

# Lagondaforum: M45 dynamo mystery drive

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*Written by bruffsup at Nov 27, 2017 11:14 pm*

My first thought was that this was to drive a tachometer but that is driven off the end of the camshaft. Of course it is possible my dynamo came from another make or model. Any ideas? Please advise. Thanks Barry

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### Attachments:

[Lagonda Dynamo mystery drive.jpg](#) (filesize: 19.45 KB)

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## Re: M45 dynamo mystery drive

*Written by alecrb at Nov 29, 2017 12:35 am*

A wild guess, but it looks like it could be an advance/retard system that is attached to the dynamo and should have points and a distributor mounted to it. I believe there is also a magneto on the other side of the engine (I'm not familiar with M45 details...) so the car could run without this working.

There is a photo in this ad that seems to show this device.

<http://www.fantasyjunction.com/cars/1208-Lagonda-M45%20Tourer-4.5%20Litre%20Inline%20Six-Cylinder>

Alec

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## Re: M45 dynamo mystery drive

*Written by bruffsup at Nov 29, 2017 1:43 am*

Thanks for the reply Alec and link to the interesting M445. I am afraid the drive is still a mystery as the distributor has a right angle gear provision already in place. And of course on the other side of the engine resides the BTH magneto.

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## Re: M45 dynamo mystery drive

*Written by Julian at Dec 01, 2017 3:17 pm*

Rev counter drive for such like the early Invicta and the military engines.

Best regards,

Julian

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## Re: M45 dynamo mystery drive

*Written by bruffsup at Dec 02, 2017 2:48 am*

THANKS JULIAN !