

Austin Seven – steering column bracket Bob Garrett

My friend (and fellow HA7C Member) Brian Wooster - recently started re-assembling his A7 Opal after spending several years repairing its badly corroded body - but sadly, could not find the inner clamp for the steering column bracket.

These items occasionally come-up for sale but it seemed much more fun to make a new one.

Remembering roughly what the inner clamp looked like and having the outer bracket to determine the width – it was a simple matter of bending a strip of 1/8" x 3/4" Mild steel strip to form a strap to fit the column, folding over the ends then drilling and tapping 1/4" BSF for the threaded stud. Finally, bronze 'welding' it all together and fitting a nut and locking washer as shown in the photo.



This inner clamp was then assembled into the 'under-dash' outer bracket, ready to be fitted over the steering column, tightened-up and secured to the underside of the dashboard.

The underside of the complete steering column bracket assembly is shown in the second photo.

A rather satisfying outcome.