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Written by Rich5ltr at Jan 08, 2016 10:01 pm

Having used the search facility I couldn't find an answer to this question. What manufacturer's tyres would have been fitted by Lagonda back in the early 30s? I assume someone somewhere has the build sheet for their car from that period which would say? My guess would be a good British brand like Dunlop or Avon but I wonder?

Re: Tyres originally fitted at Staines?

Written by davidbracey at Jan 08, 2016 10:49 pm

My build sheet says Fort Dunlop. 1936.

Re: Tyres originally fitted at Staines?

Written by Rich5ltr at Jan 08, 2016 11:40 pm

Out of interest David, how can one find the build sheets or were you fortunate to have it with the car?

Re: Tyres originally fitted at Staines?

Written by DavidLG45 at Jan 09, 2016 8:59 am

Mine are Fort Dunlop too, 1937. The build sheet is filled in by hand so I assume there was a choice. There must have been a default tyre if the customer didn't have a preference. One of Arnold Davey's excellent books may have the answer.

Photocopy build sheets available from Maurice Leo's son I believe.

Re: Tyres originally fitted at Staines?

Written by davidbracey at Jan 09, 2016 4:02 pm

Rich,

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David

Re: Tyres originally fitted at Staines?

Written by Mark at Jan 09, 2016 4:07 pm

The build sheet for my 1937 LG45 also shows Fort Dunlop tyres.

I believe that only build sheets for the 4.5 Litre models are available from the Leo's. I understand the 2 Litre build records were destroyed in a fit of anger by a certain person around the time the 2 Litre Register was formed but that is part of Lagonda Club history.

Re: Tyres originally fitted at Staines?

Written by davidbracey at Jan 09, 2016 10:20 pm

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Re: Tyres originally fitted at Staines?

Written by Rich5ltr at Jan 09, 2016 11:08 pm

Thanks chaps, that's really useful information. I will contact Jon to see if he has the build sheet for my 16/80.

Re: Tyres originally fitted at Staines?

Written by Colin M34 at Jan 10, 2016 1:04 am

Hi Richard,

No point in trying for a build sheet for your 16/80. The build sheets for all the smaller cars were deliberately destroyed by an unnamed someone in a fit of pique in the late 1940s or early 1950s.

As some of the people involved are still alive it is inappropriate to discuss the circumstances in an open forum but to give you a clue, after the War there were two clubs serving two distinct groups of people. There was the revived Lagonda Car Club and the Two Litre Register. The latter tended to support people with the older, "vintage" Lagondas who did their own maintenance, whereas the former supported the Meadows engined and V12 models. These were pretty new at the time and still owned by the sort of person who could afford to have their cars worked on by a specialist. These records survive.

The post-war Lagonda Car Club was revived by Mr Davies who was formerly the factory service manager and set up business at 273 London Road in Staines to service these cars.

It is worth trying to get hold of a copy of Geoff Seaton's book which explains a lot of this situation in more depth. Many of us were good friends with both Geoff Seaton and Phil Ridout who explained to us youngsters the background to the formation of the present club when the two predecessors were merged in October 1951. Both of these two chaps are no longer with us and I sorely miss their company.

This is now a long time ago and sadly the action of this disgruntled person (who I never knew) still impacts on us owners of the "lesser" cars. Hey Ho.

It does make finding things out all a lot more fun though...

Cheers Colin M34
