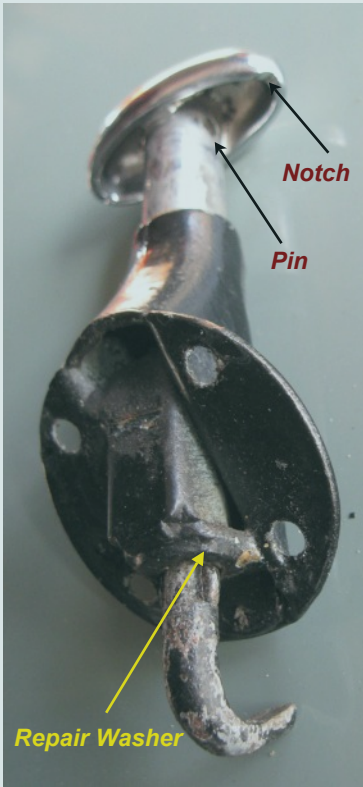


Singer Bonnet Catches 1932 - 1937(ish) - from John Horne



These were probably used first time on the 1932 Nines, and by now some of you may find them to be getting a bit slack. They have often been thrown away in mistake thinking they could not be repaired, and have in some cases been replaced by a catch that doesn't allow for the chassis flexing, thus causing stress to the bonnet.

To dismantle, first remove the catch from the bonnet by undoing the four small bolts and nuts. You will see the oval chrome top has a notch at each end.

Align your eye along the side of the notch towards the stem and you will see a pin that fixes the stem to the steel hook. It is a very small pin and you may have to make a thin punch to knock it through. Sometimes I've found that the pin knocks out better one way than the other. The top then unscrews and the spring and hook can be removed.

A common problem is that the hole at the bottom of the bracket wears to such an extent that the two lugs swaged onto the rod about an inch above the hook can pass through. When this happens it can make refastening the catch a bit awkward, and as you can see, this one has been repaired by brazing a washer over the hole. This needs a slot to enable the peg on the hook to pass through.

Singer 'Bought in' the Catches painted black

and fitted them as supplied, without repainting to match the car colour. I therefore recommend the base is sprayed or stove enamelled in black rather than powder coated, as this will also better show up the manufacture's name stamped on the flange.

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