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The Glove Box Edition

A practical analogue companion for the prepared driver — designed for A5 printing, organiser use, and year-round driving in both modern and classic GT cars.

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AND

Maintenance Notes Record Set

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This handbook is designed for **A5 pages** but of course may be printed at A4 to suit.. For best results when printing at home:

1. In the print dialogue, select **A5 paper size**.
2. If printing on A4 sheets, choose **"Booklet"** or **"2 pages per sheet"** to produce A5 output.
3. Set margins to **narrow** or **custom 12–15 mm** for a clean, balanced layout.
4. Use **90–120 gsm** paper for interior pages; heavier stock may cause binding stiffness.
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These settings ensure the handbook prints with the correct proportions and maintains its intended visual rhythm.

Filing and Organising (A5 Format)

This handbook may be kept in several formats depending on the owner's preference:

A5 Leather Organiser (Recommended) A high-quality A5 organiser provides a **classic, understated, leather-bound effect** without requiring bespoke binding. Pages may be hole-punched and inserted directly, allowing owners to add sketches, notes, receipts, or maintenance records over time.

A5 Two-Ring Binder (Second Best Option) A simple A5 two-ring binder offers a practical and tidy alternative. Choose a **plain, heavy-card cover** or a **cloth-bound binder** for a more traditional motoring-manual feel. This option is ideal for workshop use or for keeping multiple vehicles' notes together.

Both formats allow the handbook to grow with the car, becoming a personal maintenance record as well as a practical reference.

Suggestions, Additions, and Improvements

Owners are warmly invited to contribute ideas for future editions of this handbook. Notes on improvements, additional sections, or practical field experience are always welcome.

Please write to: **lawrence@gbgtjournal.co.uk**

Thoughtful contributions from fellow enthusiasts help refine this companion and preserve the spirit of prepared, gentlemanly (or ladylike) motoring.

INTRODUCTION

The Glove Box Edition is a concise, modular reference for owner-drivers who appreciate cars — modern GTs or cherished classics — as crafted objects.

It is a place to gather essential notes, checks, and practical details that support enjoyable, intentional motoring.

Both **Modern GT** and **Classic GT** pages are included; keep whichever version best suits your car.

Especially (but by no means exclusively) where older cars are concerned, a toolkit and selected spares are an essentially part of trip planning. As someone very famous once said before embarking on an epic enterprise:

"In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable." — Dwight D. Eisenhower

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GENERAL RECORD PAGES

1. Quick-Reference Essentials

Items drivers most often need immediately — rarely easy to find in paper manuals, and useless online if the phone battery is flat or online manual is not accessible!

Item	Drivers Notes
Tyre Pressures	
Front (normal)	
Rear (normal)	
Front (fully laden)	
Rear (fully laden)	
Spare wheel pressure	
Wheel Nut Torque Settings	
Alloy wheels/ Steel wheels - check	
Front axle	
Rear axle	

Oil Grades & Capacities

Engine oil grade

Engine oil capacity (with filter / without filter)

Gearbox oil grade & capacity

Differential oil grade & capacity

Coolant Specification

Type (OAT / HOAT / IAT)

Total system capacity

“Normal hot” level reference

Brake Fluid Specification

DOT rating

Change interval

ABS/ESP bleed notes

Spark Plugs

Plug code

Gap setting

Torque setting

Battery Specification

Type (AGM / standard)/ Part code

Amp-hour rating

Cold-cranking amps

Terminal layout +ve/-ve earth

Fuse Locations & Critical Fuses

Main fuse box

Secondary fuse box

Fuel pump fuse

Ignition fuse

ECU fuse

Headlamp fuse

Heater blower fuse

Bulb Types / Part Code Numbers

Headlamp (main / dipped)

Indicators

Brake lights

Fog lights

Number plate lights

Interior lights

Drive Belts – Parts Codes

(Routing Diagram essential if a belt jumps or snaps – use schematic page at rear of book to note routing. Or take photo on mobile phone to record!)

Jack Points & Axle Stand Points

See schematic at end of book to note locations if not obvious from sill or puck marks.

Notes for classics with fragile sills

Emergency Torque Notes

Wheel nuts

Battery terminals

Hose clamps

Spark plugs

Brake caliper bolts

2. Roadside Useful Data

Information that matters only when you're actually on the road.

- Fuel type & octane preference
- Ethanol tolerance (E5 / E10)
- Common failure points

  Note; I.. any special product codes, dealership or ii. supplier contact details/ email / telephone for emergency supply/orders.

- Spare parts to carry
- Fluid top-up quantities
- Tyre size & load rating
- Wheel removal notes
- Warm-up notes (for classics), oil cooler / Kenro etc

3. First Aid Kit — Contents & Expiry Notes

A simple, structured table for:

- Plasters
- Dressings
- Bandage
- Antiseptic wipes
- Burn gel
- Eye wash
- Gloves
- Scissors
- CPR face shield
- Pain relief
- **Special meds ?**
- Expiry log
- **What3Words app on all 'phones?**

4. Battery & Consumable Date Log

A vital section for items that quietly expire:

- Torch batteries
- Power pack/ jump start charged?
- LED flare batteries
- Tyre foam-fill
- First aid kit
- Key fob battery

  (Battery type)

  (Date of last battery change)

5. Pre-Drive Checklist / Function Test

Short Drives / Routine

- Tyre pressures
- Lights & indicators
- Fuel level
- Washer fluid
- Documents

Touring & Long Drives

- Oil level
- Coolant level
- Brake fluid
- Tools packed
- Spares packed
- First aid kit
- Torch
- Route notes
- Phone charged (and analogue backup available)
- Power pack/ jump start

  (charged?)

  ('phone charger cable?)
- **What3Words** app loaded
- Map book / SatNav back up

6. Route Card Notes

Route Name: Date: Driver / Crew: Vehicle: Start Point: Destination: Distance: Estimated Time:

Stops & Waypoints

- Fuel
- Refreshments
- Scenic stop
- Lunch / Tea

Conditions & Cautions

- Surface notes
- Seasonal considerations
- Known hazards
- Alternative route

Personal Notes

7. Recovery Organisation Details

Recovery Provider

Policy Number

Policy Renewal Date

Emergency Telephone/ Recovery Assistance

8. Insurance Details

Insurer

Policy Number

Expiry/Renewal

Telephone/Emergency Number

MODERN GT PAGES

9. Modern GT Toolkit Checklist

- Compact socket set
- Torx bits
- Trim tools
- Tyre pressure gauge
- Jump pack
- Tyre foam-fill
- Multimeter
- Gloves
- Torch
- LED flares
- Glass hammer & belt cutter
- Torque wrench / wheel nut sockets

10. Modern GT Roadside Notes

- Battery management notes
- Tyre pressure monitoring system (TPMS) reset
- Electronic parking brake release procedure
- Fuse box locations
- Bulb replacement notes
- Hybrid/EV caution notes (if applicable)
- Recommended emergency spares
- Paint special finishes/ceramic coats / date applied
- Detailing and ‘maintenance wash’ re-coating of ceramic: dates

CLASSIC GT PAGES

11. Classic GT Toolkit Checklist

- Spanner set (Mixed metric or imperial? Critical sizes?)
- Screwdrivers (slotted/Philips)
- Pliers (needle nose and standard)
- Spark plug socket
- Feeler gauges
- Electrical tape
- Wire & connectors
- Test lamp
- Points file
- Fan belt
- Hose clamps
- Fuel hose
- Grease gun
- Tyre pressure gauge
- Torch
- LED road flares
- Torque wrench/wheel nut socket
- Gloves
- Floor mat or plastic sheet

12. Classic GT Roadside Notes

- Warm-up procedure
- Carburettor notes
- Fuel pump behaviour
- Common failure points
- Recommended spares
- Cooling system cautions
- Distributor notes

13. Classic Ignition & Spark Plug Notes

A simple table for:

- Plug gap
- Timing advance
- Idle speed (warm)
- Idle speed (cold)

(Space for the driver to fill in their own vehicle data.)

14. Jacking Points Schematic & Tow Rope Binding

Points to Note

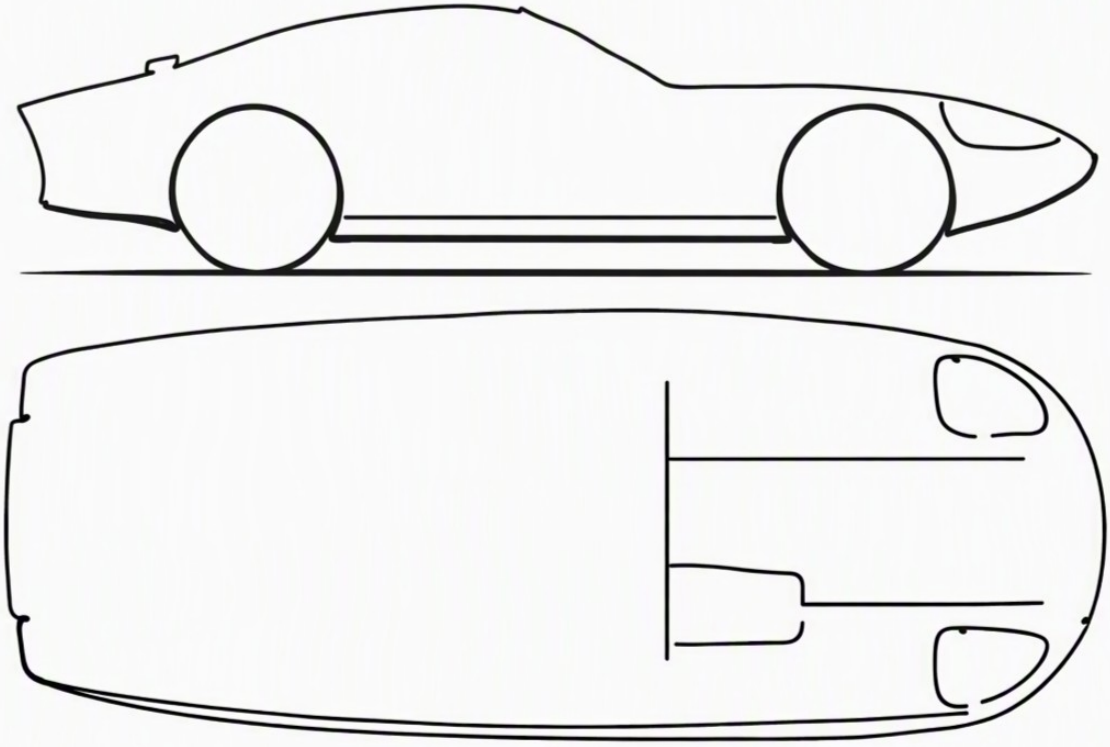
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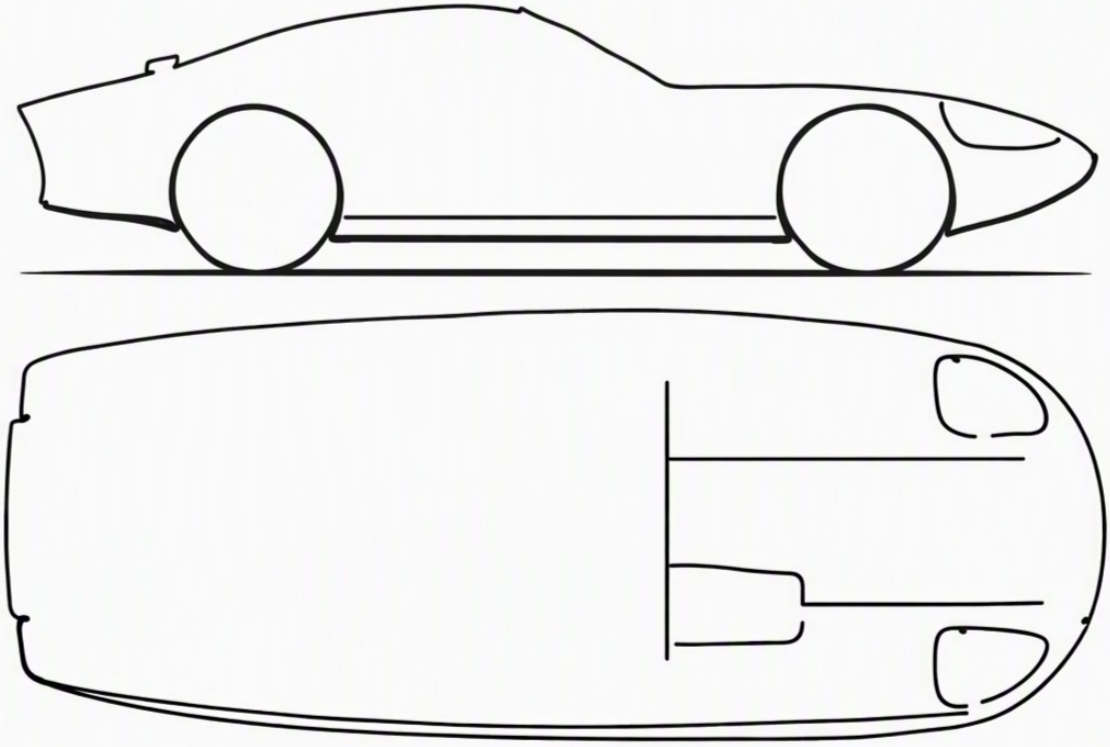
Notes for Recovery Crews

Older and some classic cars may have: – no original manual – no defined chassis or sill jacking points, marks, or puck indents – no screw-in tow eyes or standard towing loops

Use the schematic plate on the following page to mark or annotate the safe jacking and towing points for your car. The side elevation and plan view are intentionally clean, allowing you to indicate the correct lift-pad zones, axle-stand positions, and tow-rope binding points appropriate to your specific GT.

Two copies of this page are included — one for your team / recovery organiser, and one to hand to a recovery crew before they begin work. This ensures that operators unfamiliar with your car have clear guidance before attempting a lift or tow.





15. Belt routing sketch

Select the Vee block or in-line schematic to mark up the belt routing for your engine.

