

Lagondaforum: LG 45 steering wheel wanted

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Written by bill at Nov 20, 2016 3:07 pm

Does anyone have an LG 45 steering wheel in reasonable condition that they would be prepared to sell please ? It is the same as the LG 6 or V 12 steering wheel I think (4 solid flat spokes). Approx 3.25" diameter centre.

I could swap an M 45 steering wheel if required (some work required to the spokes).

Thanks.

Re: LG 45 steering wheel wanted

Written by bill at Nov 22, 2016 5:32 pm

Does anyone ,by any chance, have an old LG45 steering wheel boss that they no longer have any use for ? This is the central aluminium bit which is clamped over the top of the steering column. The steering wheel is then riveted/bolted to it. It is about 3" long and about 2" in diameter and with a flange on one end. The other end has a split in it with a bolt.

I understand that this type of boss often broke and that therefore there might be broken ones lurking somewhere ?

I need an old one as a pattern to make up new spokes for a steering wheel so any offers gratefully received !

Thanks.

Re: LG 45 steering wheel wanted

Written by bill at Nov 29, 2016 7:14 pm

No need to reply to the above requests now as I have solved my problems and have nearly finished making a new steering wheel.

Not too keen on the quoted £350 + to recover the wheel "as original" so I am going to investigate the alternatives ...

Re: LG 45 steering wheel wanted

Written by bill at Jan 20, 2017 7:29 pm

Just for the benefit of anyone else making up a new steering wheel. I have a very friendly painter nearby and I have just collected my "new" steering wheel from him after he has "recovered" it for me. 25+ coats of paint later I think it is very difficult to tell the finish from that of an original wheel. The number of coats has given a "depth" to the finish and I am very pleased with the result - and for just under £100. He has also toned down the "shininess" which I think will also dull down a bit more with use.

Cannot work out how to attach a photo. Sorry !

Re: LG 45 steering wheel wanted

Written by davidbracey at Jan 20, 2017 10:48 pm

Hi Bill, sounds like you've found a cheap fix for your steering wheel. I'd like to see pictures.

Click on the 'manage attachments' link and follow instructions. You may need to reduce the file size. If you can't manage it you could email them to me and I'll upload them for you.

Re: LG 45 steering wheel wanted

Written by bill at Jan 21, 2017 10:39 am

It was reducing the size of the photo in my computer that I couldn't work out ! I think I have done it now . See below (hopefully).

Attachments:

[Steering wheels - LG new and Delahaye centre 001.JPG](#) (filesize: 95.40 KB)

[Steering wheels - LG new and Delahaye centre 002.JPG](#) (filesize: 96.75 KB)

[Steering wheels - LG new and Delahaye centre 003.JPG](#) (filesize: 94.71 KB)

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Re: LG 45 steering wheel wanted

Written by Colin M34 at Jan 21, 2017 11:08 am

This looks really good.

I had a strange and really rather offhand response from the people who advertise steering wheel restoration in the club magazine. I need to have the boss on my 2 Litre wheel recovered and when I phoned them as a potential customer they were really quite uncommunicative. I emailed them further details and did not receive a reply. I got the strong impression that were not going to discuss their restoration process with me. I was quite surprised about this, because most restorers I have met are very proud of their skills. I am thinking about Surelock for example.

I know people who have used this steering wheel restoration company and been very satisfied with the result so maybe I contacted them on a bad day and they are overloaded with work at £350 per go.

I am inspired by Bill's results. It may be that the original process simply involved many coats of cellulose paint on top of each other to get that lovely deep sheen. Does anyone know how original cellulose ping pong balls were made?

Colin

Re: LG 45 steering wheel wanted

Written by Colin M34 at Jan 21, 2017 11:17 am

Dear readers,

Take look at this very interesting thread on cellulose ping pong balls: http://mytabletennis.net/forum/forum_posts.asp?TID=46140

The wonders of Google! We live and learn...

Colin

Re: LG 45 steering wheel wanted

Written by Colin M34 at Jan 21, 2017 1:25 pm

Another useful entry on Wikipedia <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Celluloid>

Colin

Re: LG 45 steering wheel wanted

Written by alecrb at Jan 21, 2017 10:17 pm

I looked into this a while back (celluloid coating). Found some information in a video about making accordions. I can't locate that exact video but it had to do with soaking the celluloid in an acetone-water solution to soften it. Here is a shorter clip -see minute 1:00

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYsSifiDapo>

Anyway, I couldn't find a source of black celluloid sheet, so it's interesting hearing about other options!

Alec