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TO ALL EASTERN TRIUMPH DEALERS

SUBJECT: Oil Bleed Holes in Connecting Rods

Certain late production 1965 and early 1966 "B" & "C" Range Twin models have a 1/32" oil bleed hole drilled in the big ends of both connecting rods to provide additional lubrication to the cylinders. Some trouble may be experienced with the 650cc "B" Range Twins. The symptoms could be over oiling in the combustion chamber and possible premature wear of camshaft or the spindle of the idler timing gear. We have had no reports of service problems with "C" Range 500cc models that have the oil bleed holes.

Whenever you have occasion to remove the cylinder from an engine that falls in the series shown below, we suggest that you close the oil bleed hole in each rod. A special punch for this purpose (part #CD442) will be sent free-of-charge with your next parts order.

Connecting rods and insert bearings with oil holes have never been supplied by us as replacement parts.

The following motorcycles have the subject oil holes:

"B" Range 650cc Models from Engine No. DU19895 thru Engine No. DU25377.

"C" Range 500cc Twin Models from Engine No. H38904 thru Engine No. H41369.

Very truly yours,

THE TRIUMPH CORPORATION

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