

Lagondaforum: Play in Marles steering box

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Written by FRED at Oct 06, 2013 10:27 am

I like to adjust the play in a Marles steering box. Does anyone know if this can be done with the steering box still in place? Who will supply eventual needed shims? And, in case I'll have to take the box out, what is the best way to do?
I will be grateful to learn from an experienced forum member.

FRED

Re: Play in Marles steering box

Written by Colin M34 at Oct 06, 2013 2:47 pm

Hi Fred,

What car is this for?. It's a horrible job to do with it fully in situ but you should not have to remove it completely, as this is also a horrible job. Adjustment is easy when you get to it, and it transforms the steering so is well worth doing.

If you can tell us what car it is fitted to, I will give you some more information.

Colin M34

Re: Play in Marles steering box

Written by bruffsup at Oct 07, 2013 1:03 am

Colin, Please post the info here so we all can learn! Thanks, Barry

Re: Play in Marles steering box

Written by Colin M34 at Oct 07, 2013 10:54 am

Hi Barry,

Your M45 does not have a Marles box, it has a Bishop Cam one which is different.

Colin

Re: Play in Marles steering box

Written by FRED at Oct 07, 2013 6:01 pm

Hi Colin,

Thanks for your reply.

It is for my 3L LC. There is some play in the rocker shaft and I loose some oil. As I cannot remove the drop arm without a press I was planning to arrange the shimms on the back of the house. Of course I shall have to skip the fitting of an oil seal. Do you think this can be done with the steering box in place?
And how do I get shimms for the proper adjustment?
Regards, Fred Spee S.33

Re: Play in Marles steering box

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Written by Colin M34 at Oct 07, 2013 6:29 pm

Hi Fred,

is is Marles or Bishop Cam? They fitted both on LC 3L Lagondas. If the shaft is worn then is will need re-bushing and that requires full removal of the box.

Colin

Re: Play in Marles steering box

Written by FRED at Oct 07, 2013 11:11 pm

Hi Colin,

It is a Marles one. Do you know how I can get it off?

What do I have to start with, the part with the trottle and ingnition levers, or do I have to do the steering column first?

I know the club supplies new parts. I am just afraid to damage the steering box.

Regards, Fred.

Re: Play in Marles steering box

Written by h14 at Oct 08, 2013 10:05 am

I had the Marles steering box & column for my LG6 completely rebuilt including machining & fitting a shaft seal by a steering specialist firm in Wimbledon about 10 years ago. It was only £140 including all parts, so was literally a no-brainer to have them do it rather than buy the parts & try to do it myself.

Laurence

Re: Play in Marles steering box

Written by Colin M34 at Oct 08, 2013 4:56 pm

Hi Lawrence,

Sounds great! Having the bush and seal done seems a no-brainer.

Can you confirm that Lagondas went back to Marles with the LG6 from Bishop Cam which was used on cars from around 1932? Both my 16/80 and my M45 both have Bishop Cam, whereas my 1927 HC 2 Litre has a "vintage" Marles box.

Presumably they fitted Marles boxes when they went to independent front suspension on the LG6.

Colin

Re: Play in Marles steering box

Written by bill at Oct 08, 2013 7:14 pm

Hi Laurence

Was the firm in Wimbledon called Steering Services ? If so I can thoroughly recomend them as well to Fred (usual disclaimer - only a satisfied customer). They have rebuilt 2 steering boxes for me (M45 and LG45) the last one about 10 years ago. I think Peter Whenman always used them.

I would usually have a go at anything myself but I think for a "safety critical" thing like this it is best left to an "expert".

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The last phone number I have for them (in UK) was 0208 5409756. Hope this helps Fred.

Bill
