





SO YOU WANT TO BUY AN MG?

- AN UPDATE BY JOHN DAY

It hardly seems possible but this series of articles has been running in Safety Fast! now for over nine months. The idea was conceived by the newly formed Editorial Sub Committee back in December 2006 when we realised a large number of new members were joining the Club each month with the intention of buying their first MG. Very often they had only the vaguest idea about the MG model range and were finding it difficult to obtain unbiased advice on the model that would suit their particular needs.

The concept was simple, get the Registers to write about their cars. This would include relevant model history, a guide to detail differences and what to look out for when purchasing. Many books have been published about the MG range but the difference in this approach was that the information was written by members who actually owned the cars and was specifically aimed at helping other members who were unfamiliar with all the model details.

Judging by the comments received it is a formula that also works for existing members wishing to change model, as well those who are new to the Club. Some members have joined with one model and now wish to change or add to their stable and they are finding the details they want in these articles.

So far this year we have covered the following models;

January General Buying Guide
March T Type
April Midget
May MGF and TF
July MGB
August Y Type
September Z-Magnette

I am indebted to all those who have contributed to the series so far and there are many more in the pipeline due for publication in the coming months. The listed Registers should all be justifiably proud of the quality of material submitted.

We had planned to publish the guide to buying an SVW this month but pressure on editorial space has meant that it has been held over for a future month. We also have a super guide to buying an MGC and an MGA ready for publication. If the model you are waiting for is not on these lists please be patient, it is coming!

The articles have all looked very professional and we think that when all models are completed it would be useful to publish them all in one inexpensive booklet. The booklet could then be offered to new members as part of the joining package.

The Editorial Sub Committee welcome your thoughts on this idea and the articles in general. Please contact John Day, John James or Andy Knott.