JAGUAR MARK V TOOL KITS

THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE OF DETAILED AUTHENTICITY OF JAGUAR MARK V TOOL KITS AS ORIGINALLY SUPPLIED OVER THEIR COMPLETE PRODUCTION PERIOD.

(January 1949 – July 1951)



623218 31/2 litre Mark V Saloon - 4 April 1950 dom.

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The complete Mark V **Tool Tray/ Kit** comprised a selection of some 26 individual tools over the full January 1949 to July 1951 production period, with all 26 tools being housed within their profiled recesses as pictured below...



The above photo is of a restored original Tool Kit of an October 1950 **Mark V Saloon** 624659, but is <u>representative</u> for all Mark V variants, 2½ and 3½ litre, Saloon and (Drophead) Coupe, Right-Hand Drive and Left-Hand Drive as manufactured from January 1949 to July 1951 – there are no variations at a Part Number level of detail.

In addition, as introduced for the Mark V model, the Wheel-Changing Equipment was now housed within the **Spare Wheel Compartment** as detailed following, rather than being within the Tool Tray as had been the case with the superseded Mark IV model.

JAGUAR MARK V LITERATURE: Within the Operating & Maintenance Handbook for MARK V MODELS there is minimal detail of the tool kit other than on page.8 under 'Jacking.' that an 'Easy-lift jack, supplied with tool kit, fits' and under 'Coachwork.' that 'Tools are housed individually in specially shaped sound-proof container in rear locker lid fitted with automatic light. The jack and wheel brace are carried in the spare wheel compartment.' On page 15 it also says under 'Spare Wheel Compartment' that 'This may be unlocked with the special key supplied in the tool kit' and that 'The spare wheel lid opens outwards and downwards, giving access to the wheel behind, together with jack and wheel brace which are housed with the spare wheel' and under 'Tool Compartment. The tools are housed in a special compartment in the boot lid. Release the two catches and raise the lid to gain access to the tools. When the tool tray is opened the tools are automatically illuminated if the side lights are switched on.'

On page 19 within the WHEEL CHANGING section of the initial 15/3/49 dated issue of the Handbook, Plate 12. illustrates the Spare Wheel Compartment, Open and labels the JACK and BUDGET LOCK KEY, but incorrectly does not show the wheel brace and incorrectly states WHEEL BRACE (under wheel).

SNAIL BRAND: As introduced, these Whitworth spanners are generally known as SNAIL spanners, and indeed those found in all SS Jaguar, Mark IV, Mark V and XK120 tool kits were solely made by *Thomas Smith & Sons of Saltley Ltd* using their proprietary name 'Snail Brand'. The physical branding on the spanners however was simply the use of a pictogram of a 'SNAIL' positioned on the front-face midway between the two end size markings, with MADE IN ENGLAND on the rear face, as shown below....



Note 15: Both C.998 and C.999 Part Nos. Whitworth spanners, along with the next largest Whitworth size C.1000, had been introduced for the 1938MY SS Jaguar, with all three continuing from 1945 for the Mark IV model. For the Mark V model however, the largest C.1000 size was discontinued, leaving just the two third variant size-markings C.998/c and C.999/c Whitworth spanners, as pictured above.

Note 16: The exact form of the 'Snail pictogram' varied over the 1930s to 50s period, sometimes facing to the right, and by the late-1940s and for Mark V usually to the left as shown above. This is sub-variant detail not covered in this paper. Similarly, the reverse side always shows MADE IN ENGLAND, but with these post-war /c variants many also had random additional letter/ numbers, for example the pictured SR, of which the significance is unknown.

SIZE MARKINGS: *BS.192* prescribed the required size markings to be shown on each spanner, with its exact form changing four times with successive reissues of *BS.192* in response to the evolving Whitworth thread system - and thus fasteners and associated spanners - and to address a degree of confusion during war-time shared workshops with Americans not familiar with Whitworth fasteners and spanners.

Prior to the mid-1930s, Spanners had been simply marked with just their original numeric-fraction Whitworth sizes (e.g., **1/4** or **5/16**). From the mid-1930s with the rapid adoption by the automotive industry of a preferred 'fine' thread – initially known

Note 27: For the earlier 1945 to late-1947 Mark IV period, other British brands - all are provisionally allocated non-SHELLEY branded first variant C.28/a - have also been confirmed original, including those stamped just SHEFFIELD MADE or just BRITISH MADE.

FINISH: The C.28 has a clear varnished turned-oval 'timber-handle', with both the 'blade' and the 'tapered-cup-ferrule' remaining bright (ground or polished) steel.

REPRODUCTIONS: There are a proliferation of modern and reproduced C.28/R that vary considerably in quality and accuracy of authentic reproduction; however, none are known to reproduce the SHELLEY branding. The best reproductions can be an acceptably authentic alternative.

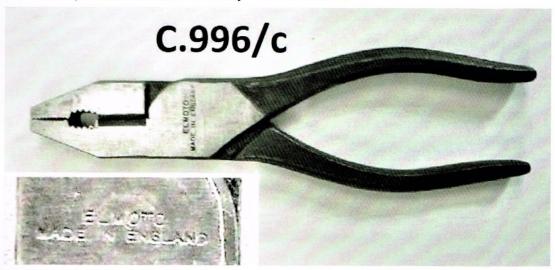
14. C.995 OIL CAN

Mark IV only; Mark V: not supplied

15. C.996 PLIERS

Mark V: C.996/c, C.996/d and C.996/e

Sufficient reliably original **C.996 Pliers** over the mid-1947 to 1951 period have been identified as being what I refer to as the 'squared style' Issue 1 C.996 pliers, and from the mid-1947 into the mid-1950 Mark V period are confirmed as being the third variant **C.996/c** with **ELMOTO** over **MADE IN ENGLAND** branding stamped-in horizontally across the centre-pivot on the front face only - as shown below.



From mid-1950 onwards - a more exact demarcation has not been established - a new fourth variant **C.996/d** – as shown below - was now supplied by the same

