

from the Morgan Oasis Garage

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This month's epistle is about that ubiquitous tail lamp, the Lucas L-549 as seen on many, many British cars including our everloving Moggies.

I once worked on a Mog whose owner had replaced the guts of his tail lamp with after market American goodies. Of course this eliminated lots of the quaint habits we get into driving these eversquaint British cars. Habits like the monthly popping of the lens to "adjust" the quaint English copper contacts that almost touch the bulb and almost give us tail lights.

The car I'm now stroking had one genuine Lucas lamp and one fake Taiwan lamp. To show you how clever these Taiwanese are, they managed to make an even worse tail lamp than the Limeys make. It's possible the engineers studied in Blighty so maybe it ain't so amazing after all.

Anyhow I made up a new piece of steel to hold an American socket within the lens, so we can have the British look AND have tail lights too. It's all there in the drawing, so look for me again.

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