

# Technical News!

A new feature to bring you news of Austin-Healey-related technical developments and associated items of interest.

AH Spares have announced that they now offer reproductions of the original air filters fitted to many Big Healeys:

*As close to the originals as possible, these Cooper Type air filters have the correct colour paint and finish and use UNF bolts. They also have a flat back so that the original thin gaskets can be used. Each filter comes with a copy of the original decal & 2 fixing bolts.*



Rear air filter BN4-BJ7

Following demand for an original style unit, Better Car Lighting have announced a replacement solution for the classic-style flasher relay 'can' which will work with the new LED bulbs:

*The new classic-style flasher relay will work with LED bulbs, standard bulbs or any combination. With loads from 0.1 of a watt up to 150 watts at 12 volts, and it looks just like the original, being housed in the traditional alloy "can" housing. They cost £29.99+VAT and there are discounts for multiple orders from clubs.*



Ahead4healeys report on a new  $\frac{3}{4}$  sized door repair panel for Big Healeys:

*Our new "up to the swage line" repair panels are a direct consequence of requests from our experienced trade customers. They approached us for a cost effective larger repair panel option to deal with nearly all skin corrosion issues, without the need to fit full door skins or complete doors. These extended door repair panels were the result.*

*Priced at a very reasonable £55.00, these panels represent great value for money and a brilliantly fit friendly solution, to nearly all door skin corrosion issues.*



CCW reports on the danger of owners ignoring the age of their tyres with seemingly 25% of cars being driven with potentially dangerous tyres and even more likely now with many classics no longer being checked in an MoT test. Blow-outs are more likely and, importantly, braking distances are markedly increased. In tests, with old tyres fitted an MGB GT took 56.45m to stop from 50mph and yet a markedly reduced 37.55m when fitted with new tyres! The FBHVC says: 'Tyres are the only contact between the car and the ground and must be in first-class condition'. (Source: CCW Wed 4 Nov)

Please send me your feedback – if it is (or is not!) what you want to see and would be both interesting and useful, please let me know! Mark Knight: [Info@AHC-Southwestern.co.uk](mailto:Info@AHC-Southwestern.co.uk)