

Rear Brake Modification

When overhauling the rear brakes on any sprite there is a modification worth considering. Originally the rear wheel cylinders were held on with a small circlip and sprung washer. This small circlip arrangement has a tendency to slip, so freeing the rear wheel cylinder to rub on the rear hub with potentially lethal consequences. Most parts specialists now supply a replacement circlip which is larger and incorporates the spring washer as a direct replacement for the original part. These circlips are obtainable as BL Part number 17H 7949 at a cost of a few pence.

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An alternative fix for the "Rear Brake Mod" suggested in your tech section. Remove the pin which is force fitted into the cylinder and which protrudes thru the backplate (purpose being to prevent the brake cylinder from shifting/rotating). Cut a fine thread with an M1 tap and replace the pin with a hex headed bolt using Loctite.

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