

Club Special Modifications *By Lee Seats*

THE CLUB SPECIAL MODIFICATIONS are going smoothly. The next one I want to talk about is shock installation. The spring suspension is similar to a stock setup, but the car weighs considerably less so it tends to be bouncy. So I installed shocks to help with the ride. I used Volkswagen shocks in the rear with coil-overs, and I used a small gas shock in the front. It has helped the ride considerably.

I beefed up the tie rod anchors for the rack and pinion, which I also have installed, and what a difference this made in the steering response! That has been the biggest improvement so far. I used an MG Midget rack and shortened it to fit the Club Special's track. I used MG Midget tie rod ends and drilled the anchors to fit them. I mounted a bearing to the kick panel where the shaft goes through and used a universal joint from a Geo Metro steering shaft to tie the steering shaft to the rack pinion.

Upcoming changes include building a top frame and a top to fit. I have the header bow done, and it fits the curved windshield. Then adding mechanical disc brakes on the front wheels and changing the engine to an 18HP Vanguard which I have in progress on the work bench.

Until next time, happy motoring -- Lee

