

WORKSHOP DIARY



It's been a long, cold winter and unfortunately, it doesn't quite seem to be over yet. The UK is in another national lockdown and hopefully the extensive measures taken, will help us all in the future. You might be starting to turn your attention to your classic, which hasn't had much of an airing over winter, and wondering what you can do over the next few weeks to make sure that, if/when we can travel and attend events again, your car is ready after a longer time in storage than usual. Here are five important checks that you can and should be doing at home:

1. Have a look at the battery charge

The most important item to check is the condition of the car's battery. Give it a good charge and avoid trying to start the car on a weak or half-full battery.

2. Test the engine oil

Pull the dipstick to see if there is adequate oil in the engine and add if needed. This oil is now old and should be changed at your earliest opportunity.

3. Examine other fluids

Check the fluid levels for coolant, power steering, brakes and fuel.

4. Perform a visual check

Look in the engine bay and under the car for signs of fluid leaks. Observe the electrical wires and hoses, looking for cracks and deterioration. Take a screwdriver or spanner to the various clamps that make up the fuel system to ensure that they are tight. Look for signs of unwanted visitors like mice who are notorious for setting up home over the winter in your engine bay, mainly using their time to chew electrical wires.

5. Check Tyres

Check tyre pressure and correct as necessary to bring to the suggested PSI rating indicated on the sidewall. Look for cracks and bulges in the rubber and replace if necessary.



Rare Paint Finish Rebuild

During the recent increase in travel restrictions, the workshop is concentrating on the larger restorations that are already on-site. One unusual car being rebuilt is this MGC GT that, when new, was an Earls Court Motor Show display car. You might not recognise the colour, as this model is finished in a very rare, but original, Metallic Golden Beige and with pressed steel wheels.



Bodywork Coming Along

This 1971 GT is part-way through a bodywork restoration. This month we are working on the rear side, replacing the door and outer rear wing up to the beading. Some repairs are also needed to the inner wheel arch.

