

J2 TECHNICAL ARTICLE

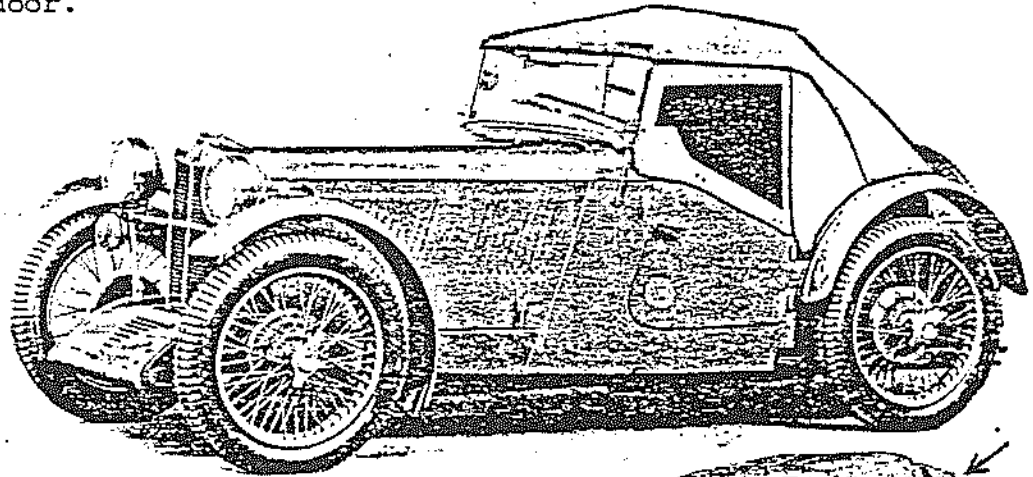
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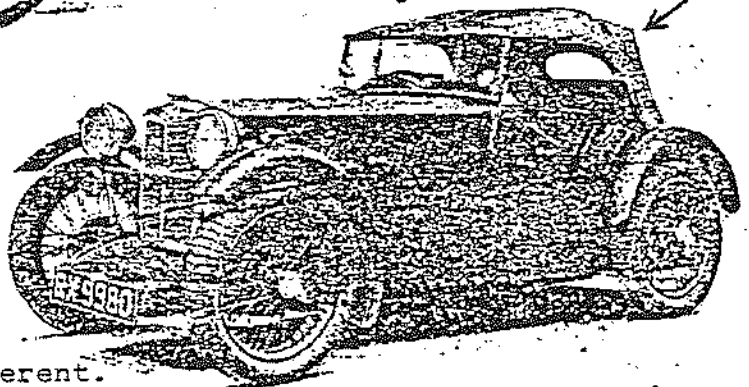
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THE HOOD

Below is a photo of the proto-type J2 with the hood up. Note the hood lines, the side curtain on the door and a second side curtain behind the door.



To the right is the famous RX9980, either an early production car or the proto-type registered. Note that while the side curtains are off, the hood is the same cut. An extra brace has been added in the rear of the top and the hood sets different.



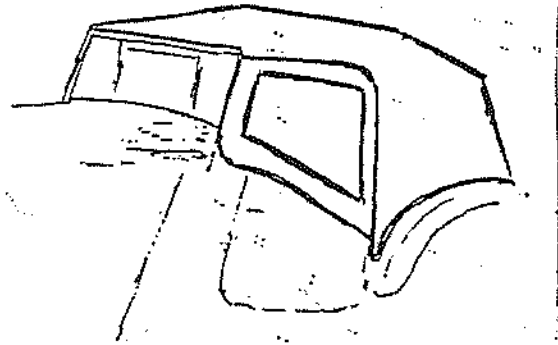
Note also that the shape of the rear window-- flat across the bottom and with a curved top.

While there are a few other hood up shots of proto-types (K3, NA, & PA) with the little side curtain behind the door side curtain, it is believed by some of the "authorities" that the production J2's did not have the second little side curtain.

It is also believed that the door side curtain did not have the funny cut at the front bottom.

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The sketch to the right is that of what those individuals say was the production hood and side curtains.

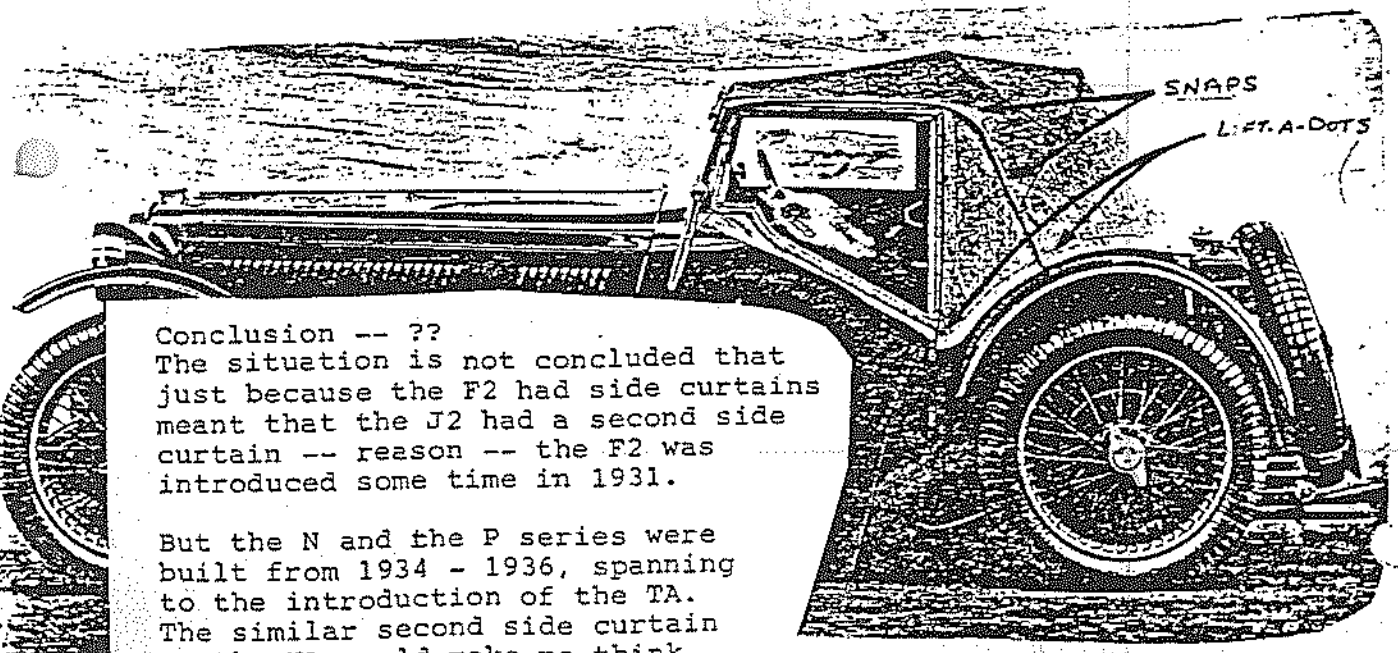


The only confusion that I have is that the M.G. Car Company's Parts List on the hood shows as below -----

B225/113	Hood frame -----	1	
B225/160	Hood frame fulcrum bracket (on body) -----	2	
B225/112	Hood Canopy (for suction wiper) -----	1	
B225/168	" " (for electric wiper) -----	1	
B225/13	Side curtain O/S (complete) -----	1	
B225/14	" " N/S (complete) -----	1	
B220/157	Side curtain feet -----	4	(two in each door)
→ B225/127	Curtain flap O/S -----	1	
→ B225/130	" " N/S -----	1	

What is a curtain flap ? It is not a side curtain as there are no feet for them? Was it a flap that somehow fastened onto the hood as shown on the proto-type?

One individual "authority claims that the J2 did have a "rear side curtain" He states that it was double duck (what ever that means), with 'popper' fasteners to the hood and lift-a-dot to the body. He provided me with a proto-type photo of an F2 which he states was the same as the J2. Copy of photo below.



Conclusion -- ??
The situation is not concluded that just because the F2 had side curtains meant that the J2 had a second side curtain -- reason -- the F2 was introduced some time in 1931.

But the N and the P series were built from 1934 - 1936, spanning to the introduction of the TA. The similar second side curtain on the NA would make me think that maybe the J2 had the panel as shown.

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