Change Points

When the MGB was first discussed in the boardroom of BMC (UK), I would suggest that no-one there saw the future that was to unfold for this vehicle. A sports car to have an 18 year production life span would have been far from their minds. Perhaps a small indication of this is the fact that the car wasn't called 'MGB Mk I', but simply MGB. There was no apparent provision for subsequent iterations.

A fair bit of confusion has always been present as to what 'version' of mgb an owner had. Officially there were only 'MGB', 'MGB MK II' and in Australia, 'MGBL'. Unofficially, many names abound, such as 'MGB MK I', 'MGB MK 1.5'. Regardless of the nomenclature, the fact is that the MGB went through a continuous progression of changes (some major but mostly minor). These were all listed in the Official Parts Manual as 'change points', stating what the change was and the car ID when the change took place (I have listed some of these in the Registry on this website).

Most difficulties experienced by owners buying replacement parts and suppliers supplying parts come down to failure to match the car's ID with the part sought. In most cases it is critical that you know your ID to avoid receiving the incorrect part.

In the ten years that the MGB was assembled in Australia, there were two vehicles (in my opinion) that truly contained significant (numerically at least) changes more than any other. They were:

YGHN3 501 (Obviously! It was the first car)

YHN9 1774. To make the case, I have attached some of the many sheets of part changes attached to this vehicle. No other vehicle comes anywhere close to this number of changes.

(AMENDMENT ADVICE)

The vehicle in question is still on the road today and is owned by Larry Dickason of NSW. Through his willingness and the photography of Geoff Gallagher, I have attached a series of photos of this vehicle, depicting some of the many change points.

Once again, thanks Larry and Geoff.

Roger Sharpe

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Photos showing various parts affected by change points:

P&R WILLIAMS

ALWAYS QUOTE THIS SERIAL NO.

Lubrication

ENGINE	CASTROL XL 20W-50 MS
GEAR BOX	CASTROL XL 20W-50 MS
DIFFERENTIAL	CASTROL HYPOY B90W-99
BRAKE & CLUTCH	CASTROL GIR...
TRANSMISSION	

NSW 2099

NSW 2097

Use
P PRIV

THE HOUSE OF M.G.

OFFICIAL RECEIPT

Vehicle history check

RTA

1972 WHITE MG UNKNOWN CONVERTIBLE

Registration details

CTP insurance details

Written-off vehicle records

Stolen vehicle records

DEPARTMENT OF
CONSUMER AFFAIRS

FORM 6

MOTOR DEALERS ACT, 1974

THE HOUSE OF M.G.

PARRAMATTA ROAD
STRATHFIELD

WARRANTY

$3,000 (cash price) and over—3 months or 5,000 kms (whichever first occurs)
$1,500 (cash price) and over—2 months or 3,000 kms (whichever first occurs)

THIS VEHICLE CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING DEFECTS WHICH ARE EX-
CLUDED FROM THE WARRANTY PROVISIONS OF THE MOTOR DEALERS
ACT.