

CLUTCH PROBLEMS ? *Continued*

5) Now you have to make a decision as to whether you are going to dismantle the car and replace the clutch or have it done by your motor engineer, anyway :-

6) Start by removing the steering wheel and follow the instructions sent to all club members for the removal of the gearbox. If you can't find those instructions.....call Freda or myself on 01284 787539

Having said all this, *PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE*. Even during winter storage try to start her up once a week....get her up to running temperature and move her about a little too....this will also keep a good charge on the battery...it's good for your tyres....stops engine sludge settling in the base of the sump and ensures any sediments in your cooling system don't aggregate and block a radiator tube.....and it's a perfect excuse to sit in the car and admire the view down the bonnet !

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"If it doesn't work, lets see if it can be made to", the objective I applied to "ECURIAM 11 when the doors wouldn't stay open.

Everything was against this.

- 1) The hinges are not vertically one above the other.
- 2) The retaining clips are only 3/4" by 1/2" in size and placed too close to the hinge pivot pin.
- 3) The clips are fitted only to the top hinge and made of a material which snaps off after very little use.

Having spent many hours, experimenting with various designs and material, I came to the conclusion the hinges would have to pass through a high friction area, spring material just did not work.

The clips, shaped as in the sketch, were fitted to both the top and bottom hinges of both doors and were cut from 13 swg mild steel plate. This material, although almost 3/32" thick gives sufficient flexibility without loosing shape.

In use the hinges pass through the friction area and then fall back against the clips and will only return when aided.

I am not able to supply a detailed construction drawing as each clip had to be made to suit its location and the fixing holes drilled accordingly.

BUT IT WORKS !

Please see over the page for more details.
