

# Replacing that Clutch Plate

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Just bought a half cut or engine and can't decide whether to replace that clutch plate? Eric Blythe tells us his wise old pappy used to say "1 thou wear for every thousand miles". For those who have made the metric migration that means 0.1 mm gives 6,400 km. Check the wear by using a micrometer to measure from the wear face to the rivets.

The weight that the engine/gearbox/clutch is hauling in your Westfield is about halved compared to the original car so consider this when making your decision. Just remember, its a lot easier to change it now before you install the engine!

Paul Kennedy paid \$190 for e new clutch plate for his 20 valve but you should be able to get a 4AGE 16V for about \$50. At worst case the plate centre is usually OK, so you could consider resurfacing.