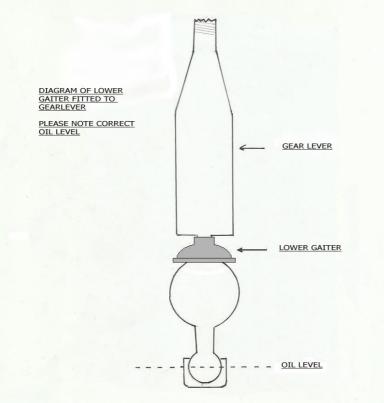
Preventing gaiter failure

The lower gaiter is designed to retain the gear lever assembly securely in place. It also keeps road-dust and grit from entering the gear change turret. It is **not** designed to keep the oil inside the turret (this task is performed by gravity alone) – so it's important for the long life of your gaiters (upper and lower) that you have the correct oil level in the gear-change turret. Please see the diagram below. Use some suitable gear oil. If you have a 6-speed gearbox use a little grease instead of oil.

Instructions for fitting lower gear gaiter MX-5

- 1. Remove gear knob
- 2. Remove centre console
- 3. Remove upper gaiter (the large rubber one)
- 4. Remove gear lever
- 5. Check the gear-change turret has the correct oil level. Add or remove oil as necessary
- 6. Remove your old lower gaiter. This will need some cutting. Do not remove the ball-socket bush (this is a thin plastic-and-metal ring)



- 7. Clean the oil from your gear lever with a clean cloth
- 8. With clean hands use the lube provided to lube thoroughly the *inside* of the Dr. MX5 gaiter and the *outside* of the gear lever. This is to allow the gaiter to slide into place
- 9. Slide the gaiter over the gearlever. It should fit nicely around the narrow gearlever shaft and on top of the ball-socket
- 10. Fit the gear lever into the turret
- 11. Slide the metal retaining plate over the gearlever and onto the top of the gaiter and fasten the 3 securing bolts
- 12. Fit the upper gaiter
- 13. Fit the centre console