

# Regular Brake Checks May Save P's and P-nuts!

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Calling all P-nuts!

I know we all do our best to keep our P's in tip top condition, but these great cars are getting old now approaching the big "40", and are beginning to feel their age!

Us P-nuts of this age bracket and older will know what I mean, ha ha.

Even if you only bring your P out of the shed for club runs, Time soon flies by and before you know it that last run was 6 months ago!

So regular brake checks would be a good idea!

It was a fine Saturday morning, the sun was shining in all its glory and there was not a cloud in the sky. So I decided to finally have a look at that sticking rear brake!

I knew it was not the hand brake cables, as I had serviced these some month's back, so I assumed the problem was with the rear brake adjusters!

Sure enough after a closer look, the L/H rear adjuster teeth were worn and allowed the shoes to over adjust, hence locking up the L/H back wheel!

Fortunately I had anticipated this, and had just acquired a new 2nd hand set of adjusters (thank you Martyn).

I removed the N/S/R brake drum and brake adjuster, when I noticed something was loose, that should NOT have been...

What the? I have never seen this before! The brake lining had separated from the shoe!



Fortunately I had some spares in the shed, so went-a-digging.

Here we go, a good 2nd hand one from the Peel Me a Grape Super I wrecked in 2007!

By the way, the one on the right is what they should look like!?!

So, please check those brakes today! You may even save your own life!

