British sports cars is the general theme of Jeremy Coulter's dip into Classic Cars' photo archives.

Above, in March 1959, BMC's MG factory at Abingdon produced a record total of 1,102 cars: 468 MGs, 155 Austin-Healey 100/6s and 480 Austin-Healey Sprites, a large proportion of which is seen here in the vast delivery park, awaiting shipment.

Below left, in the Abingdon factory, preliminary assembly of painted Frogeye shells began on two shoulder-height trolleys and then the chassis were lowered on to their own wheels on the breeze block track of the assembly line.

Below, painted and trimmed MGA bodies arrived at Abingdon from the Morris body plant in Coventry. Each transporter unloaded the shells directly onto the upper levels of the assembly line where they were wired before being united with a chassis.

Below, the body-chassis shells for the Austin-Healey 100 were shipped to Abingdon from the Jensen plant in West Bromwich. They arrived six at a time, fully wired, with all instruments in place and partially trimmed.