

**BUDGET**

To December 1987 the project spend was £13,2m against a plan of £14.0m. This temporary situation has arisen due to material cost being below estimate. Delays with availability of validation material means the difference will be used to cover the extra labour requirement from June '88 to the revised SSV in October 88.

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ACTIVITY	CURRENT STATUS	PROPOSED PLAN	TARGETS
<p>40.03</p> <p><u>OIL PAN ASSEMBLY</u></p>	<p>incorporated into prototype equipment are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Improved engagement of fixing bolts allowing higher torque and increased clamp loads.</li> <li>b) Increased bolt spacing by 3mm.</li> <li>c) Incorporation of 12mm Ø ring dowels.</li> </ul> <p>See attachment No. 2,101 to 2,106</p> <p>Oil pan baffle re-designed to simplify manufacture.</p> <p>Drawings supplied to Mercury Marine for comment.</p> <p>Oil surge tests carried out on Phase II engine fitted with Phase III oil pan.</p> <p>Report attached. 2,107 to 2,108</p> <p>High speed racetrack tests at Mosport revealed no oil surge problem, when Phase II oil pan design.</p> <p>Oil pick up pipe assembly modified to simplify manufacture "Reinz" gasket fitted between sump and lower crankcase on Phase III engines.</p> <p>Oil level indicator requires calibration.</p>	<p>Conduct line bore trials to assess bore roundness with increased clamp load.</p> <p>Modify baffle when design finalised.</p> <p>Monitor on validation tests.</p> <p>Repeat sump surge tests when parts become available.</p> <p>Monitor on durability tests.</p> <p>Calibration on completion of oil surge and breather development.</p>	<p>Castings available Feb. 88.</p> <p>Parts available</p>



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<p>40.05 CYLINDER HEADS</p>	<p>Phase III cylinder heads and cam covers incorporate production intent breather system.</p> <p>Cylinder head and cam cover not machined on production tools.</p> <p>Current die cast cam covers supplied by Mercury Marine have severe porosity due to poor metal flow.</p> <p>Port core location to be monitored in Production head on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Oil feed system modified due to space requirements of Duplex chains.</p> <p>Valve rotation checks using triple groove collets show no improvement in rotation below 5,600 rpm.</p> <p>See attached report no. 2,109 to 2,111</p> <p>Exhaust manifold bolt pattern modified to facilitate assembly at Bowling Green.</p> <p>Lotus are concerned with possible adverse effects on gasket durability.</p> <p>Four fixing holes are retained in cylinder head as back up.</p>	<p>Assess production machined parts on engines supplied by Mercury Marine.</p> <p>Mercury marine to improve casting process.</p> <p>Visit Birmal</p> <p>Assess effects of inner and outer springs wound in the same direction with triple groove collets.</p>	<p>End Jan '88</p>



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	<p>40.07</p> <p>CAMSHAFT AND  <u>HOUSING ASSEMBLY</u></p>	<p>Cylinder head gasket cycling test to be carried out with Phase II engine to provide early data on gasket performance.</p> <p>Production intent camshaft material is Lydmet 77 Mo Cu alloy with large base circle radius and tapered to induce tappet rotation.</p> <p>Camshaft thrust washer position revised on Duplex engines, now fitted into slave bearing cap.</p> <p>This modification simplifies assembly and improves serviceability.</p> <p>Production intent cam profiles are:</p> <p>A + B inlet  A + A exhaust  Camshaft timing  114° ATDC inlet 114° BTDC exhaust.</p> <p>See attachment number 2,112 to 2,114</p>	<p>Test to commence by the end of Jan. 88.</p> <p>Phase III validation engine on test end of Feb. 88</p> <p>Monitor on durability engines.</p>	





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ACTIVITY

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CURRENT STATUS

The slow speed cam rig has completed 522 hours with steel camshafts and phosphated tappets using 10W30 oil.  
Attachment No. 2,115  
Cam cover sealing plugs re-designed to improve sealing.  
Cam cover logo drawing released to Mercury Marine 7th January 1988.

PROPOSED PLAN

Test with production intent components and 10W30 oil.  
Incorporate on validation engine 072.

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Test start date w/c 18.01.88.



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40.08 CAMSHAFT DRIVE SYSTEM	<p>Prototype Duplex chain with clearance centre link failed on engine 069 after 121.5 hours. Failure mode was fatigue failure of the joining link.</p> <p>Failed components returned to Borg Warner.</p> <p>Improved strength Duplex chains received from Borg Warner, these chains have an interference fit centre link with a 60% pre-stressing operation. Production intent.</p> <p>Borg Warner state that chain life when compared to the prototype chain increases by a factor of 5.</p> <p>Fitted to engine 070.</p> <p><u>Back Up</u></p> <p>Engine 090 build with 'silent' inverted tooth chain.</p>	<p>Monitor on durability Lotus High Speed Car cycle.</p> <p>Evaluate chain control to 7,000 rpm.</p>	