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Refurbishing the bulkhead shelf

Clive Wagerfield acquired a Pre-Production Development MGBGTV8 from Norma Ward in 2008 and has set about refurbishing the car. Here he provides a pictorial record of his work on the bulkhead shelf. (Dec 08)



Offside portion of the bulkhead shelf where corrosion in the pedal box area is seen on so many cars. (Photo: Clive Wagerfield)

The images show the progressive stages of the refurbishment of the bulkhead 'shelf'. As MGB owners are aware, fluid from the master cylinders can leak over the years causing typical damage as can be seen above. This can also occur on the opposite side where the servo is located although to a much lesser extent.

To do the job properly, I decided to completely strip and refinish the whole area. This will also give me the opportunity to refurbish the pedal box assembly with new master cylinders, replace the original Smiths heater box with upgraded matrix, refurbish the servo and finally the windscreen washer brackets.



Nearside portion of the bulkhead shelf where corrosion under the servo unit is seen. Below, the area cleaned up and undercoated. (Photo: Clive Wagerfield)



Refurbishment of the bulkhead shelf on an MGBGTV8 - V8 Workshop Note 394



Heater matrix removed and offside portion of the bulkhead shelf cleaned up and undercoated. (Photo: Clive Wagerfield)





Completed refurbishment of the bulkhead shelf ready for reassembly of the brake and clutch master cylinders, heater matrix, brake servo and screen washer bottle. (Photo: Clive Wagerfield)



Glacier White 0096 has been fitted with a new set of pressed aluminium number plates. Clive managed to secure the re-registration of the car with the original registration number – MM0 229 L - using the DVLA procedure with support from the V8 Register and Club Office.