

JOWETT JAVELIN – PA, PB, PC, PD & PE



PART XL – COMPETITION TUNING NOTES

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENT FOR TECHNICAL NOTES

These introductory notes should be read prior to reading Part XL of the Technical Notes Series.

The Jowett Technical Notes Series have been an ongoing activity for several years. That means that some techniques and specifications may have been superseded in later notes on the same, or associated topics in the series.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 Main Agents did not carry out Service Bulletin information during Jowett active times. A set of known Service Bulletins is in Part III.

Some of the notes are restorations of what was written by members of the Jowett Car Club (UK), the Jowett Car Club (NZ) and by members of the JCCA.

Over the years of involvement with matters Jowett, and with the dawning of the personal computer age, a personal decision was made to help members of the Jowett Car Club of Australia Inc. with technical information. Included with the Technical Notes are 'restored' versions of the Javelin and Jupiter Maintenance Manuals and the associated Spare Parts Catalogues. Future generations will prefer to flick through images on their personal device screens, rather than leafing through pages in a tattered and oil stained book to access information.

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 These have, even though accurate at their time, become partly out of date.

Hence the decision to 'restore' the publications and documents that have come to hand.

It should be noted that the Javelin and Jupiter Spare Parts Catalogue is a combination of all the catalogues that were to hand (from 1948 to 1953).

The Maintenance Manuals were originally written on the assumption that they would be used by skilled motor mechanics who had attended service training courses conducted by Jowett Cars Limited and after works closure, were made available for owners who had reasonable mechanical knowledge of motor car maintenance and overhaul.

Included with the Technical Notes Series is a Lucas Overseas Correspondence Course, which can be of great assistance when trouble-shooting electrical problems related to your Jowett, or any other British vehicle of the same period.

Please be aware that this is an ongoing project

Mike Allfrey – February, 2024



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COMPETITION

TUNING NOTES

for the

JOWETT JAVELIN

ALL MODELS

These special service instructions are issued by Jowett Cars Ltd. for the use of Javelin owners wishing to obtain maximum performance for competition work. Owners are reminded that any modifications made to a Javelin for the purpose of competition work, or participation in competitions, automatically invalidates the guarantee.

Service Department is normally willing to undertake the tuning of Javelins by appointment.

JOWETT CARS LIMITED – BRADFORD

Introduction

Because the 'Competition Tuning Notes – For The Jowett Javelin' were published in 1952, many more modifications were implemented after that date which make some of the information irrelevant or vague. Also, many of the parts mentioned were superseded or are no longer available, however in some cases parts from other vehicles may be modified to suit. Produced here are the 'Notes' and (in italic type) Neil Moore's comments and information.

These instructions apply to the Javelin car and are intended as a guide to tuning for maximum performance.

It is extremely important that these are read in conjunction with the Maintenance Manual for the Javelin, which describes in detail the work involved in stripping and assembling the units concerned. In addition, it is important that the standards of workmanship and cleanliness are of the highest order if success is to be assured.

1. ENGINE

It is important that the Cylinder Heads are polished and subsequently corrected for capacity in the following manner:

- a) **Induction and Exhaust Valve Ports** – In addition to generally polishing out the ports, some benefit may be obtained from attention to the following:

Exhaust Ports – On Cylinder Heads fitted to early cars, the radius under the lower side of the Exhaust Valve Seating may be considerably increased. Metal has been removed here on later castings, increasing the cross section area at the throat of the Port (Fig. 1).

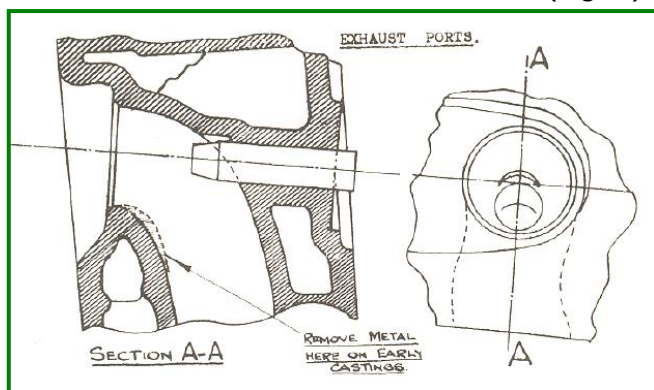


Figure 1. Re-profiling exhaust ports.

- b) **Inlet Ports** – As with Exhaust Ports, early castings have more metal than is desirable under the Valve Seating. On later castings, metal has been left on the opposite wall, with improved results. This cannot be done on the early castings, but the rough edge may

be faired off to reduce the buffer effect under the shoulder (Fig. 2).

- a) **NOTE:** This porting and polishing procedure applies to PA and PB (Pre 1950) and PC (1950-51). The introduction of the PD engine (1952) brought a modification to the cylinder head casting with a vertical web running under the sloping part of the combustion chamber, giving extra strength when the head has been planed to correct capacities after porting and polishing. This web is visible through the lower water passage in the heads. In the PE Series III (1953) engines this whole procedure was carried out by the factory to these instructions.

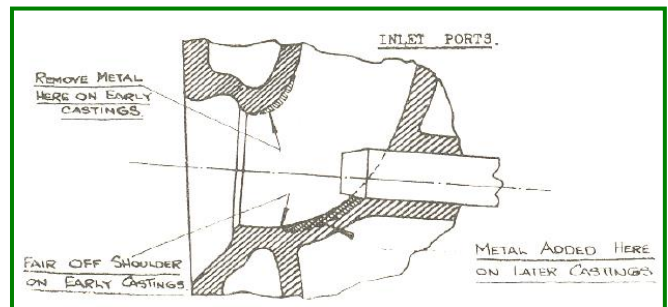


Figure 2. Re-profiling inlet ports

- c) **Combustion Chamber** – All sharp edges should be removed. The undercuts round each valve should be blended off to ensure a smooth gas flow and to assist turbulence (Fig. 3).

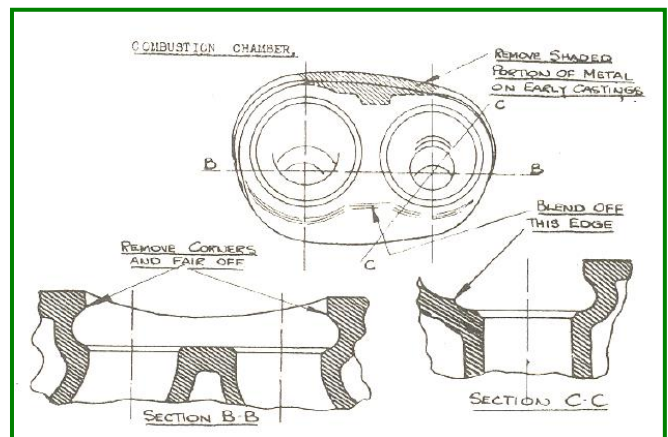


Figure 3. Re-profiling combustion chambers.

- d) **Alignment of ports with manifolds.** This is particularly important and can be checked by blueing the flange faces and then bolting up with paper between; by observing the pattern on each side of the paper, the points where metal is to be removed to make the ports coincide can be observed.
- e) **Valves** – The Valves and Seats must be in first-class condition, with no signs of pitting or excessive narrowness. A seat width of $\frac{3}{32}$ -in. should be maintained for the Exhaust Valve and $\frac{1}{16}$ -in. for the Inlet Valve. It is

important that the turbulence angle is maintained on the Valve Seats, as shown in Fig 4.

- e) *NOTE: Early Vauxhall Exhaust Valves of the same head diameter but of more robust dimensions may be used if the ends of the stems are shortened to approximately 1/16" above the collet groove and care taken that adequate clearance is maintained at the top of the guide in relation to the valve head.*

It is recommended that valve seats requiring building up or cracks needing repair be done by welding — preferably by the 'Eutectic' process, as this minimises distortion and the resultant weld deposit can be machined easily.

- f) **Valve Springs** – If it is desired to lift the Valve Bounce point of the Engine above 5,500 R.P.M. stronger Outer Springs should be fitted (our Part No. 52964).
- f) *NOTE: Part No. 52964 is still available from L. J. Golding, Auckland.*

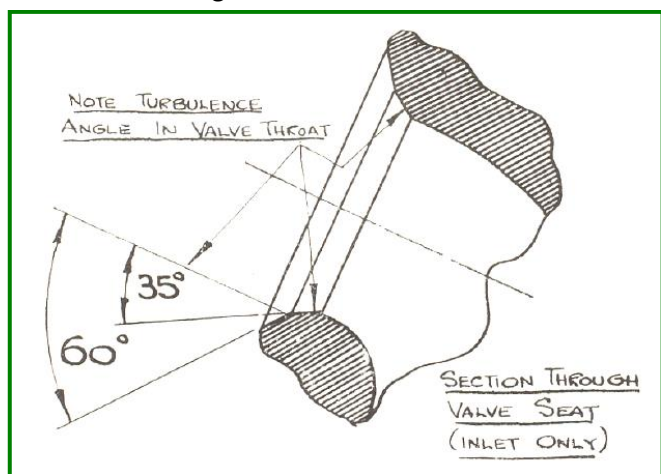


Figure 4. Section through valve seat.

- g) **Cylinder Head Capacity** – After the above work has been completed the capacity of the Combustion Chamber should be checked as follows:

Remove the Cylinder Head and lay flat on a bench with the Combustion Chambers face up. Insert a set of spare Spark Plugs.

Fill the Combustion Chamber with fluid, flush to the face. This capacity should be between 40 and 41 cc. (Fig. 5).

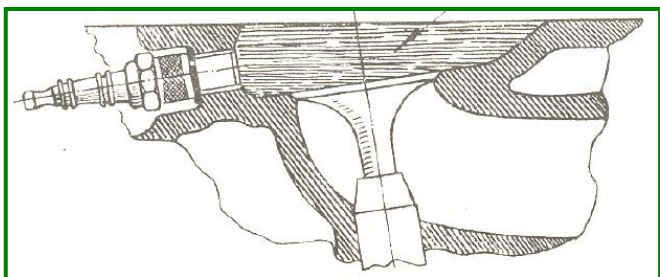


Figure 5. Checking combustion chamber capacity.

- h) **Compression Ratio** – With the above Cylinder Head Capacity of 40 to 41 c.c. and a standard Gasket which has a Combustion Space Capacity of 7½ cc, compressed, the following Compression Ratios may be obtained by the use of the Pistons quoted:

Piston Part No. 50656 gives 7.2 to 1;

Piston Part No. 53228 gives 7.6 to 1;

Piston Part No. 53227, 8.0 to 1.

(The last two are Higher Compression Ratios)

It is recommended that the higher Compression Ratios should not be used unless fuel of at least 80 Octane rating, or 25 per cent Benzole mixture is available.

As a final check the Compression Ratio on the Engine can be checked as follows:

With the Head in position on the Engine and the Pistons at T.D.C.: fill with liquid to the level of the Spark Plug Facing, rocking the Engine to make sure that all air is ejected.

The relative volumes should be:

7.2 to 1 = 58 c.c.

7.6 to 1 = 56 c.c.

8.0 to 1 = 53 c.c.

Note: an error of plus or minus 2 per cent is allowable in the above volumes.

Any corrections to the capacity can be made by machining the Cylinder Head Gasket Facing 0.011-in. (0.2794 mm) removed here reduces the capacity by 1 c.c.

- h) *NOTE: Piston supply in New Zealand at present is nil. However the following pistons can be used – 75 mm and 77 mm Volkswagen pistons, giving approx. 8.8-9.0 to 1; 74.9 mm Vanguard Six and Triumph 2000, giving 8.8-9.0 to 1; 74.3 mm Vauxhall Viva, giving 8.4 to 1. Triumph 1300 are also apparently suitable.*

However, these all require modification. and machining to some degree and it is suggested that advice from someone who has fitted same be solicited before undertaking this job. Negotiations are at present being made to ensure a future supply of Javelin pistons.

Australian Note: Pistons to original Jupiter specification are manufactured in Australia. Flat top pistons can be ordered (January 2007).

Copper/asbestos/steel cylinder head gaskets are available (Golding), which are 0.010-in. thinner than copper/asbestos/copper gaskets

but have a slightly larger combustion space capacity which can handle larger pistons.

Petrol in U.K. when the original Notes were written was 'pool' of 70 octane rating.

- i) **Bearings** – Engines up to No. E0/PB/8902 were fitted with White Metal Connecting Rod and Main Bearings, and an un-hardened Crankshaft. It is advisable to replace this assembly by an induction hardened shaft to our Part No. 50647, which will necessitate the use of Copper Lead Bearings except for the Rear Main Bearings which remain in White Metal, the Part Numbers of these are (standard sizes):

Connecting Rod Assembly – J54444.

Main (Front and Centre) Bearings – 52573.

Rear Main Bearings – 50646.

It is vital when refitting Bearings that absolute cleanliness is assured and rag should in no circumstances be used to wipe components: they should be washed in clean petrol and blown off by air. Great attention should also be paid to the sealing of the Crankcase Balance Pipe Rubber Ring as detailed on Page 35 of the Maintenance Manual.

- i) *NOTE: Numerous Bearing changes in numbers and minor details took place due to JCL chasing the bogey of bearing failure and broken crankshafts. The main cause showed itself to be starving of the main bearings. Especially the Centre Main Bearing, and over supply of oil to the Big End Bearings. The partial answer to this problem was enlarging of oil-ways as in the Series III engine, and the fitting of an oil cooler which gave a fairly satisfactory life if the Series III grinding sizes were adhered to for crankshaft. 'Vandervell' make Main Bearings for these specifications in copper-lead (Part No. 1959) with a White-metal Rear Main (Part No. 1960).*

Particular attention must be made to retaining 0.100-in. radius fillets when regrinding crankshafts. Under no circumstances should White-metal Big End Shells or White-metal Front and Centre Main Bearings be used in rebuilt engines.

Perkins 'Alu-tin' bearings can be used in Mains providing shaft tolerance is revised to 2.2500 – 2.2498-in. and the groove kept to a minimum (an article on this subject is being prepared). Alu-tin Bearings for Big

End Shells from Humber 90 and Minx (Repcro Part No. 4K2911 AL) can be used with shaft tolerance 1.9998 – 2.000-in. These are slightly narrower than Jowett original, but are satisfactory.

For more information about bearings, refer to PART IX – CRANKSHAFT BEARINGS.

Disregard the Jowett Part Numbers quoted in the original text! Early Crankshafts, i.e., Square Web both solid and with ¹⁵/₁₆-in. hole through Big Ends, should be crack tested before replacing. For high performance, an Oval Web Shaft should be fitted. (Approx. 30 new ones are available from Goldings!) The Oval Web Crankshaft was not apparently fitted until after the factory stopped producing cars early in 1954, but as the Flat Crankshaft broke with tedious regularity most have been replaced. After 1958 the Oval Web Crankshafts were Nitrided – the date of manufacture being stamped on the Front Web, e.g. 3 over 62 being March, 1962.

- j) **Clutch** – It is desirable to replace the Clutch Friction Disc with one of a woven type having a greater coefficient of friction, this is available under our Part No. 52420/A.
- j) *NOTE: This Clutch Plate 52420/A is the deluxe type available from most retailers. The Pressure Plate normal for Javelin is Borg and Beck B2 with Blue Springs – however a stronger Pressure Plate with White Springs can be obtained from Motor Traders Ltd. The reconditioned Pressure Plate Assemblies from some suppliers are not recommended as the balancing is very suspect.*

It is advisable to have the whole Crankshaft, Flywheel and Pressure Plate Assembly balanced as a unit by a reputable balancing firm (Mr Ted Thomson of Kumeu, Auckland, is recommended)

- k) **Carburettors** – Special 30 VM. Carburettors with the following settings:

27 mm Choke; 110 Main Jet; 50 Compensating; 2.2 Vent over Capacity; 45 Slow Running; 120 Progression; 1.5 mm Needle Seating (1 mm Washer) should be fitted in place of the Standard VM. 4 or 5. These Carburettors are interchangeable and carry our Part- numbers LH – 1.53732; RH – 1.53733.

The Throttle Spindle operation is in the reverse direction, and the Throttle Cable

must consequently be rearranged. A suggested method is to fit a Cable approximately 9-in. (25 cm) longer than standard, securing the Inner Cable to the Bracket on the left hand Tappet Cover, and the Outer Cable to the Throttle Rod. The Throttle Return Spring should be connected to the Clip to which the original Outer Cable was secured on the right hand Tappet Cover.

- k) *NOTE: This 30 VM Carburettor is available from Joseph Lucas, but 'the jets will have to be altered and pairs will not be available -- only one side. This will mean that the controls on one side will be on the outside; however controls from an old carburettor could be substituted. The main point to watch is the position of the hole for the Advance/Retard Fitting to the Distributor. Some carburetors use this fitting with a hole to the underside of the butterfly for a vacuum brake booster unit and if this is fitted to a Distributor will give full Advance on starting up. The hole should be on or slightly above the butterfly.*

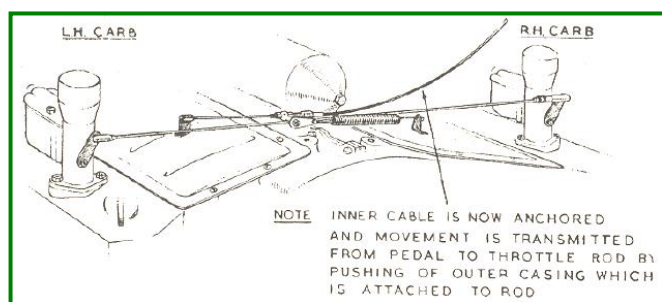


Figure 6. Throttle cable arrangement

- l) **Water Pump** – On all Engines prior to PA 5857 the Water Pump should be modified to increase its capacity to 7 gallons/min. at 1,500 R.P.M. On Engines subsequent to the above number the modification was incorporated. The modification consists of an updated Cover and the addition of a Slip ring to the Impellor, as shown in Fig. 7.

In addition to the above the Thermostat should have the 2 Bleed Holes enlarged to $\frac{3}{16}$ -in. diameter if prior to the above number.

- l) *Note: 'Waxstat' Failsafe Thermostats are now available for the Javelin and are a more positive type of thermostat. As the Pump Bypass is through the $\frac{3}{16}$ -in. holes, these should be drilled in the valve plate.*

Refer to Jowett Technical Notes Series – Part XIX – Overhauling The Coolant Pump for detailed information.

Figure 7 is located at top of the next column.

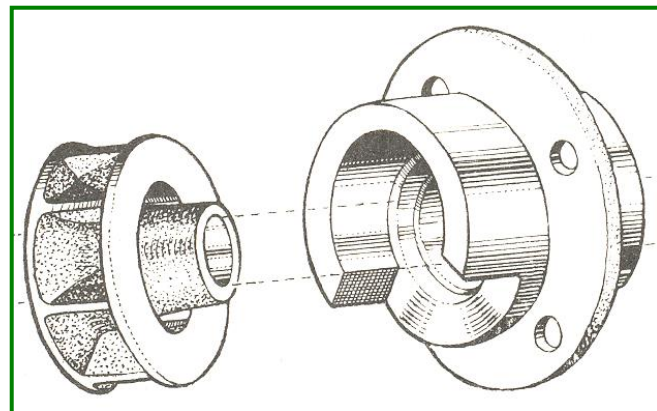


Figure 7. Left: Impellor shroud; Right: Later cover.

- m) **Oil Pump** – It is recommended that an Oil Pump of increased capacity be fitted to our Part No. AS.52403.

Engines built subsequent to PA 800 have this modification incorporated.

- m) *NOTE: The Oil Pump mentioned had a $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. OD, $\frac{5}{16}$ -in. ID discharge pipe to block and fixed release valve adjustment.*

- 1 From E1/PC/18985 a tailpipe was fitted to the Bottom Cover Relief Valve hole to direct discharging oil under the surface of the oil and stop aeration. From E2/PD/21937 and E2/SA/882 (Jupiter) September 1952 an increase in the Discharge Pipe to $\frac{7}{16}$ -in. ID and Internal Galleries of the Block was made. From E2/PE/23122 and E2/SC/945 (Jupiter) December 1952 a deeper pump was used with the same gears and a new Base Plate with Relief Valve returning internally to suction side of pump. The Relief Valve was fully adjustable and set at 65 - 70 psi. Refer to Part X – Javelin And Jupiter Engine Oil Pump..

Note: The oil pressure was raised to allow for extra resistance of oil cooler pipes to maintain adequate flow.

- n) **Oil Cooler** – It is recommended that the Rear Timing Case Cover Part No. 50690 and early type Oil Filter Assembly should be replaced by the latest type Assembly. Engines built subsequent to E1/PC/16603 incorporate this latest type of new Rear Timing Case Cover to our Part No. 53030 and Tecalemit Oil Filter Assembly.

The above allows an Oil Cooler, Part No. J54532 to be fitted as shown by use of two Flexible Pipes to Part No. J54519.

- n) *Note: Disregard Oil Cooler Number -- not available. A Volkswagen Cooler can be used modified as per article by G. Fisk in 'Flat Four' 1966.*

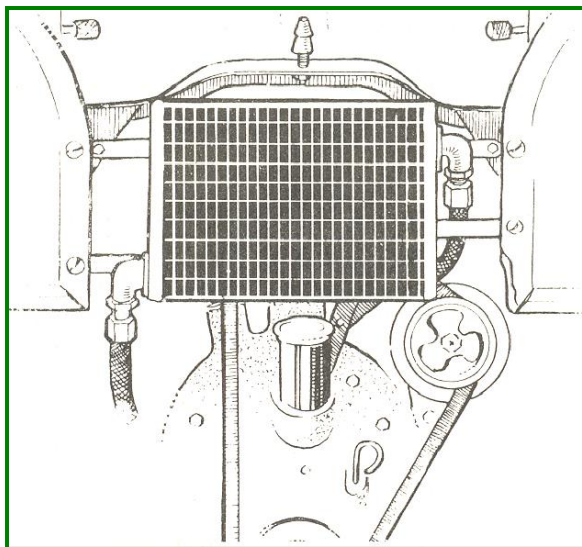


Figure 8. Oil cooler installation from front.

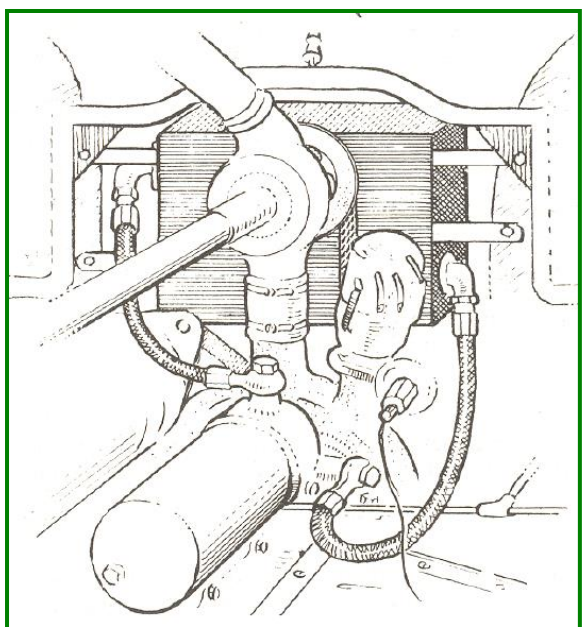


Figure 9. Oil cooler installation from rear.

- o) **Fan** – The Fan Blades should be stiffened by the addition of extra welding along the base of the Blade where it abuts on to the Centre Spider. This will necessitate re-balancing the Fan Assembly which can be done by mounting it on a suitable arbour and rolling on knife edges, metal being removed from the tips of the Blades in order to restore static balance.
- o) *Note: An Electric Thermostatically Operated Fan could be fitted with advantage behind the Radiator. See Part XXXVIII of Technical Notes Series.*
- p) **Ignition Setting** – The recommended setting is with the points breaking at approximately ¼-in. (6.5 mm) A.T.D.C. (measured

on the Flywheel Rim). This setting will cause the Engine to 'pink' on ⅓ to ½ Throttle at 20-30 M.P.H. (32-48 K.P.H.) when suction advance is operating. The 'pink' should disappear completely on Full Throttle.

2. GEARBOX

Special constant mesh Gears, providing a higher ratio in the Intermediate Gears, are available, and we are, therefore, including a chart showing the road characteristics with the various ratios (*Fig. 4*). These carry our Part Numbers as follows:

Stem Gear - 52733 (19 teeth);

Layshaft (Cluster gear) – 52734 (33 teeth).

Note: Cars fitted with gearboxes numbered J1 upwards, on the gearbox top, incorporate these ratios.

Note: It is recommended that a large centre main shaft thrust washer be fitted. They were fitted to late model gearboxes.

3. TRANSMISSION

Propellor Shaft Universal Joint (50916).

These Joints, particularly at the front should be carefully examined on all cars which have run more than 6,000 miles (9,000 km) and if any rubbers show signs of deterioration the Joint should be replaced.

4. BRAKES

It is recommended that high duty Linings be fitted for high speed competition work, and we would recommend: Mintex M.14 or 15; Ferodo M.R. 41

Care should be taken to specify whether the car has the early Hydraulic Front, Mechanical Rear operated system or the Full Hydraulic, when ordering.

5. SUSPENSION

Rear Shock Absorber Upper Pin – A modification to stiffen up the Rear Shock Absorber Upper Pin was introduced at Car No. 17672. Check that this has been carried out and if not modify the Mounting of the pin in accordance with *Fig. 7*.

Shock Absorbers – A 25 per cent stronger all round setting is recommended for most types of Competition work. As an alteration in the setting involves complete dismantling of the Shock Absorbers, replacement by the stronger type is advised: These carry our Part numbers Front 54385 (fitted as standard from Engine No. 16500), Rear 54675 (Competition).

NOTE: From E2/PD/2188 and Jupiter E2/SA/865 the New Metalastic Rubberised Suspension was fitted. This is a superior suspension in all respects to the earlier type for competition work. The 25 per cent stronger type early Shock Absorbers are (at the time) the only type available now.

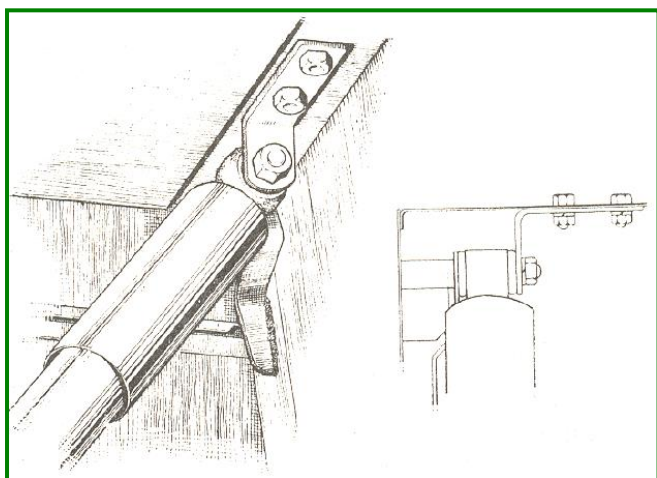


Figure 10. Arrangement of rear shock absorber mount.

6. GENERAL EQUIPMENT

Batteries – It will be found advisable to protect these at the front and base with a sheet metal case for high speed motoring over loose surfaces.

7. NORMAL SERVICE

In addition to the special work described above, it is very necessary that the normal servicing of the car as detailed In the Instruction book and the Maintenance Manual, is carried out.

8. SPARES

The special items previously mentioned are summarized herewith for easier reference:

Part Description	Part Nos.
Stiffer Outer Valve Spring	52964
7·6:1 Compression Ratio Piston	53228
8·0:1 Compression Ratio Piston	53227

Induction Hardened Crankshaft	50647
Copper-Lead Connecting Rod Bearing Assy	J54444
Copper-Lead Main Bearings, Fr & Ctr	52573
White-metal Rear Main Bearing	50646
Higher Coefficient Clutch Friction Disc	52426/A
30 VM. Carburettor-LH	1.53732
30 VM Carburettor – RHS	1.53733
New Type Water Pump Cover	52710
New type Water Pump Impellor	1.54414
Latest type Thermostat	50768
Increased Capacity Oil Pump AS.	52403
Latest type Rear Timing Case Cover	53030
Tecalemit Oil Filter Assembly	53422
Oil Cooler	J54532
Flexible Oil Cooler Pipe – 2 off	J54519
Higher Ratio Stem Gear	52733
Higher Ratio Layshaft	52734
25 % Stiffer Absorbers – Front	54385
25 % Stiffer Shock Absorber – Rear	50467S

9. JAVELIN ROAD CHARACTERISTICS

Back Axle Ratio – 4·875:1

Gear Ratios – Modified Gearbox

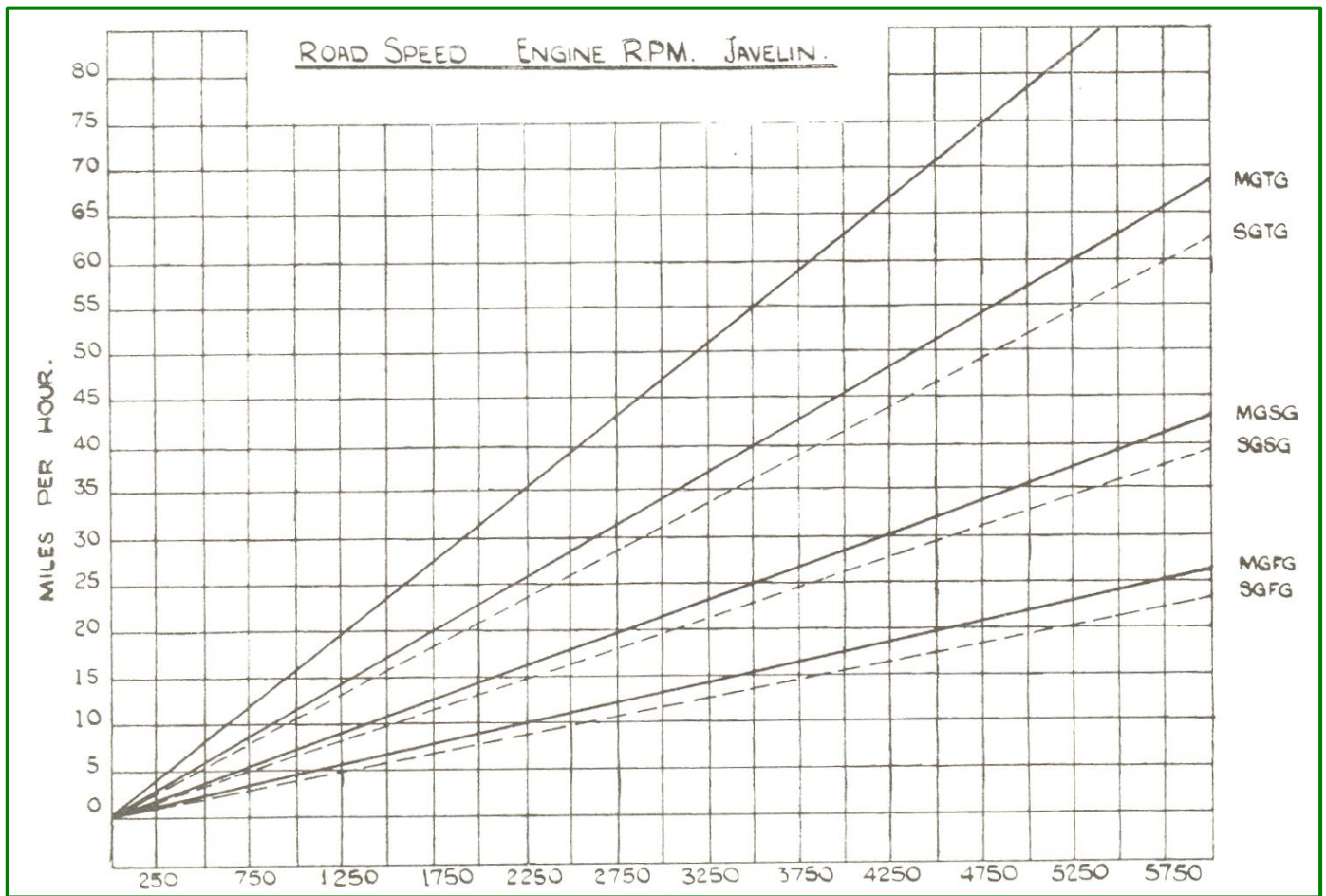
First Speed	1:17·4
Second Speed	1:10·6
Third Speed	1:6·70
Top Speed	1:4·875

Gear Ratios – Standard Gearbox

First Speed	1:19·0
Second Speed	1:11·6
Third Speed	1:7·34
Top Speed	1:4·875

Rolling Radius of Tyre 12·7-in. - Tyre Size 5·25 - 16.

Valve Spring Surge occurs at 5,500 revs. per min. with Standard Valve Springs.



Engine Revs Per Minute

**Key To Chart – SGFG = Standard Gearbox First Gear; MGFG = Modified Gearbox First Gear
 SGSG = Standard Gearbox Second Gear; MGSG = Modified Gearbox Second Gear
 SGTG = Standard Gearbox Third Gear; MGTG = Modified Gearbox Third Gear
 Top Gear (Upper Graph Line) Same For Both Gearboxes**

Warning Note: First gear in 'High Ratio' gearbox is not as durable as it is in the standard gearbox.