Upper Arm Rebuild Kit

1. Upper arm rebuild kit for front suspension contains shaft, bearings, seals, thrust washers as shown, per arm. Order each side separately ........ MSK1

2. Upper arm dry suspension only.
   a. Right hand .................. ZIA2690
   b. Left hand .................. ZIA2691
   Note: Only has roller bearings fitted.

Track Rod Ends

3. Longer track rod ends are for use on lowered cars or cars with negative camber where the original has insufficient thread for the standard rod end to screw safely onto steering rack. Also fits Midget and Sprite. Sold individually ........ GSJ58

4. a. Track rod end for steering rack. Genuine. Sold individually ........ GSJ632
   b. Track rod end for steering rack. Non genuine. Sold individually ........ GSJ000

Steering Racks

Right Hand Drive

5. a. NEW Quick rack 2.2 turns lock to lock as (opposed to 2.7) for competition, MK2 on.
   R/H/D ........................................... C-GSR626
   L/H/D ........................................... C-FAM7307
   b. New standard steering rack, MK2 on.
   R/H/D ........................................... FAM7306
   L/H/D ........................................... FAM7307MS

Steering Rack Gaiter Kits

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6. a. 41/8" long approx. Genuine with clips ....................... GSV1153
   b. 41/8" long approx. Non Genuine with clips .................. BHM713

7. 61/4" long approx. Where the two rack ends are different diameters (as shown) ................ GSV1004

8. Upper steering column plastic bush. to 1996. Genuine ........... FAM7246

9. Lower steering felt bush.
   1959 - 1985 ....................... ZIA998

10. Lower steering column bush.
    1985 - 1996 ....................... NAM8563

Lower Arm Pin and Bushes

11. a. Lower arm pin genuine .................................. HMP441037
   b. Lower arm pin non genuine ............................. ZIA1889

Bottom Arm Bushes - Pretty Poly vs Rubber

Whilst it is true that polyurethane is harder wearing, brighter colored and longer lasting than rubber, in many applications it is not necessarily the best material. Polyurethane has greater abrasion resistance and is stiffer for a similar hardness, is much cheaper to produce and therefore sells at a lower cost and can be produced in a wide variety of colors. However it does not possess the elasticity, vibration absorbency or deflection tolerance of rubber, pretty much why manufacturers use rubber on production cars instead of the cheaper polyurethane.

A case in point is the lower arm bush used in competition where spherical rod end joints are not allowed. Incrasing the castor angle to improve handling distorts the inner lower arm bush dramatically. The more castor angle used, the more dramatic the distortion. Whilst a rubber bush will tolerate this, a polyurethane bush will deform and stay deformed, gradually disintegrating affecting the bushes performance. Ideally a rubber bush with a metal sleeve in it to reduce the quantity of rubber in the installation to improve stability and comfort is the way to go. Mini Spares - after protracted investigation into materials, suitability and performance - have produced a rubber bush with consistent performance manufactured with a special angled bush to compensate for the increased leverage applied when adjusting (increasing) castor angle. The new offset performance bushes are available in 80 or 90 IRHD rubber for fast road / competition and race use respectively. Although being a little more costly than the plastic alternatives they do a far superior job.

12. a. Where the geometry has been changed the new road/competition bush with a moulded metal sleeve, with an angle to compensate for increased castor angles to prevent bush distortion, for all uses. Yellow dot. Set of four .......... C-STR632
   b. As above but in harder material 90IRHD. Race only. White dot. Set of four ........ C-STR631

13. Standard production sleeved rubber bush. Sold individually .......................... ZIA1882

14. A collared rubber bush in upgraded rubber is for cars where no geometry change has been made. Sold individually ........ ZIA1882MS

Steering Arms

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15. a. Our new kit therefore contains 2 hard outers and 2 softer inners. If too hard a material is used it can result in the threaded end of the tie bar (which is narrower) breaking off. This car set kit will suit any Mini for any pursuit from road to race .......... C-STR627
   b. The standard rubber tie rod bush as also used on all our engine stabiliser kits. Sold individually .......................... 3I0155

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16. a. Standard steering arm R/H .................................. BT898
   b. Standard steering arm L/H .................................. BT897

17. a. Upgraded steering arm R/H .................................. BT894
   b. Upgraded steering arm L/H .................................. BT895

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