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TO ALL DISTRIBUTORS AND DEALERS

Re: Non-Interchangeability of Oil Filter Elements - "C" Type Engine
Austin Healey BN4, A-90 Westminster, Morris Isis and Wolseley 6-90

Gentlemen:

When replacement of the oil filter element becomes necessary, it is essential that the appropriate make is fitted.

There are two types of oil filter assembly - Tecalemit and Vokes - and although these are interchangeable as complete assemblies, the respective elements are not. This is because the Tecalemit filter feeds oil from outside the element, whereas the Vokes element is fed from inside.

If a Tecalemit element is used in a Vokes filter, it will balloon and seal tight against the wall of the filter bowl, thereby causing oil starvation.

Conversely, if a Vokes element is used in a Tecalemit filter, the oil will bypass the filter and feed unfiltered oil to the engine.

Advice as to the type of replacement element to be fitted appears on the filter bowl but it would seem that this is insufficient warning (in the case of the Vokes filter, the transfer becomes indistinct as it ages) and pending some other arrangement it is recommended that cars in service should have their filter bowls clearly labelled.

TECALEMIT oil filter assembly Part No. 1B2897
" element Part No. 2H4349

VOKES oil filter assembly Part No. 8E3601
" element Part No. 7H1927

Yours very truly,
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