



Alan Gibson Crank Pin Retainers

This is a simple little trick I picked up from Tony Gee at one of the Missenden weekends but that I find really useful, I hope others may also find it of use.

The Alan Gibson crank pins come with circular retainers that are screwed onto the end of the crankpins to retain the rods on the supplied bushes. Unlike Markits screw crank pins they have no slots for a Romford screw driver. Previously I always tried to attach them with a pair of pliers, this often resulted in the retainers pinging off into the distance and ending their days in the pile of the Missenden carpet. Annoying and the cause of numerous trips crawling around on the floor with a magnet trying to find them. Especially when stocks were running low.



Tony's tip, use a pin vice.

Place the retainer with the shank upwards. Place the pin vice over the retainer and tighten the jaws of the pin vice onto the shank of the retainer.

You can then use the pin vice to pick up the retainer, place it on the end of the crank pin and screw them down onto the rod.

Simple and it has saved so many lost retainers.

