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SERVICE BULLETIN #3

(Not Dated)

TIRES -- ALL MODELS

Tire "Run-Out" - Because of their light, precise steering all Lotus road cars are highly sensitive to tire "run-out" and concentricity. This being more noticeable with radial-ply tires than with cross-ply tires.

If trouble is experienced with handling problems, which are sometimes difficult to diagnose, particularly after fitting replacement tires, reference should be made to the tire manufacturer concerned.

It is recommended that the wheel and tire assemblies are dynamically balanced at intervals of every 3,000 miles (5,000 km.) or more often if the car is used continually for high speed driving.

Pirelli Cinturato Tires - Due to handling characteristics of these tires, they are no longer recommended as optional extras. Consequently, Group Lotus will not be responsible for any claim, Warranty or otherwise, involving Lotus cars fitted with Pirelli Cinturato tires.

ENGINE COOLING -- ELAN

When customers complain of high temperatures in city traffic, they should be informed of the necessity to "rev" the engine at 2000 - 3000 rpm every few minutes to enable the water pump to circulate the coolant. At idling speeds the coolant is NOT circulating in the system.

If required, the thermostat can be changed for one with a lower rating. Normal thermostat of 88 C. gives a reading of approximately 90 C. As you all should know, the boiling point of water using the Centigrade scale is 100°, but with the 7 lbs.in² (.49 kg.cm²) radiator filler cap used, this pressurizes the cooling system and raises the coolant boiling point to 116° at sea level. There is, therefore, no cause for alarm if the water temperature gauge shows a reading of 95° or even 100°.

The lower setting thermostat of 71°C. will give a reading of approximately 80°C. on the water temperature gauge. Additionally, a supplementary fan blade (105E8607A) is available for converting the existing fan blade into a 4-bladed fan assembly, thus further increasing engine cooling.

STEERING COLUMN -- ELAN

Complaints have been received of the steering column clamps becoming loose in Service. All Distributors and Dealers are reminded that when the steering column has been adjusted, it is essential that the adjusting clamps are fully tightened BEFORE the car leaves your workshops, passed as satisfactory for the road.