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Written by bruffsup at May 09, 2011 11:01 am

A threaded stud emanating from the centre cross member. What is it's purpose?

Attachments:

[LAG CROSS MEMBER STUD.jpg](#) (filesize: 54.79 KB)

Re: What Is The Purpose Of This On The My M45?

Written by alistair at May 15, 2011 5:38 pm

Barry,

I use it for hanging an air freshener, or some of those lucky furry dice.

Will have a look under my M45 and see if I have a similar thingy with anything attached

Re: What Is The Purpose Of This On The My M45?

Written by alistair at May 15, 2011 5:49 pm

Barry

I have just looked at my M45 and it just has a small filled hole there, presumably where the threaded stud has been removed from

Re: What Is The Purpose Of This On The My M45?

Written by bruffsup at May 15, 2011 6:03 pm

At the pace my recommissioning/restoration is going lucky dice may be a good idea! The mystery deepens. Thanks for checking. Could you also check the location of engine numbers? The only number I can find is M45/17 near the oil filler which I have been told is the Meadows number. I can't find the Lagonda number.

Re: What Is The Purpose Of This On The My M45?

Written by Colin M34 at May 15, 2011 8:59 pm

Hi Folks, here is my explanation.

The M45 is based on the 'ZM' chassis which was developed for the 3 Litre "Selector Special". This was fitted with the Maybach gearbox. This gearbox had a three point mounting consisting of two forks at the front and the stud in question at the rear. The "Selector Special" was a commercial failure and most 3 Litres have the 'Z' gearbox instead. This required a new subframe which uses this stud as the rear fixing.

For the M45 the Z gearbox was replaced by the Meadows 'T8' unit which has different rear support arrangements which render the stud redundant.

If anyone has any more to add or disagrees with this explanation, feel free to add something to this debate.

Cheers

Colin M34

Re: What Is The Purpose Of This On The My M45?

Written by Colin M34 at May 16, 2011 8:43 am

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Folks,

Looking further into Arnold Davey's excellent Lagonda Book, I read that the first few M45s actually came out of the factory with the 'silent third' version of the Z gearbox. These were later recalled to have the T8 box fitted, so the Z gearbox subframe connected to the mystery stud would have been unbolted and no doubt recycled on a Three Litre of the same period.

Cheers Colin

Re: What Is The Purpose Of This On The My M45?

Written by bruffsup at Nov 10, 2017 4:07 am

Colin! Thanks for the explanation! I appreciate it, Sorry I took 6.5 years to thank you! Anyway, I am back at the project having fun. Frame has been dismantled and blasted and epoxy primed. Now the real challenge begins! Cheers, Barry
