

Lagondaforum: Black or Chrome Instrument Bezels?

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Written by Mark at Apr 20, 2016 4:52 pm

I did some research around 16 years ago when I was replacing missing gauges on my 2 Litre and I am pretty certain that Lagonda went with Centigrade. Certainly on the oval dash cars as I have many photos of such. The LG45 is also in centigrade.

However, other manufacturers went with Fahrenheit (for example MG, if I recall correctly, and Austin in the post war period were using Smith instruments showing Fahrenheit)

Having experienced both, my view is that Centigrade markings are much clearer on the gauge. However, it is possibly Lagonda would respond to a customer requesting Fahrenheit...

Regards
Mark

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Written by SRD at Apr 20, 2016 5:12 pm

We have restored many Lagonda pre-war car clocks, mostly Smiths.

They came with either chrome or black finish.

In a few cases we have noted that a standard chrome bezel was sprayed black in period in period. Clearly the factory had an order to complete and needs must..

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Written by Rich5ltr at Apr 20, 2016 7:28 pm

Thanks Mark for the info regarding the temperature gauge; I am of the age that uses feet and inches and beer in pints but am more comfortable with temperatures in Centigrade. It's good to hear that Degr C is probably good for 1933 cars. I found a decent looking gauge on eBay but it's Deg F so I'll pass on that.

Regarding the bezels, black is good for me. Simon, can you PM your details as I may contact you to renovate some dials for me.

Thanks Rich...

Re: Black or Chrome Instrument Bezels?

Written by Rich5ltr at Jun 30, 2018 2:34 pm

Well I see my last post was over 2 years ago but I just fitted my nicely working clock which I have sprayed the chrome bezel satin black and it looks excellent. I have also finally had fitted a proper S Smiths MA oil pressure and temperature gauges and a nice Joseph Lucas ammeter. All looking very good now.