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THE REAR ROAD SPRINGS

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The semi-elliptic leaf springs provided for the rear suspension are secured beneath the rear axle by "U" bolts.

The front ends of the springs are anchored in flexing rubber bushes, while the rear ends are mounted in similar bushes in swinging shackles.

Rubber pads are fitted between the spring and the axle, and moulded rubber packing pads are inserted round the leaves and the spring clips, while rubber insertions are also fitted at the ends of the spring leaves. It is essential that no lubricant be used on the spring leaves or shackles.

Section I.1

REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE REAR SPRINGS

Raise the rear of the car and block up under the chassis forward of the rear springs.

Remove the nuts holding the "U" bolts to the axle casing and allow the axle to hang from the rebound straps.

Remove the spring anchorage bolts and shackle bolts, when the springs may be lifted away.

Section I.2

DISMANTLING AND REASSEMBLING THE SPRINGS

Slacken off and remove the spring clip bolts, distance-pieces, and rubber packings.

Release the locknut and nut from the spring centre bolt and remove the distance-piece and bolt.

The leaves may now be separated, releasing the twelve interleaf rubber pads.

Inspection

Clean each leaf, and examine for cracks or breakage. Check the centre bolt for wear or distortion (this bolt forms the location for the spring on its axle pad and should be in good condition).

Important.—When fitting new leaves it is important that they are of the correct length and thickness, and have the same curvature as the remaining leaves.

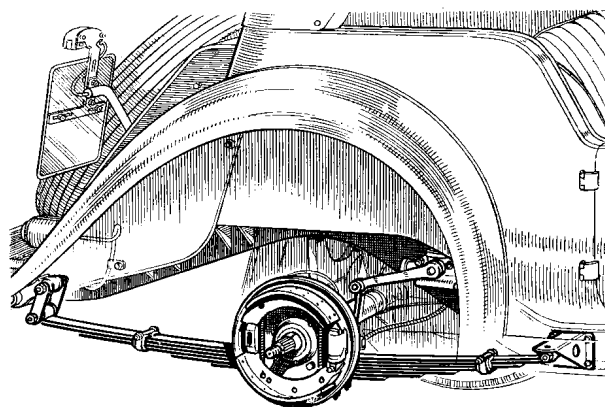


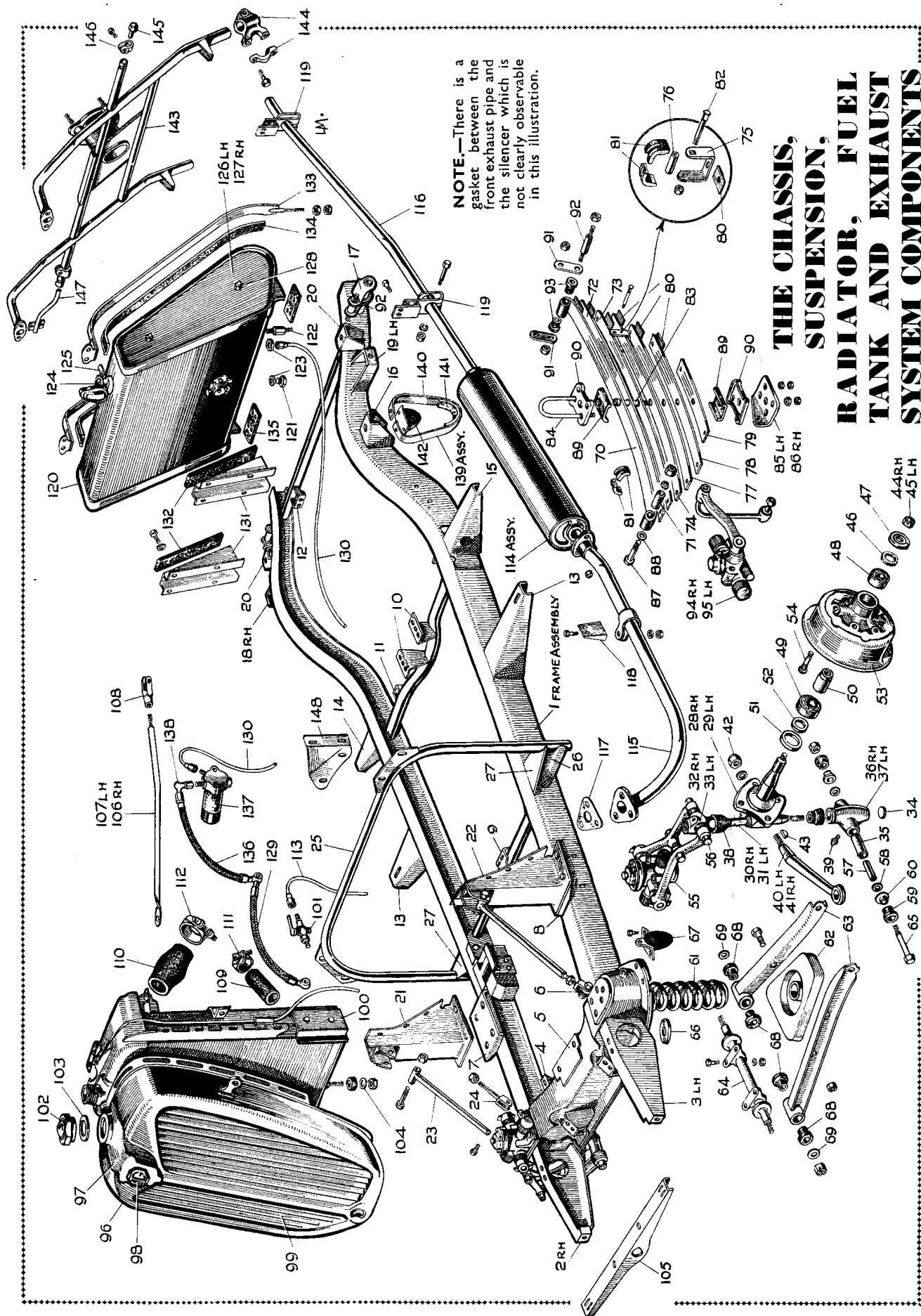
Fig. I.1.

The semi-elliptic rear springs are mounted in flexing rubber bushes with rubber interleaving between the spring leaves.

It is advisable, even when no leaves are broken, to fit replacement springs when the originals have lost their camber due to settling.

Reassembling

The springs should be assembled clean, dry and free from any lubricant.



KEY TO CHASSIS AND SUSPENSION COMPONENTS

No.	Description	No.	Description	No.	Description
1.	Chassis frame—complete.	51.	Distance washer—hub.	100.	Radiator film block complete (with tanks).
2.	Extension—front R/H—frame.	52.	Oil seal—hub.	101.	Drain tap.
3.	Extension—front L/H—frame.	53.	Hub and brake-drum assembly—front.	102.	Filler cap—radiator.
4.	Bracket—engine steady.	54.	Wheel studs.	103.	Ring—rubber—filler cap.
5.	Bracket—engine mounting support.	55.	Damper complete—front.	104.	Packing washer—radiator mounting.
6.	Anchor—stay tube.	56.	Bolt—wishbone to link.	105.	Support member—radiator.
7.	Bracket—frame stiffener R/H.	57.	Link—distance tube.	106.	Stay tube—radiator R/H.
8.	Bracket—frame stiffener L/H.	58.	Thrust washer—link.	107.	Stay tube—radiator L/H.
9.	Bracket—engine mounting rear.	59.	Seal—link.	108.	Yoke end—stay tube.
10.	Bracket—propeller shaft tunnel.	60.	Support—link.	109.	Hose—bottom—radiator.
11.	Bracket—exhaust pipe.	61.	Spring coil.	110.	Hose—top—radiator.
12.	Bracket—exhaust pipe.	62.	Spring pan assembly.	111.	Clip—bottom hose.
13.	Bracket—centre—body mounting.	63.	Bottom wishbone assembly.	112.	Clip—top hose.
14.	Bracket—front—rear spring R/H.	64.	Wishbone pivot.	113.	Drain pipe.
15.	Bracket—front—rear spring L/H.	65.	Bolt—wishbone to link.	114.	Exhaust system assembly. } Welded assembly
16.	Bracket—rear—body mounting.	66.	Spigot for spring.	115.	Front pipe. } on later models.
17.	Bracket—rear—rear spring.	67.	Check rubber.	116.	Silencer and rear pipe assembly.
18.	Mounting bracket—rear wing R/H.	68.	Bush—bottom wishbone.	117.	Gasket—exhaust pipe flange.
19.	Mounting bracket—rear wing L/H.	69.	Washer—wishbone.	118.	Bracket—front support.
20.	Mounting bracket—rear balance.	70.	Main leaf complete with bush.	119.	Support—tail pipe.
21.	Stiffener bracket—R/H.	71.	Bush—Silentbloc.	120.	Fuel tank complete.
22.	Stiffener bracket—L/H.	72.	Second leaf.	121.	Drain plug—fuel tank.
23.	Stay tube assembly.	73.	Third leaf.	122.	Main feed adaptor.
24.	Fork end.	74.	Fourth leaf complete with clips.	123.	Washer (drain plug and main feed).
25.	Dash stiffener assembly.	75.	Leaf clips.	124.	Filler cap (Westwood) complete.
26.	Gusset plate—dash stiffener.	76.	Distance tube.	125.	Trigger—cap.
27.	Gusset plate—top—dash stiffener.	77.	Fifth leaf.	126.	End cover—fuel tank L/H.
28.	Steering knuckle—R/H.	78.	Sixth leaf.	127.	End cover—fuel tank R/H.
29.	Steering knuckle—L/H.	79.	Seventh leaf.	128.	Special bolt—tank end cover.
30.	Swivel pin—R/H.	80.	Rubber pad.	129.	Pipe (between carburettors).
31.	Swivel pin—L/H.	81.	Rubber—spring clip.	130.	Pipe (tank to pump) complete with washer and union washer.
32.	Link—swivel pin—upper R/H.	82.	Bolt— $\frac{1}{2}$ in. B.S.F.	131.	Mounting bracket.
33.	Link—swivel pin—upper L/H.	83.	Locating bolt.	132.	Rubber for mounting bracket.
34.	Plate—link.	84.	Clip—rear spring.	133.	Strap—fuel tank.
35.	Bush—link.	85.	Bracket—L/H (damper to rear spring).	134.	Packing—tank strap.
36.	Link—swivel pin—lower R/H.	86.	Bracket—R/H (damper to rear spring).	135.	Rubber packing—tank to frame.
37.	Link—swivel pin—lower L/H.	87.	Pin—rear spring front end.	136.	Pipe—pump to carburettors.
38.	Seal—swivel pin.	88.	Washer—Silentbloc.	137.	Fuel pump.
39.	Grease nipple ($\frac{1}{8}$ in. \times 90°)—link.	89.	Seating pad—rear spring.	138.	Elbow—fuel pump.
40.	Steering lever—L/H.	90.	Locating plate—rear spring.	139.	Check strap assembly—rear axle.
41.	Steering lever—R/H.	91.	Shackle plate.	140.	Check strap.
42.	Key—Simmonds thin, $\frac{1}{2}$ in. B.S.F.	92.	Shackle pin.	141.	Buffer—check strap.
43.	Key—Woodruff No. 8.	93.	Bush.	142.	Rebound rubber—rear axle.
44.	Nut—steering knuckle—R/H.	94.	Damper complete—R/H.	143.	Spare wheel carrier bracket assembly.
45.	Nut—steering knuckle—L/H.	95.	Damper complete—L/H.	144.	Clamp bracket—lower—carrier.
46.	Felt washer—hub.	96.	Radiator case (with medallion, grille and false nose).	145.	Plug—spare wheel carrier.
47.	Grease retainer—hub.	97.	Radiator false nose.	146.	Clamp—rear number-plate.
48.	Bearing hub—inner.	98.	Medallion—M.G.—radiator.	147.	Mounting bracket—rear number-plate.
49.	Bearing hub—outer.	99.	Radiator grille.	148.	Attachment plate—dash stiffener.
50.	Distance-piece—hub.				

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Place the leaves together in their correct order, locating them with the centre bolt and positioning the interleaf rubber packings between the ends of the leaves before the bolt is tightened.

The dowel head of the bolt must be be on top of the spring.

Replace the spring clip rubber packings, clips, distance-pieces, and bolts.

Before replacing the shackle bolts, bushes and shackle plates they must be inspected for wear and, if necessary, replaced by new components.

Before tightening the spring bolts it is absolutely essential that the normal working load be applied to the springs so that the flexing rubber

bushes are deflected to an equal extent in both directions during service. Failure to take this precaution will inevitably lead to early deterioration of the bushes.

Section I.3

MAINTENANCE OF THE REAR SPRINGS

As the rear springs are mounted in rubber, spraying with oil should be strictly avoided.

The only attention required is an occasional tightening of the spring seat bolts to make sure they are quite tight.

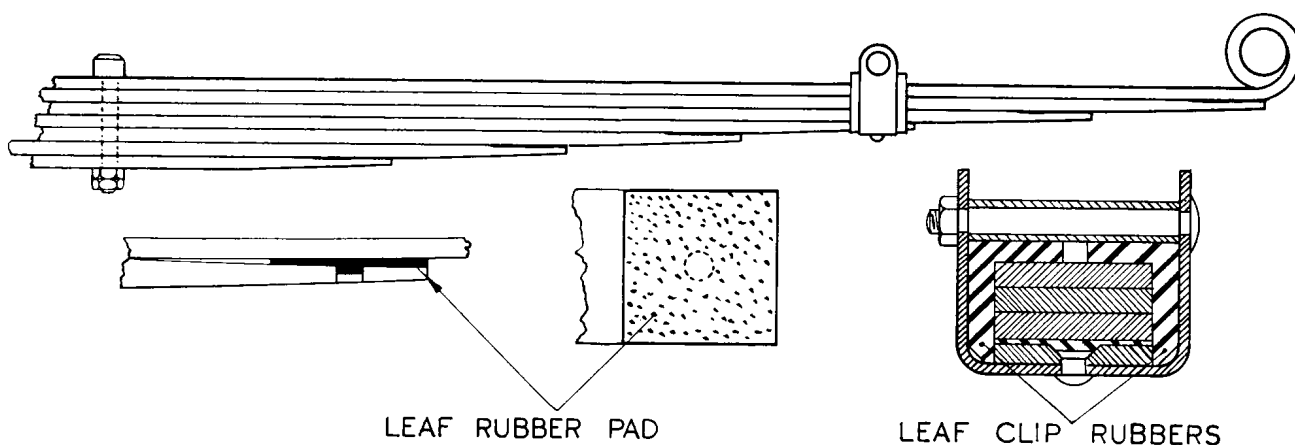


Fig. I.2.

The rubber interleafing and rubber mounting for the spring clips on the rear springs.
On some models the leaf rubber pad is circular and not square in shape as shown.

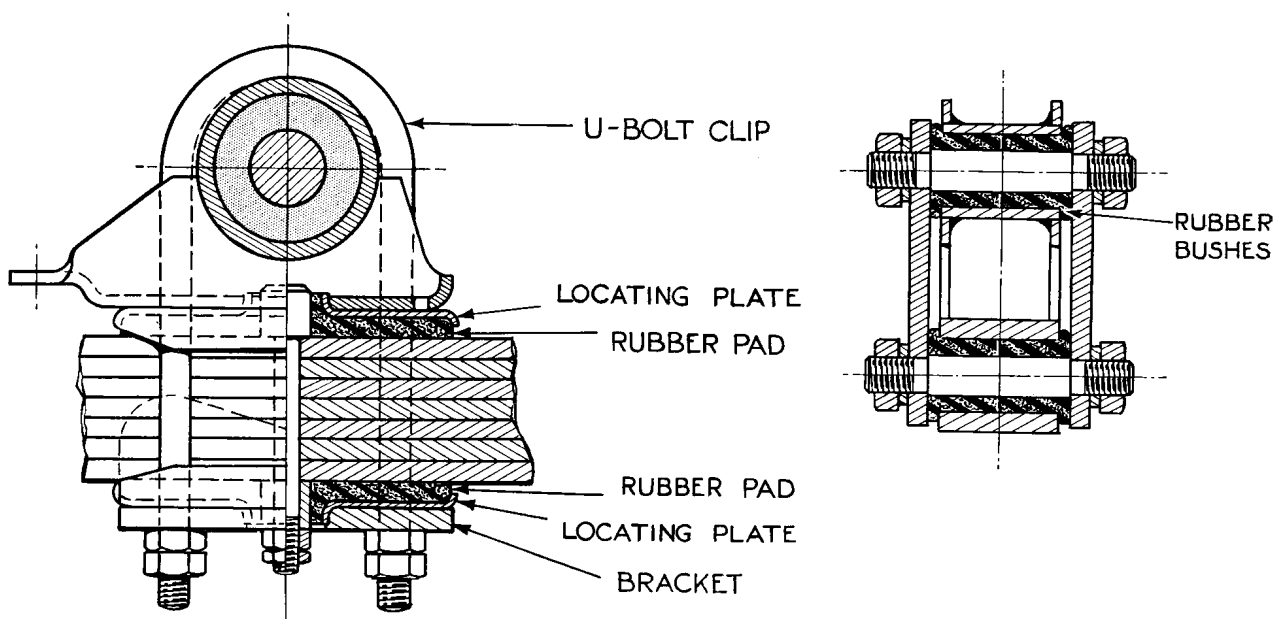


Fig. I.3.

The rubber mounting of the rear springs on the axle.