

LETTERS



GIVING IT TO YOUR 2CV.

Phil Ward and I were discussing at the Hamilton Golf Club during the Queens Birthday weekend how often we did it to our 2CV's and how satisfying we found the whole experience. We noticed another 2CV owner at the table wearing a rather confused expression; I will not state that this person was in fact Leigh Miles (Dyane owner actually).

It appeared that owner X had not heard of this, as we thought, widely known practice, so, to enlighten other 2CV owners who may not be in the know, I am putting pen to paper.

The first thing I do is place myself on my back in a comfortable position underneath my 2CV. I then slide off rubber boots. The lubrication is then taken out of its paper bag. I find, as do all people in the know, that castor oil is the only lubricant to use. Phil feels that an extension tube is necessary, but I find that I do not have to use one to get the same satisfying result.

A practice that I find is useful in judging how much to put in is to actually make an up and down motion with the 2CV until the groaning gives way to a pleasant sliding sensation. This helps in achieving penetration of the whole system. You may find that you have to use a whole bottle of castor oil to complete the job, but don't worry too much, it can only do it good by giving it a nice smooth feel.

A way to pick when to actually do it is to listen to the almost complaining groan coming from your 2CV. In fact, I find that I have needed to give my 2CV the "treatment" more than a couple of times since I have owned it.

A thank-you must be given to David Gries for filling me in on this practice beside the lemon tree in his back yard one sunny day.

So this is basically how you lubricate the suspension cylinders on your 2CV/Dyane/Ami, etc. And remember, CASTOR OIL IS THE ONLY LUBRICANT TO USE.

Peter Fitzgerald.

(Question: Does Peter's 2CV find the whole experience as satisfying as Peter evidently does? - Ed.)

