

WARNING SAFETY WARNING

STEERING SHAFT FLEXIBLE RUBBER JOINT

This is a Safety Warning to all owners of Triumph cars that have the rubber donut universal joint that connects the Steering shaft to the steering rack. Go out and check your car now as it is extremely important. It could save your life and prevent damage to your prized possession.

My 1975 2.5PI has Power Steering and has now covered 705000 kms. Power Steering was fitted in the year 2000 by Greg Tunstall in QLD, and the new rubber donut universal joint had to be used. The car has travelled around 300,000 kms with Power Steering. To be honest I never really checked this universal joint. Back in 1979 I owned a 1966 MK1 Triumph 2000 when I was posted to the RAAF Base at Butterworth in Malaysia. I did notice the rubber joint had a major split in it. My Dad sent me a new joint up from Australia. I had not heard of Rimmer Bros back then.

Recently I was reversing out of the car park at Werribee Plaza. The steering did not feel right and I had my suspicions that the joint had failed. I managed to get the car home and once the fuel injection plenum chamber was removed there was a huge split could be observed.

I ordered a new part from Rimmer Bros. It took a very quick 4 days from the time I ordered to the time it arrived at my house. Beat that Aust Post. When I removed the old part it had broken into 4 parts and it had jammed together. How lucky I was to get the car home. It is a real mongrel job to change. It is now good for another 300,000 kms.

It would be a good idea to order one from the UK and have it in your man shed. If your Triumph is fitted with this type of universal joint and before you drive it again, go and check it. Two people are required as the steering wheel has to go through a full turn. Check out the photos.

Also it is a good idea to change the bushes that mount the Power Steering rack. 4 are required. They are sold in rubber or poly by Rimmer Bros.

PN:- 150696 Rubber Joint 12.75 pounds

PN:- 1194450 Poly bush 7.50 pounds (4 required)

PN:- 119450S Rubber bush 1.50 pounds (4 required)

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