

## SPEEDOMETER REBUILD FOR BRITISH CARS

Last summer my speedometer needle developed a significant flicker, which became wider as the speed increased. Assuming it to be caused by the cable I replaced the cable with no improvement. Then, Rob Staruch removed the unit and the housing to discover that a nylon drive gear had split axially and opened up angularly causing the flicker. The only solution was to replace the gear. However, parts for these 47 year old instruments are not easily available as well as the skill to dismantle and rebuild the unit (skills akin to a watchmaker). I remembered an ad for a business in New York State extolling their ability to rebuild and repair Smiths and Jaeger instruments. I contacted them and was informed that they had some 25 years ago bought up all the spare parts for such instruments available on the market and had literally thousands of parts in storage. As it turned out for \$ 285 C including shipping they would strip, clean, repair and rebuild the unit including refinishing the housing to the original paint color. I shipped the unit in early January and it was returned in mid- March looking like new. I recently test drove the car after reinstalling the speedo and it now functions as original i.e. no flicker. The coordinates of the business are:

NISONGER INSTRUMENTS

225 HOYT AVE.

MAMARONECK, N.Y., USA

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There is also a website under the Nisonger name.

They are very familiar with doing business with Canadians and do their return shipping by US Postal Service, which costs \$35C at the door. The contact on the phone went to college in upstate New York and had a well- remembered and enjoyable visit to Ottawa at that time in the winter and particularly remembers skating on the canal.

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