

The new Abbey conpé on the M.G. Magna chassis.

SWEET AND LOW

WITH the ever-increasing number of standard type cars on the road the demand for special bodies increases in like proportion. Among the several firms meeting the needs of this market are Abbey Coachworks, Ltd., of Minerva Road, Chase Estate, North Acton, and their most recent design is a coupé on an M.G. Magna chassis, which particularly lends itself to special designs in coachwork on account of its low frame, long bonnet, and attractive radiator. These features provide the coachbuilder with plenty of scope for producing something really smart and out of the ordinary in the way of either open or closed bodywork.

Ample Comfort

This two-seater all-panelled coupé is of interesting design and is certainly striking. The unusual treatment of the wings and tail is the most outstanding feature of the body, coupled with a total height of only 4ft. 1½in., notwithstanding which there is ample headroom for even a tall passenger, while the width of the body is such that ample elbow room is provided for both passenger and driver. It will be seen, therefore, that comfort and practicability have not been sacrificed for appearance. Behind the two adjustable bucket seats, the squabs of

A Smart and Roomy New Special Coupé on the M.G. Magna Chassis, with Overall Height of Only Four Feet One and a Half Inches



The figure is admittedly tall and slightly over-emphasises the extremely low overall height of the car.

which fold forward, is space for two or three large suitcases.

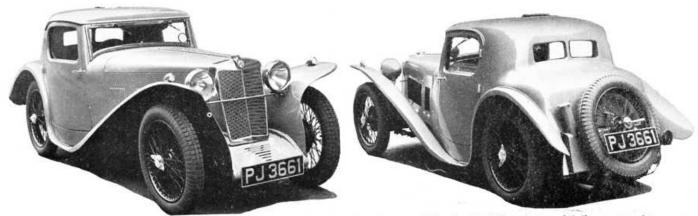
At first sight it might appear that the narrowness of the single panel screen, which, incidentally, opens out fully,

restricts the driver's view, but such is not the case. The view from within the car is remarkable when one thinks of the dimensions from ground to roof. Tandem electric screenwipers are fitted, and wipe nearly the whole area of the glass, which makes for increased safety and comfort of mind in wet weather. The eight-gallon rear fuel tank is provided with a special quick-action cap, and is handily placed for refueling from a pump or can.

Easy to Enter

Ease of entry and exit is assisted by the wide doors opening from their forward edges. Winding windows are provided, that at the rear being in two halves. Tools are housed in a locker beneath the bonnet, which is standard practice on the Magna, and in every other respect the chassis is unaltered. The performance of the car is too well known to need any reference. It is sufficient to say that that performance, coupled with coachwork such as is illustrated on this page, is all that can be desired in the way of distinctiveness.

The price of the complete car is £345, so it cannot be considered a cheap car. On the other hand, it is good value in view of the general excellence of the workmanship and the high grade of finish.



The style of the panelling, which is well carried out, together with the unusual treatment of the wings and tail, are seen in these two "three-quarter" views of the little car.