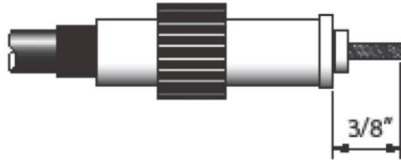


Length Does Matter: Speedometer Inner Drive Cables



Jaguar's system of speedometer cables and angle drives can be rather feline in nature: they're finicky and often intolerant.

One longstanding issue has been use of the correct-length cable. It's as relevant today with replacement cables as it was back in the early '60s when B.M.C. issued a service bulletin warning distributors and dealers to ensure the cable end protruded the required 3/8" -- and no more. Otherwise, the cable will cause rapid wear of the speedometer.

From their October 22, 1962 bulletin:

"It will be appreciated that an incorrect length of inner cable can, if the end cable is too long, result in a heavy load being placed on the head, leading to rapid wear of the main spindle bearing, and failure of the instrument."

Bottom line: When replacing a speedometer cable or have an existing cable disconnected, take a moment to ensure that the cable end protrudes no more than 3/8" into the instrument.