Title: Tightening Cylinder Head Bolts.

Reason: Reports have been received of cylinder head gaskets failing more frequently than might be expected.

Charges: U.K. - Warranty..................NO
           EXPORT - Factory..................NO
              - Distributor..................NO

Action: The Service Voucher Book calls for the cylinder head bolts on a new car to be retightened at the first 300 mile (500 km.) and 1,200 mile (2,000 km.) services. In most cases, gasket failure can be attributed to insufficient attention being paid to this instruction.

The procedure for refitting the cylinder head is laid out in the Workshop Manual (Section 'E', page 43).

The third phase of this procedure should be carried out with the engine at ambient temperature and it is this phase which should be carried out at the 300 mile and 1,200 mile services. This applies equally to the first 300 miles and 1,200 miles after the cylinder head has been removed and replaced for any reason.

Would all Dealers please ensure that all Service Personnel are made aware of these instructions.