

1 Supplemental Information
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3 **456-230 or AFH880 Hood (Bonnet)**
4 **457-740 or AFH1520 Shroud (Hood Surround), Front**
5 **MGA Roadster**

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7 ***A little history....***

8 MGA hoods (bonnets) changed subtly while the cars were in
9 production. They are usually described by length, with the early hood
10 being 47 7/8" and the later hood being 48 3/8". This seems to imply
11 that the hoods are actually different lengths, which is misleading
12 because they both will fit any shroud.

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14 ***Identifying early and late hoods...***

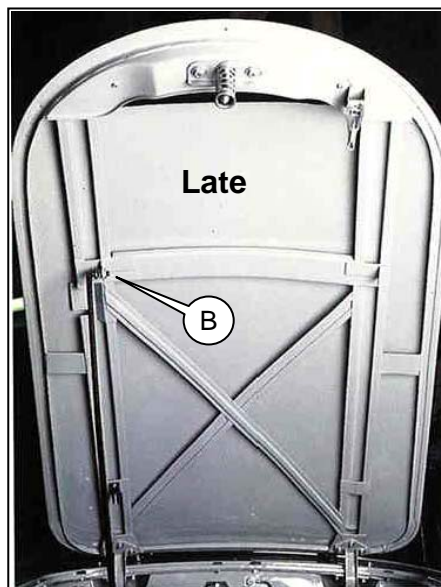
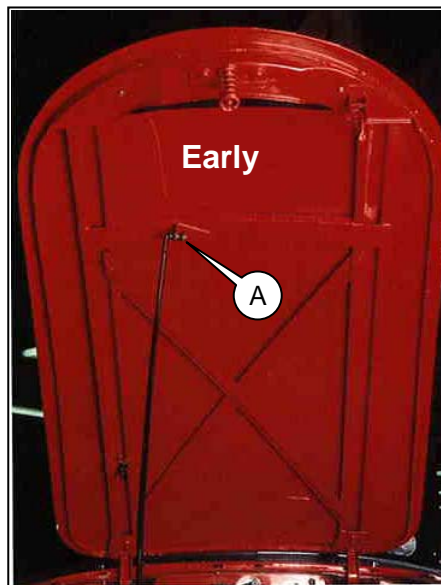
15 It is much easier to simply look at the hood prop rod. On the early
16 hood, the prop rod is anchored (A) about 1/3 of the way in from the
17 R/H edge. On the later hood, the prop rod is anchored (B) much closer
18 to the edge, over the R/H longitudinal strut.

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20 ***Why are they different length if they both fit the same shroud?***

21 The apparent difference in length is actually caused by the difference
22 in the vertical profile (crown) rather than the true length. An early or a
23 late hood will fit the same shroud; they are interchangeable as far as
24 the shroud is concerned. The height of the later hood over the engine
25 compartment was changed to accommodate the cam covers on the
26 twin cam engine, which sit higher than the valve cover on a pushrod
27 engine. There is a noticeable "hump" or crown in the middle of these
28 hoods, but this does not affect the way the two hoods fits any given
29 shroud.

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31 ***So what exactly does Moss offer?***

32 The 456-230 or AFH880 hood we carry is the later, taller version.
33 The 457-740 or AFH1520 shroud we carry is correct for, and will
34 accept either hood. Confusion arises when attempting to measure the
35 hood or hood opening on a car to determine which hood you have (or
36 need). Just remember this- either hood will fit any shroud, but the early
37 (flatter) hood will not fit over a Twin Cam engine.



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