Lagondaforum: Leather Bonnet Straps?

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Written by Rich5ltr at Oct 09, 2015 4:52 pm

What is the collective view on leather bonnet straps on 16/80s? Looking at pictures on the internet it seems they are common on cycle winged cars but less so on those with swept wings. I ather they were a prerequisite at Brooklands and I rather like them but would it be a faux pas to add them e.g. like on this car (which is not mine just as an example)

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Lagonda Red & Black.jpg (filesize: 20.46 KB)

Re: Leather Bonnet Straps?

Written by David at Oct 09, 2015 8:22 pm

Don't they flap and scratch the paint? Your wonderful car looks just splendid without leather straps

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Re: Leather Bonnet Straps?

Written by h14 at Oct 10, 2015 12:02 pm

Agree with David. As you say, bonnet straps were a requirement for racing at Brooklands etc pre-war. Because of this, they appear to have become a "go faster" accessory; a shame to spoil an original car.

Laurence

Re: Leather Bonnet Straps?

Written by Rich5ltr at Oct 10, 2015 12:56 pm

Fair enough, it's staying as it is!

Re: Leather Bonnet Straps?

Written by cahallett at Oct 10, 2015 10:34 pm

Hello Chaps,

My 16/80 has a leather bonnet strap.

It is a go faster accesory for sure and I have only left it on the car because its better than the holes drilled into the bonnet to attach the sodding thing by the previous owner.

Leave your car original and unspoilt.

Oh and yes, the strap scuffs the paint.

Cheers

Chris
