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- The brake pedal was painted black
- The clutch pedal was painted black (4 out of 5 agree)
- The accelerator linkage on the driver's side of the bulk head was painted black. (5 out of 6 agree)
- The accelerator pedal itself was painted black. (all agree)

THE "STOCK" AND ASHBY STEERING WHEELS

The "stock" steering wheel, that which the customer got if he decided not to spend an extra £0 17 6 was a three spoked wheel. Pictures of this wheel-1932 sales material, August 5th 1932 issue of AutoCar Road Tests (reproduced in Technical Article No. 42) , page 13 and page 48 of the April 1981 T.S.O. The best view is the last mentioned. This wheel was manufactured for the M.G. Car Company by Bluemels and you should find it so marked on the back of the rim with two Patent numbers and a "Made in England". I want to note I have very detailed descriptions and dimensions supplied by R. Grunau and D. Burrows should anyone need them.

The Ashby steering wheel as listed in the 1932 and referred to in the 1933 sales material is still somewhat of a question. Two of the members responding, plus an English authority felt it might have been the Bluemels' Brooklands wheel which was a very popular used wheel in the 1930's. That steering wheel is pictured on page 31 of the February, 1979 T.S.O. It is very similar to the later wheel used in the TC but with a much different center hub.

In spite of our efforts, the Ashby Steering Wheel question is still not totally solved. In the original "Instructional Manual" (not the 1933 reprint) there is a picture of a 4 spoked wheel and although it is not clear, it may have wire spokes, if so, there is still a chance that the Ashby and the Brooklands are one of the same.