

Top Tips

No Power!

Here are a couple of quick tips for those of you who seem to have lost some power from your car.

First a general one regarding the linkage on the 2000TC.

Borrow a second person and get them to press the throttle pedal down while you take a close look at the throttle butterfly spindles on the twin S U's. You do not need to run the engine for this one! With the pedal to the metal check to see if it is possible to rotate the butterfly spindles further by hand. If this is the case then you are not getting the full power available, on a car I recently looked at the spindle could travel a further 20 degrees before it hit the stop! It is a simple matter to adjust the length of the threaded rod that connects the pedal to the throttle mechanism on the carburettors; you should find that this simple check and adjustment increases the power of your TC.

Now for one that applies to all of our cars at some time, an annoying intermittent misfire. If replacing the points, condenser and even the plugs doesn't cure it take a close look at the riveted connections on the coil. These have a tendency to work loose and can cause an intermittent misfire. A quick fix is to remove the coil and using a punch and hammer lightly tap the centre of the rivets so that they are flattened and hopefully this will tighten them up also.

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Wheel Trim removal

Using the standard wheel brace supplied with the car to remove the wheel trims is likely to prove to be an impossible task, the end of the brace is far too thick to get under the trim! To overcome this I simply filed down the thick end to a nice chisel edge, just thin enough to go under and lever up the trim. Problem solved, but now you have a dangerous knife edge! For protection make a sheath out of heavy cardboard and tape which can then be slipped on and off. If all this seems like hard work you can get a little tool that looks like the end of a claw hammer, check your local diy store, this slips under the trim nicely. Does anyone else have a favourite method of removing trims, how do you do it without risking bending the edge?

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