

MGA Recall Notice

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ABINGDON The British Motor Corporation has announced a recall of their MGA sports car, due to complaints of unintended acceleration. The models affected are 1955 through 1962 left hand drive roadster and coupe cars. Using their high-tech fishbone diagram, company officials have determined the root cause of the unintended acceleration to be the passenger inadvertently operating the throttle linkage with their foot, since it crosses the car from left to right, with the throttle cable connection made in the upper right

hand foot well. No serious accidents or injuries have been reported, but the unintended acceleration has been linked to an *accelerated* heart rate in some MGA drivers. If your car experiences this

phenomenon the company instructs you to 1) step on the brake with all your might to slow the car down a bit, 2) reach over and turn the ignition off, and 3) kindly instruct the

passenger on where not to put their feet.

A c o m p a n y spokesperson confirmed that the car's "electronics system" has been ruled out as a possible cause. If you own one of the affected models, you are urged to contact your local BMC dealer to arrange the retrofit repair, which consists of zip tying a piece of .032" precision shim stock in the upper right hand foot well to eliminate the possibility of the passenger's foot contacting the throttle linkage.

