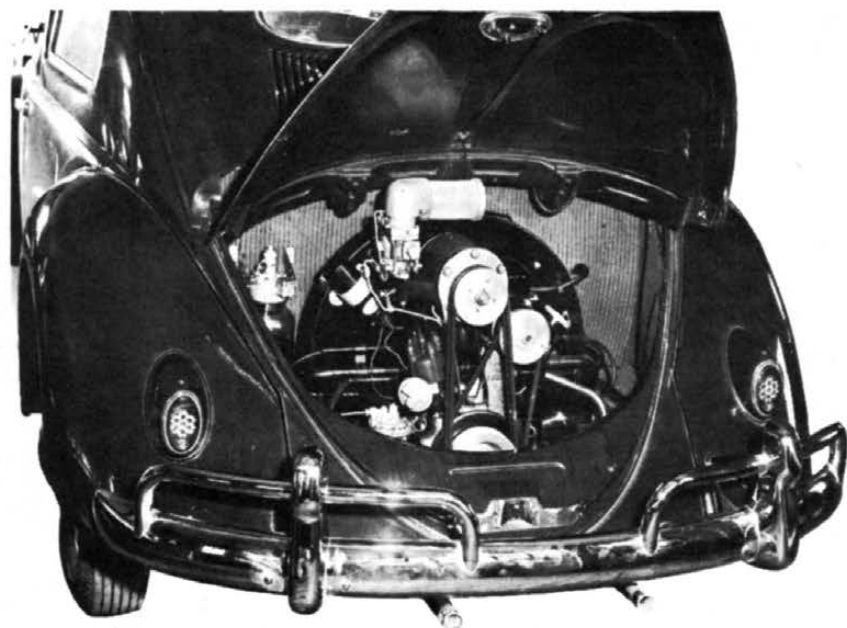


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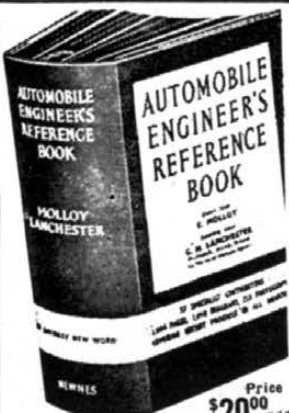
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## letters

### torque or rpm?

Dear Sir:

I enjoy your fine magazine very much and wonder if you could explain some of the aspects of car acceleration that seem not to jibe.

In a recent road test of Olds, DeSoto, Nash and Hudson, 0 to 60 acceleration time were posted of 11.2, 10.8, 11.1, and 11.1 seconds respectively. This test was not conducted by your magazine.

SCI road tests show for Austin-Healey 100, 0 to 60 in 11.6 seconds; Thunderbird 11.5 seconds and TR-3 11.4 seconds. This would seem to make the TR-3 the quickest to the 60 mark from a dead stop. Also according to the above figures all three would eat the dust of the Olds, DeSoto, Nash and Hudson. Do you agree with this conclusion?

Also how, in your opinion, does the Jag 140 stack up in the 0 to 60 race with the above sports cars, if all are in stock trim.

James Savage  
Walpole, Mass.

*The Austin-Healey and the TR-3 are quite small and so do quite well even to keep the same 0 to 60 range as the others mentioned, but the torque put out by the bigger cars would be just a shade too much for them. The 140 MC Jaguar will do 0 to 60 in 9.1 seconds. For really quick time out of a production car, though, check our Corvette test in the May issue. The test Corvette went the distance in 7.5 seconds. — Ed.*

### first car

Dear Sir:

For several years now I have been extremely interested in sports cars. Now that I'm entering the driving age, I have been searching throughout Philadelphia for an appropriate car. I have only about seven hundred dollars and the up-keep will have to be kept to a minimum. I am writing therefore for information (if you will be so kind as to give it to me) about what car, model and year I should look for.

Gratefully yours,  
Richard Block  
Philadelphia, Pa.

*A 1500 cc Singer or TD MG would probably be your best bet. — Ed.*