

Mincomp's Corner

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I don't have any one theme to talk about this edition, so I'll just talk on several things that come to mind.

As you may remember, I have been having some troubles with oil leaks within 64 GT5. One problem seems to be the clutch housing gasket. There are several varieties available, but only the OEM red gasket seems to be up to the job. It seems to be the only one that can withstand the vibrations caused by a high revving motor and doesn't saturate and turn to mush! Secondly, a couple of years

ago Trannex was manufacturing their straight cut primary gears a little more differently than the norm in regards to the holes around the perimeter of the gear. These holes expel the oil out of the gear after it has gone past the rear bush but before it can go past the front bush. With the particular hole placement they chose to use it was possible to install the rear bush too deep or have the bush work itself inward and block those holes off leaving the oil no place to go but past the front bush and onto the clutch. From there it leaks out the hole in the bottom of the case.

I've talked about engine bearings before, so this is just a reiteration. Vandervell puts out a bearing that has an "A" in the part number. Without going into great detail again, stay away from these bearings. Throw them as far away from your motor as you can! What they were trying to accomplish with these bearings is beyond me, but what they did was kill a lot of otherwise good motors. So watch those numbers on the box, and check the size on each bearing shell in each box. Every so often you may find a .010 in with the std., enough said.

Finally, those who read to the bottom of Mincomp's Corner on a regular basis may have noticed the ever changing misspelling of my last name. It is spelled Gilcrease; please note the correct spelling and we will keep it secret from the editor. As I write this it is about time to head off to the SCCA National Runoffs at Mid Ohio, so off I go. Let's see if I can pick up where I left off last year, except for this time first, not second!

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