



The Talbot Manual

Technical Resource

Foreword & Contents

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Foreword

Welcome to the Talbot Technical Resource Manual. We have tried to position this document to be of use to the average handyman. You will know your way around a set of spanners, but the thought of stripping a pre selector gearbox before breakfast leaves you reaching for another Weetabix.

We have distilled fifty years of automotive wisdom from Bill Barrott and combined it with period and contemporary reference articles, many from our regular TOC technical contributors. No need to re-invent wheels that are already turning. It does not pretend to be the definitive technical work on all things Talbot. That would be impossible to write. It assumes you have the excellent Clement Talbot handbook that was given to all owners. If you do not, the appropriate book for your model can be downloaded from the STD or TOC archives. Originals come up for sale from time to time and are nice to own. If you are new to pre war cars a general automotive textbook, such as those written by A.W. Judge, is very useful. They are easily and cheaply available at auto jumbles and on E Bay.

The Technical Resource Manual is divided into a number of sections representing the major “systems” on a motor car e.g. electrical, ignition, fuel, engine, gearbox etc. In each section you will find relevant articles and illustrations. The Archer service notes are included in full. These are often aimed a little “higher” than our target audience, but are an invaluable reference source.

In the appendix is a parts list and exploded diagrammes of major components. These illustrate the AX65 model, but there is a high level of read across to the larger engined cars. Also included are a number of factory Technical Service Data Sheets, which are a mine of detailed information for specific models. In addition the STD and TOC websites have excellent technical sections where you can access wiring diagrams, parts lists and well informed articles. The VSCC website has a lively technical forum for general vintage stuff. We are fortunate that all the Talbot experts are so willing to share their knowledge. So you are not alone out there and we hope this manual will give you the confidence to get just that bit more satisfaction out of your Talbot.

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