

The *AA Car Components Guide* is designed to help you obtain spare parts for your car if it breaks down abroad.

If you know little or nothing about cars and their workings, you will need to consult a garage in order to find out which component or components are faulty. This usually means that you immediately have a communication problem, because even if you speak the language fairly well, technical terms will probably be beyond you.

The purpose of this book is to overcome this problem. When you first see the mechanic, show him the section on page 4, asking him to look at the car, find out what is wrong and point to the faulty component(s) on one or more of the illustrations. If he is at all doubtful about identifying the parts from the drawings, then he can refer to the multi-lingual key to check the name.

Armed with this information, you can then set about obtaining the necessary spare(s), assuming it is not obtainable locally.

It should be pointed out that while components are dealt with individually in this book, a number of them cannot be purchased separately, but only as complete assemblies. The form on page 79 of this book follows our recording system and, if completed for your own retention, will save valuable time when you are on the telephone.

Please see your *5-Star Service Booklet* (provided for members who have paid the Vehicle Security fee) for AA addresses and exact procedures. It is important that these procedures are followed in their entirety.

We have endeavoured to cover the most common systems in use today, but it is impossible to list or illustrate every component found on every car. Therefore in several places in the key, we have resorted to general, rather than specific terminology.

NB The numbers used on the illustrations are key numbers only, they are not part numbers. These can only be found in the manufacturers' literature.

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