

Lagondaforum: G9 gearbox

Re: G9 gearbox

Written by davidbracey at Jan 19, 2017 11:16 pm

I believe they've changed the chemical compound of Wellseal within the last few years. I used it on my engine rebuild in 2104 and it failed completely. I've the photos to prove it. An expensive episode and I seem to remember the reason given for changing it was to do with EU regulations on some of the ingredients. No idea if that's true.

Anyway, the comments on the model engineer debate seem to refer to older applications and I have also had great results with it in the past. Nothing's as good as it used to be. However...I shan't be using it again. Fingers burnt etc.

These days I have more faith in modern products even if they are harder to clean up and messier to apply.

Re: G9 gearbox

Written by adamgentilli at Jan 26, 2017 7:52 pm

I rather feel that I am making a mountain out of a molehill! All going well until I nipped up the bearings and spacer on the input shaft as tight as I could with the castellated nut. The internal spacer washer is now catching on the layshaft gear. I am pretty sure this was assembled with the cup facing inwards, away from the roller bearing. Am I right?

I presume that I couldn't over tighten the castellated nut thus not leaving the washer loose? I am asking the questions before I consider turning the washer round (would prefer not to dismantle again unnecessarily), or "dress" the washer edge away from the gear. Thanks to all for your help and comments.

Re: G9 gearbox

Written by bill at Jan 27, 2017 10:12 am

Adam, according to my notes the domed washer should be facing away from the bearing - i.e. with the cup facing inwards. At least, that is how it was on my gearbox ! This is presumably to throw excessive oil away from the bearing.

Is the layshaft assembled correctly - or didnt you remove it ?

Re: G9 gearbox

Written by adamgentilli at Jan 27, 2017 10:25 am

Bill, thanks for that. It was my feeling as well. The layshaft was removed and is now assembled correctly after a second attempt. Having carefully observed my photo I still managed to get the herringbone the wrong way round but this is pretty obvious on reassembly of the main gears. I think some gentle re-modelling of the cup washer, which was not in "as new" condition will resolve the issue. I didn't want to do that if it was the wrong way round anyway. It may be there was a little play, previously, which kept it free. I do have a C spanner for the castellated nut which means I can tighten it well.

Re: G9 gearbox

Written by adamgentilli at Feb 16, 2017 7:29 pm

Well there has been a bit of a pause and a few interruptions and away days! Gearbox is now in and nicely lined up. Final job to reconnect propshaft and guess what? The UJ is hitting the cross member. If I raise the rear of the box I shall be out of line with the engine. Raise the engine, I don't think so. Let the new fabric couplings take the strain, best not I would have thought. Probably need to raise the rear around 1/4" at least. Any suggestions?

Re: G9 gearbox

Written by bill at Feb 17, 2017 10:04 am

Are you sure the gearbox is correctly lined up ?

What did you alter that could possibly have affected the position of the gearbox ?

How did you line the gearbox up ? Did you double check this before you put the shaft and fabric coupling on ? I found that it was also best to take the clutch off to make absolutely certain everything was in line.

Julian M. posted some help on the Forum some time ago about correctly lining everything up

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I will check later and see how close my UJ is to the cross member on my car- in case this helps.

Re: G9 gearbox

Written by adamgentilli at Feb 17, 2017 11:12 am

As I had new fabric couplings, I realigned the gearbox height and position with the couplings. As I haven't changed anything at the clutch engine end it didn't seem necessary to go to great lengths in checking alignment with the crankshaft. Wrong again, perhaps, but the original mounting heights would not let the couplings line up. I wonder whether the engine mountings may have softened and "sagged" over the years. These are pretty expensive and I wonder if they can be replaced with the engine supported but in situ?

Re: G9 gearbox

Written by bill at Feb 17, 2017 11:15 am

I have checked and there is in fact only 2mm clearance with the cross member at the widest point of the UJ on my car.
However I have original engine mountings and this affects it. I intend to replace these one day but it is a very difficult job - almost an engine out !
If you are absolutely certain that the gearbox is correctly aligned maybe you could raise the rear engine mountings fractionally and then realign the gearbox. This may give you enough clearance - after all the engine may not be level anyway !

Re: G9 gearbox

Written by h14 at Feb 17, 2017 12:08 pm

Not a model I'm familiar with, so excuse if this is daft. But is it possible the new fabric joints are thicker? Would fractional movement of the gearbox forward resolve this issue? Possible that the new coupling dimensions may differ slightly, or that retightening of the nuts will make a difference?
Laurence

Re: G9 gearbox

Written by adamgentilli at Feb 17, 2017 3:16 pm

Thanks Lawrence. Yes they are a little thicker but I don't think this affects the situation. I am hoping to get back to it soon, and will look at it all with refreshed eyes!
