

M.C.C. EXETER TRIAL—28th & 29th December 1951

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SCHEDULE TIMES—IMPORTANT NOTE:

The times shown on the route card are correct for competitors Nos. 1 to 119 inclusive.

Nos. 120 and onwards—Add 30 minutes to re-starting time from Exeter and all subsequent times.

Example—No. 164. Schedule re-starting time from Exeter as per route card = 6.00 + 164 minutes = 8.44. Correct re-starting time will be 6.00 + 164 + 30 = 9.14.

All non-stop and observed sections are **Time Checks**, but lateness arising from officially controlled delay at such sections will not involve any penalty.

Route, starting from Plymouth.

Standard Time	Competitor's own Time	Place	Mileage	Total Mileage	Route and Instructions
28th Dec. p.m.					
10.30		PLYMOUTH	—	—	Start from WEBBER'S FILLING STATION, HARTLEY VALE (TIME CHECK). The route will NOT be marked from the Start to Exeter, and provided that competitors check in at the intermediate checks at Barnstaple and Minehead, they may choose their own route to Exeter. A recommended route is Tavistock, Okehampton, Torrington, Barnstaple, Blackmoor Gate, Lynton or Simonsbath, Minehead, Tiverton, Exeter.
29th Dec. a.m.					
12.45		BARNSTAPLE	60	60	Route check only. No timing. Sign sheet at Shutler's Garage.
2.05		MINEHEAD	36	96	TIME CHECK. Sign sheet on arrival only at Stadden's Garage, Bampton Street. Supplies and refreshments available. Time schedule allows for interval here. <i>TIME CHECK just beyond Garage.</i>
4.30		EXETER	45	141	On entering Exeter fork left along New North Road and L again at clock tower. L at traffic lights and in 200 yards R into Summerland Street to Bedford Garage.
		EXETER arrival (for all competitors)			TIME CHECK at garage door. FOLLOW DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY SO AS TO ARRIVE AT CORRECT ENTRANCE. SIGN at garage on arrival only. Petrol and oil supplies available. CONTROL from arrival to re-start. Breakfast at Deller's Cafe (see Final Instructions).

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Route, starting from Stratford-on-Avon.

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10.30		STRATFORD - ON - AVON	—	—	Start from GUYVER'S GARAGE, ROTHER STREET. Sign sheet at start. The route will not be marked from Stratford to Exeter, and provided that competitors check in at the intermediate check they may choose their own route to Exeter. A recommended route is Cheltenham, Gloucester, Bristol, Bridgwater, Taunton, Exeter.
29th Dec. a.m.					
1.38 (at check)		PARADISE ROAD HOUSE (Intermediate Check 9 miles beyond Bristol)	81 $\frac{1}{2}$	81 $\frac{1}{2}$ (at check)	Take Bridgwater road out of Bristol, and check at "Paradise Road House" 9 miles beyond Bristol. TIME CHECK, sign sheet on arrival only. Supplies and refreshments available. Re-start when ready. TIME CHECK just beyond Road House. Time schedule allows for interval here.
4.30		EXETER	66 $\frac{3}{4}$	148 $\frac{1}{4}$	Entering the city from Taunton, proceed s.o. down main road, and 1 mile after railway bridge turn L at traffic lights into Summerland Street to Bedford Garage.

Route, starting from Virginia Water.

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28th Dec. p.m.					
10.30		VIRGINIA WATER ...	—	—	Start from WHEATSHEAF HOTEL, VIRGINIA WATER (TIME CHECK), near the 21st milestone from London on the Staines-Bagshot road. Meals and supplies at Hotel. The route will not be marked from the start to Exeter, and provided that competitors check in at the intermediate check they may choose their own route to Exeter. A recommended route is Basingstoke (by-pass), Popham Lane, Andover, Amesbury, Mere, Wincanton, Ilchester, Honiton, Exeter.
29th Dec. a.m.					
1.06		DEPTFORD White Heather Garage (Intermediate Check 1 mile beyond Garage)	69	69	(NOTE.—This is situated on the Amesbury-Mere road 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles west of Amesbury. The garage is just beyond the junction of the Salisbury-Warminster and Amesbury-Mere roads. Beware of "HALT" SIGN AT THIS ROAD JUNCTION. The actual timing point will be on the Amesbury-Mere road about 1 mile beyond the Garage, at the far end of WYLYE. Refreshments available at Wylve Valley Tea Rooms next door to the garage. TIME CHECK. Sign sheet on arrival only. Re-start when ready. Time schedule allows for interval here.
4.30 arrive		EXETER	80	149	Soon after entering Exeter on the Honiton road, bear R at prominent road fork along Heavitree Road and in half mile fork R along Summerland Street to Bedford Garage.

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Route for all Competitors

Standard Time	Competitor's own Time	Place	Mileage	Total Mileage	Route and Instructions
29th Dec. a.m.					
†6.00		EXETER depart	—	—	Re-start from Garage at schedule time. Turn L at Sidwell Street to High Street, and straight on down the hill to the river bridge. Over bridge fork R (d.p. Okehampton, A30). At Pocombe Bridge (2 miles) R (d.p. Okehampton) and follow main road to
		CROCKERNWELL ...	12½	12½	Opposite Royal Hotel L (d.p. Drewsteignton). At X roads L (d.p. Dunsford and Fingle Bridge); ½ mile further on R and next L and then R (following d.p.s Fingle Bridge).
6.45		*FINGLE BRIDGE ...	2½	15	OBSERVED SECTION No. 1 starts just over bridge. Non-stop to start of OBSERVED SECTION No. 2. From standing start non-stop to summit. R at summit (A.A. sign "Impassable for Motors") and in ¼-mile L. L (d.p. Moreton) then R (d.p. Moretonhampstead) and L on joining main road to
		MORETONHAMPSTEAD	3	18	In village L and then R (following white line round bend to War Memorial) then S.O. over X roads (d.p. Torquay) and in about 5 miles take L lane at right hand bend, leaving main road and S.O. (d.p. Stonelands).
7.12		*STONELANDS	6	24	OBSERVED SECTION No. 3. Non-stop to finish of section. R at summit (d.p. Bovey) and L at main road.
		Bovey Tracey	1½	25½	On entering Bovey Tracey, R down narrow road ("unsuitable road" sign) and R on reaching main road. L at Dartmoor Hotel (d.p. Newton Abbot, etc.) and R at next fork (stone d.p. Ashburton). In ½ mile R at fork (d.p. Brimley, Ilsington), R at next fork and S.O. (d.p. Ilsington), S.O. at X roads and R at T junction (d.p. Ilsington).
		Ilsington	3	28½	R at fork by Church, L at road junction round Church, s.o. at next junction and R down narrow lane (thatched cottage on left).
7.30		*SIMMS HILL	1	29½	OBSERVED SECTION No. 4. Non-stop from re-start at bottom to X roads at summit, s.o. over X roads and L at road junction down steep hill and R on joining tarred road.
		Liverton	1½	31	At junction of four roads, L at stone wall (avoiding sharp L to Bovey Tracey), s.o. at X roads (d.p. Newton Abbot) and at next X roads L along A38 (d.p. Chudleigh, Exeter). S.o. over next two X roads to
		Chudleigh Knighton ...	3½	34½	Bear R at road junction and follow main road (A38) through Chudleigh and just beyond Peamore Garages bear R along Exeter by-pass to Countess Weir.

† See note re Schedule times on page 1.

Standard Time	Competitor's own Time	Place	Mileage	Total Mileage	Route and Instructions
8.40		Countess Weir	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	47	Petrol and supplies at J. R. P. Heath's Service Station at roundabout. S.o. following A38. At second roundabout straight ahead (d.p. Taunton and Honiton) and almost immediately R (d.p. London) A30, and again R on reaching main road. In about 8 m. R at fork (d.p. Ottery St. Mary).
		Ottery St. Mary	11	58	When over l.c. and river, bear R in middle of town, L at fork (d.p. SEATON 3174, avoiding Sidmouth road). At end of town leave 3174 turning R at d.p. Sidbury (opp. lamp), L following telegraph wires, R at T. Again R.
		HIGHER RILL	2	60	OBSERVED SECTION No. 5. NON-STOP TO SUMMIT. L at summit and in about 1 mile R on to B.3174. At X roads R along A.375 through Sidbury to Sidford.
		Sidford	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	66 $\frac{1}{2}$	L at cross roads on Lyme Regis road. L at first X roads (d.p. Harcombe). In about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile R (d.p. Harcombe). L at wall and again L to Harcombe Hill.
9.05		*HARCOMBE HILL	2	68 $\frac{1}{2}$	OBSERVED SECTION No. 6. NON-STOP from foot of hill to STOP and RE-START TEST and then NON-STOP to SUMMIT.
		Summit	$\frac{3}{4}$	69 $\frac{1}{4}$	Beyond summit R and later L, when joining main road (A35) from Exeter to Colyford and Lyme Regis, near 17th milestone. At 19th milestone keep L, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile later R.
		Colyford	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	76 $\frac{1}{2}$	Keep s.o. along A35 through Lyme Regis and Charmouth to Bridport.
10.20		BRIDPORT	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	92	S.o. at traffic lights and shortly L (A3066) on Beaminster road. In 1 mile R (d.p. Bradpole), L at fork (no d.p.) and shortly R (d.p. Lodors 1 $\frac{1}{2}$). R in village (d.p. Uploders and Askerswell), R under railway bridge and in $\frac{1}{4}$ mile R up
10.30		*KNOWLE LANE	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	95 $\frac{1}{2}$	OBSERVED SECTION No. 7. NON-STOP TO SUMMIT. At Summit L on to main road A35 (CAUTION) to DORCHESTER.

Details of Observed Sections and Special Tests

Observed Sections.

- 1 and 2. Fingle Bridge—non-stop ascent.
3. Stonelands—non-stop ascent.
4. Simms Hill—non-stop ascent.

Standing start for all observed sections.

Starting and finishing lines of observed sections will be indicated by appropriate notices.

Observed Sections.

5. Higher Rill—non-stop ascent.
6. Harcombe—stop and re-start test.
7. Knowle Lane—non-stop ascent.
8. Cocknowle—non-stop ascent.

SPECIAL TEST—HARCOMBE—

The results of this test will be used only for deciding ties for team awards. The team returning the lowest aggregate time to be the winners.

DETAILS OF TEST

Competitors will be timed over the first 15 yards from the re-start.

STOP AND RE-START TEST—HARCOMBE

From a standing start, non-stop to a line on the hill, astride which the vehicle must stop. Any stop before the front wheels cross the line or running back over the line afterwards, or any over-running of the line by the back wheel(s), will be reckoned as a failure. Re-start and clear the line with the back wheel(s) within 3 seconds and continue non-stop to the finish of the observed section.

The "stop-astride" line will be suitably indicated by notices and the definition of the line is "the shortest distance between such notices". The line may be moved by the officials from time to time if it is considered advisable to do so. The re-start will be made on flag signal, but no signal will be given for stopping astride the line.

Motorcycle competitors will not be penalised for footing whilst astride the line, nor for 3 yards beyond it on the re-start.

Competitors will be debited with one failure only in respect of the entire test on the hill.