

Restoration of a Teal Blue MGBGTV8 – Report 2



Michael Pancheri has sent in an update on his restoration saying “the MGBGTV8 is ready for the final paint process. I'm afraid I have never been keen on Teal Blue, so she is in Neon Blue, which I believe was an original BL colour. I was never very keen on Autumn Leaf either, so she will be trimmed in black leather - sorry! She will have her original engine however, with her original carburettors and 'lobster claws', a correct original V8 gearbox, her original front suspension with uprated original shockers, an original reconditioned rack, but new discs, pads and calipers. She will also have her original differential (rebuilt), rear axle, drums and shoes (relined), but a new prop-shaft although I probably have the original lurking somewhere in the depths of my garage. The car was equipped with Spax shockers when she came to me. She will have new rear springs (not parabolic!), a new corrosion resistant fuel tank, and all 5 original Dunlop composite wheels. I believe all the original brake pipes are serviceable after a good clean up, and the original wiring loom will be retained after being carefully washed and re-made.

Her bodyshell is original after being painstakingly repaired as necessary, but inevitable new floors, sills, boot floor, front wings, complete offside rear wing quarter, new lower rear wing panel below the chrome strip line, new door skins and, sadly, a new bonnet. The original bonnet looked sound but after stripping was found to look more like a lace shawl at the hinges end. The tail gate has been retained and the extreme rot in the roof by the rear corners of the sun-roof (also fitted by the original owner) has been cut out and new sections fabricated and let in. The original cast iron exhaust manifolds are not serviceable so she will have stainless steel manifolds, but not the ones that exit through the inner wings. The rest of the system was already in stainless, so that will be retained but with a new silencer.

I hope very much that she will be ready for MGLive! 2017 at Silverstone. I can't wait!!”