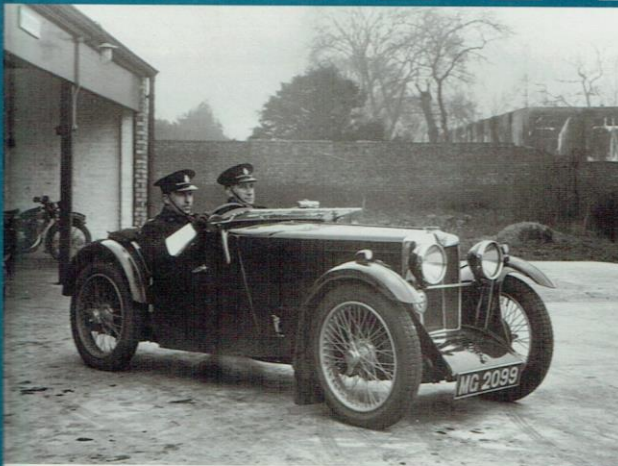


M.G.s on Patrol

THE M.G. POLICE CARS AND THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO USED THEM

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Mention M.G.s and one immediately thinks of sporting cars built primarily with pleasure in mind; for open road, top down, wind in the hair sort of motoring, rather than as everyday workhorses. However, to many men and women who have served in the police their contact with M.G.s was as just one of the tools of their trade; provided for them to carry out their many duties, certainly not to give them enjoyment! For forty years the M.G. Car Company supplied police forces all over Britain with smart little sports cars and performance saloons. Despite often lacking the carrying capacity to stow all the equipment needed, M.G.s, especially the two-seater sports models, were used in a wide variety of roles and covered a high mileage in police hands.

In this book the men and women who drove the cars tell with pride and affection of their experiences. Interesting and amusing stories abound and through these one can appreciate that for them the M.G.s they drove became far more than mere transportation. They came to regard them as an important part of their working lives and jealously protected the privilege of driving them. A large proportion of the many illustrations in the book have come from family albums, and therefore previously unpublished.

To conclude the story, a comprehensive appendix lists all the M.G.s known to have been used by the police. Compiled with reference to surviving factory records, police archives, and public record offices all over the country, this represents the most complete list of such vehicles available.



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