

FITTING NEW FABRIC JOINT

I have just purchased two new fabric discs to replace those at each end of the propeller shaft of my Morris Ten 1934 model. I have fitted the discs, but am very uncertain as to how much the six bolts holding the discs should be tightened. I find that if the nuts are tightened beyond a certain point, the rivets holding the metal plates in position slacken and the heads stand out, although very little effort is required to turn the nuts. I assume that the rivets should not be left slack. The discs are marked "Hardy Spicer".

You refer particularly to the rivets in the small metal plates on the propeller shaft fabric coupling. Provided the coupling bolts are adequately tightened, you may disregard the rivets, whose chief function is to retain the metal plates in position until such time as the coupling disc is assembled between the coupling fork on the propeller shaft and rear axle, or the gearbox mainshaft.

