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Subject: Lotus 47 rear suspension uprights

Hi Jerry,

Johannes Ditz recommended I contact you about a project I have in mind. I am a former 47 and 65 owner, and when I purchased my 47 the magnesium rear uprights (hub carriers) were badly corroded. I had Wayne Mitchell at CMW Enterprises start on casting new ones for me, as I could find no replacements at the time. Wayne had gotten as far as finishing the casting patterns when I decided I wanted to run the car at the Monterey Historics, so I bought a pair of aluminum uprights out of England and dropped the magnesium project. The aluminum parts were very heavy and thick walled, but they did the trick. When I sold the car the next year it still had the aluminum uprights in place.

Now years later, CMW found my patterns in a clean-up they were doing, and asked if I had any interest in making any parts. CMW makes magnesium uprights for Brabham and March formula cars, so they are quite good at this sort of thing. The big expense with making new castings is the patterns, but I wrote off that expense long ago. I will donate my patterns to the effort if we can get enough 47 owners to order parts that it makes sense. This probably means 5 pairs of uprights, which would make the price about \$1500/pair. The cost would go up or down, depending on how many sets are ordered. I have attached some photos of my patterns so you can see what they look like, as well as a photo of the magnesium Brabham BT-21 uprights that CMW makes, so you can get an idea of the quality of their work.

Do you think anyone would be interested in ordering new uprights?

Regards,

Rob







