

ELITE & CORTINA
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ELITE

ELITE OWNERS WILL BE HAPPY TO KNOW THAT THE SMALL GEAR BOX ON THE GENERATOR (USED AS PART OF THE TACH DRIVE) IS STILL AVAILABLE. IT IS SOLD UNDER THE SAME NUMBER AND IS MADE BY "SMITH". HOWEVER, THEY COST ABOUT \$25.00/EACH.

AFTER SEARCHING AROUND A BIT I FINALLY FOUND THE PROPER DIFFERENTIAL PINION OIL SEAL FOR MY ELITE. IT DOES NOT COME FROM A SPITFIRE OR A SPRITE AS SOME INDIVIDUALS ADVISED ME. THE PARTS CATALOGUE SAY IT FITS "VARIOUS" CARS. WOW! WHAT A WEALTH OF INFORMATION. THEY COST ABOUT \$2.00, ARE EASY TO REPLACE, AND HELP KEEP OIL OFF YOUR DISC BRAKES. (REPCO P3509-C451) IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE FINDING ONE WRITE TO ME, LYNN GARRISON, AND I WILL SELL YOU ONE OF MY EXTRAS.

IN REBUILDING MY ELITE REAR BRAKE CALIPERS, THE REBUILD KIT RECOMMENDED BY CLUB ELITE (GIRLING SP2515-1) DID NOT FIT. POSSIBLY THIS KIT IS FOR IRON CALIPERS ONLY. IF SO LET US KNOW AND WE WILL PASS THE WORD ALONG. AS FOR MY EARLY SERIES II WITH ALLOY CALIPERS, GIRLING SP2550 SEEMS TO WORK OK. I FOUND THE REAR BRAKE PADS (GIRLING 64325973) TO BE VERY EXPENSIVE AT \$57.00 A SET. THEY ARE APPARENTLY MADE ONLY FOR THE ELITE SO, TAKE CARE OF WHAT YOU HAVE.

CORTINA

FORD MOTOR CO. HAS AN ALL CENTRIFUGAL ADVANCE DISTRIBUTOR WHICH FITS CORTINAS. MOST SPEED SHOPS WILL CURVE IT FOR \$5.00. VILLA FORD HAS THEM FOR \$35.00.

FRONT SHOCKS...SHOP MANUAL TELLS YOU ALMOST COMPLETELY DISASSEMBLE THE LOWER FRONT END TO REMOVE STRUT. DEALER TIME ESTIMATE FOR FRONT 4 - 5 HOURS, INCLUDES GOODYS LIKE SPECIAL SPRING RETAINER TOOL. COURTESY OF MY SON, WRAP SPRING IN HEAVY BLANKET, PROTECTS FENDER, REMOVE THREE MOUNTING BOLTS AT TOP OF STRUT AND RUBBER DUST COVER. RAISE FRONT OF CAR LEAVING WHEELS FREE, PULL DOWN ON STRUT, REMOVE SPRING, UNSCREW SHOCK FROM STRUT AND REMOVE UPWARDS AND OUT THROUGH THE HOLE IN FENDER WELL (UNDER HOOD). INSERT AND THREAD IN REPLACEMENT, REPLACE SPRING, LOWER CAR, FIND THREE FRIENDS TO WEIGH CAR WHILE REPLACING STRUT MOUNTING BOLTS AND DUST COVER. TOTAL TIME (FIRST JOB) 1 HR AND 45 MINS.