

CCOCA's 2CV Spares Procurement System - Trial

Many of us have been shocked at the freight or postage cost of spare parts bought from European parts vendors. With more than 100 2CVs owned by members, CCOCA has decided to trial a new procurement system to reduce freight costs.

Proposal:

1. Members will be able to submit a parts order using a JotForm on the club's web site.
2. The club will combine members' requests for parts until enough are accumulated to place a consolidated order which remains under the \$1,000 limit at which GST & customs duty are applied.
3. CCOCA will place the consolidated order with the preferred supplier, Burton. (Most 2CV owners are familiar with Burton).
4. The consolidated order will be shipped to CCOCA.
5. Members will share the freight costs from Europe to Australia. A large shipment should provide a lower freight cost for each item, vs. multiple small individual shipments.
6. The exact share of the costs will be worked out as equitably as possible, using weight, volume and other reasonable means.
7. Parts may be picked up at club meetings, or from a fairly central address in metropolitan Melbourne. If neither of these methods works, the club will post parts to members at the member's cost.

Except for the JotForm system of ordering, the proposed scheme is similar to what the club does for Traction spares.

Why use Burton?

- Using one supplier maximises the order value more quickly and minimises delivery time.
- Burton's pricing (including freight costs) is competitive with that of other vendors.
- Generally, Burton's quality is at least as good as that of other suppliers.
- There isn't much that Burton can't supply for 2CVs and derivatives.
- Delivery from Burton is quick - usually about a week from placement of an order.

Ordering:

- Refer to [Burton's web site](#) to see parts availability, descriptions and pricing. Complete and submit the JotForm order form on the CCOCA web site. See [Spare Parts for 2CV](#)
- The 2CV parts coordinator will keep you informed of progress towards a consolidated order, if requested.
- Once the consolidated order is placed with Burton members' orders cannot be cancelled.

Management:

- The person coordinating the trial will be Ian Macdermott, the Club Treasurer. This will almost certainly change if the trial period shows benefits and it is deemed worthwhile to continue.
- Contact will be by e-mail, using this address: 2CVparts@citroenclassic.org.au

Invoicing:

- Final price will be determined by freight, exchange rate, bank charges and local postage if used.
- CCOCA will e-mail an invoice to the member. The member will be expected to pay the invoice promptly, by EFT. (This is what happens with Traction spares).

What the Club will not do:

- The Club won't accept orders from members who have unpaid invoices!
- The Club will not hold stocks of 2CV parts in the foreseeable future. There are costs and administrative work involved in holding stock, and we are not building those costs into the price that members pay. For example, there is a risk of parts held in stock becoming more expensive than new parts from Europe, if the exchange rate changes unfavourably. In addition, if parts sit around for long enough steel rusts, rubber perishes and cork hardens. The Club doesn't want to have to deal with the costs of writing off stock that has deteriorated with age. We might consider holding some regularly ordered items in future, but for now the plan is just to minimise freight costs, and not to operate a shop.
- The Club is unable to provide a guarantee about the cost of parts by the time they arrive at your address. Anyone who provides a guarantee has added a margin to cover their risks, and the customer pays for that!
- The Club won't accept returns of parts unless there is a clear quality defect that we believe Burton will acknowledge, and the parts have not been damaged by the member for any reason.
- In essence, if you order it, you are obliged to take it and pay for it, even if it turns out to be not exactly what you expected. Returning parts to Europe is usually more costly than the parts are worth.

NOTE: The scheme might not work for you!

- If you are ordering \$600 worth of parts (say), and then you need CCOCA to post the parts to you, there is probably not much to be saved vs. ordering from Burton yourself and having the parts sent directly to your home address. On the other hand, if you are ordering \$100 worth of parts, the scheme will probably save you money.
- CCOCA can't guarantee delivery time. If you don't need parts immediately this method of procurement will probably save some dollars. If parts are needed urgently, you might be better off ordering them yourself from your preferred supplier.

Do you really need CCOCA to be involved in purchasing your parts?

A few commonly used parts are available from local automotive suppliers, such as:

- “Bricks and mortar” retailers: Repco, Burson, Supercheap, Autobarn, etc.
- On-line suppliers: Automotive Superstore, Sparesbox, etc.

For example (including indicative pricing in October 2022):

- Alternator drive belts:
 - Dayco 11A0760
 - Repco \$13.00
 - www.automotivesuperstore.com.au \$9.04 + postage
 - www.aimsindustrial.com.au \$9.97 + postage
- Spark plugs
 - NGK Iridium IX Spark Plug BPR7HIX
 - www.sparesbox.com.au \$18.95 + postage
 - NGK B6HS
 - <https://www.sparkplugsdirect.com.au> \$4.90 + postage
- Oil filter (standard)
 - Mann W712/9 (equivalent to Purflux LS131)
 - <https://runautoparts.com.au> \$15.95 + postage
- Oil filter (the larger one that some owners use for hot conditions)
 - Cooper Wesfil oil filter Z96 WZ96NM
 - Autobarn \$20.99
- LHM (or LHM+)
 - Penrite LHM Plus Steering & Suspension Hydraulic Fluid 1L LHMP001
 - www.sparesbox.com.au \$21.56 + postage
 - Repco \$29.00
 - SWAG LHM Plus Hydraulic Fluid 1L
 - www.sparesbox.com.au \$16.95 + postage
 - Total LHM Plus 1L Hydraulic Fluid
 - <https://shopping.torquepower.com.au/store/parts> \$23.16
- Ignition keys
 - Bond Locksmiths can supply and cut late-model 2CV ignition key for about \$25
 - 5 / 66 – 70 Railway Road, Blackburn VIC 3130
 - 03 9877 7844