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Supplemental Information for

314-251 or 54K3413 Screw, Door Pull to Door, Chrome Austin Healey 3000 MK III BJ7, BJ8

The 803-440 chrome door pull (1a) in the BJ7 & 8 are held in place by four #8 sheetmetal screws ½" long (1b) that go through the steel inner door skin. They don't look like much, but the factory called for 54K3413, which is not a typical BMC part number for a screw.

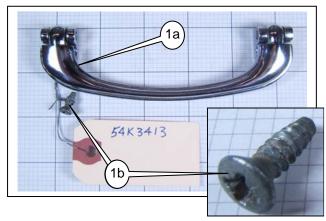
It turns out that these are actually very special. They are "Type Z", meaning the point is truncated. Why on earth would you need a special screw for the door pull? If you try using a "normal" #8 sheetmetal screw, you run the risk of scratching the door glass, because the pointed end will poke through the sheetmetal too far.

Why not just substitute a shorter screw? The body of a sheetmetal screw tapers. If it is short enough to clear the glass, you don't have enough thread engagement to properly secure the door handle. By using these special screws, you get proper thread engagement without risking the glass.

We buy these unusual chrome plated, oval head, raised countersunk, Pozi drive, 1/2" long, truncated screws from a specialty hardware supplier in England. Hey are expensive, but there is no real substitute for the right screw.

It is possible to order a 54K3413 from several suppliers, but the screws are not chrome, and most importantly, they are not truncated.

Healey Trivia: The 54K3413 is listed incorrectly for the side curtain fixing plates in factory parts books.





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