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Neil Max Tomlinson discovered the delights of veteran and vintage cars at an early age. In 1964, he was apprenticed in HM Forces as a motor vehicle engineer. Upon leaving service, he switched to production engineering, specializing in cross-discipline skills and the training of apprentices in mechanical, electrical and electronic engineering, to meet the 1980's challenge of automated processing and robotic systems, now widely known as Mechatronics. A member of the Bugatti Trust since its inception more than twenty years ago, he has written more than fifty articles for magazines and journals in the UK and USA since 1983.

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