

Guide to the new V8 Bulletin Board

What are our aims for the V8 Bulletin Board?

Our aims for the V8BB are to attract good quality postings in terms of both subject matter and how they are expressed. Since the launch of the original V8BB it has succeeded in attracting posts with real substance usually with reference to either acknowledged sources (like workshop and parts manuals or other recognised authoritative sources) or to direct personal experience or knowledge to support the advice or views in the message, rather than simply bold assertions.

The general style of the original V8BB has been polite and welcoming so many members who might not have posted messages on a forum find they have been able to do so on the V8BB as the system is so straightforward and there has been a low risk that a someone might respond with a barbed comment as a response saying “nonsense” or other discouraging or unpleasant comments. So the emphasis has been on quality and not on quantity of messages on the V8BB. It is not a chat forum where users can post single sentence conversations. The V8BB has rarely suffered from domination by one or two people posting on a high proportion of the threads but it is something we wish to avoid.

Good moderation of a bulletin board like ours is necessary because the arrival of one or two individuals bringing with them the blunt and aggressive style sometimes common on other online forums, or poor quality postings with chat or prattle, can very easily take over a bulletin board and move what is seen as the “norm” in a direction which can very easily damage the qualitative and substantive aims the V8 Register as website owner has for the V8BB.

Some of the postings on the original V8BB threads have covered technical matters in a detailed and useful way so they have been harvested and popped into a draft workshop note. The response when the draft note is sent to the leading participant or participants in the thread has been very good and many have taken up the invitation to expand the note and provide photos to illustrate it too. Adding those notes to the V8 and RV8 Workshop Notes series has ensured that the material continues to be available as a very useful and readily available reference source for both current and future V8 enthusiasts.

Any feedback with your views on the new V8BB, the appearance and functionality and the registration process will be welcome at: v8registrar@v8register.net

Archive search facilities are still available for the original V8BB postings

There is a huge store of postings on the **original V8BB** which is still available (although the postings options have been disabled) can still be searched using key words in the search box. The link to the original V8BB search facilities is: www.v8registerdata.net

Guide to the new V8BB and the registration process

Our guide follows alongside.

V8 Bulletin Board Register

V8BB home page Search... Search Advanced search

FAQ Register Login

It is currently December 10th, 2012, 11:10 am

View unanswered posts • View active topics

V8 BULLETIN BOARD	TOPICS	POSTS	LAST POST
V8BB Messages Topics and replies.	2	8	by Victor Smith December 7th, 2012, 1:14 pm
V8BB User Guidelines Using the V8BB Bulletin Board.	0	0	No posts
V8BB Announcements & Notices Announcements and notices from the Admin team.	0	0	No posts

LOGIN • REGISTER

Your full name (e.g. Jonathan Brown): Password: | Log me on automatically each visit

WHO IS ONLINE

In total there is 1 user online :: 0 registered, 0 hidden and 1 guest (based on users active over the past 5 minutes)
Most users ever online was 3 on December 6th, 2012, 3:43 pm

Registered users: No registered users
Legend: Administrators, Global moderators

STATISTICS

Total posts 8 • Total topics 2 • Total members 5 •

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This note provides a brief guide to our new V8 Bulletin Board which has been created so it continues the user-friendly style and simplicity of the original V8BB. The new V8BB homepage above shows the **three categories of postings** on the V8BB – V8BB Messages, V8BB User Guidelines and V8BB Announcements & Notices.

• V8BB Messages

This is the main category where all the Topics and replies on the related threads posted by Registered Users are listed on a webpage headed TOPICS (illustrated alongside) will be on display. You reach the Topics webpage by clicking the blue “V8BB Messages” link on the homepage will take you to the V8BB Messages webpage where:

> **Registered Users** can both view existing messages and replies and post messages. Those messages can be either posted as a reply to an existing thread of a topic or they can be posted as a message launching a new topic which can then develop as a new thread.

> **Visitors** (who are not Registered Users) can view all the existing threads (both messages and replies on all the threads) but cannot post messages as either replies or new topics.

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The V8BB Messages area will be open to all Registered Users who can login on the homepage using their full name and password in the **login box** – see below.

[LOGIN](#) • [REGISTER](#)

Your full name (e.g. Jonathan Brown): Password:

- **V8BB User Guidelines**

This category has the User Guidelines which set out our aims for the V8BB in terms of attracting good quality information providing useful advice expressed in a complete and accurate style, together with the key terms and conditions governing the use of the V8BB by all Registered Users. The V8BB User Guidelines can be viewed by all visitors to the V8BB.

- **V8BB Announcements & Notices**

This category will have any announcements and notices regarding the operation or management of the V8BB - for example the availability of additional V8BB features and services. The V8BB Announcements & Notices can be viewed by all visitors to the V8BB.

Viewing the V8BB Messages

V8BB Messages

[NEWTOPIC*](#) Search this forum... 2 topics • Page 1 of 1

TOPICS	REPLIES	VIEWS	LAST POST
Test message 121207A (title edited by Artisan) by Victor Smith » December 7th, 2012, 1:12 pm	1	25	by Victor Smith December 7th, 2012, 1:14 pm
Welcome to phpBB3 by v8webmaster » December 4th, 2012, 12:37 pm	5	37	by v8webmaster December 7th, 2012, 1:01 pm

On the V8BB Messages webpage you can scan the range of Topics available and click on the individual Topics that are of interest to you or those you have been following. You can see all the messages that have been launched as a **NewTopic** and the **thread of PostReply responses** posted as part of the thread of a Topic.

Test message 121207A (title edited by Artisan)

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Test message 121207A (title edited by Artisan) by Victor Smith » December 7th, 2012, 1:12 pm Test message during training session.	Victor Smith Posts: 2 Joined: December 6th, 2012, 4:46 pm
Re: Test message 121207A by Victor Smith » December 7th, 2012, 1:14 pm Additives should not be used in the MGBGTV8 gearbox/overdrive lubricant.	Victor Smith Posts: 2 Joined: December 6th, 2012, 4:46 pm

Making an application to become a Registered User

As the V8BB is a provided and funded by V8 Register for its members, the ability to post messages on the V8BB is a “member-only service”. Visitors to the V8BB who are current members of the MG Car Club can register to create an account as a Registered User by completing an online form – simply click the “Register” link below the Search box beneath the V8BB banner on the RHS of the homepage. That link takes you to the **first stage** of registration, a webpage setting out the V8BB Terms & Conditions and Rules for access to and use of the V8BB.
<http://www.v8bb.co.uk/ucp.php?mode=register>

Only visitors who accept those conditions can proceed to the second stage.

Second stage of the registration process is where you provide your details as an applicant and you generate your own access password.

At the foot of the webpage is a **confirmation code** panel (part of a system intended to prevent automated registrations by spammers) from which you read the code (click to refresh it if you are not able to read the code you see on display) and enter that code below on your online form. Then click the **“Submit” button** at the foot of the form whereupon the data on your online form is sent to the v8webmaster as an automated email for checking and authorisation.

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What does the V8BB Register User application form look like?

V8 Register BBS - Registration

Please note that you will need to enter a valid e-mail address before your account is activated. The administrator will review your account and, if approved, you will receive an e-mail at the address you specified.

Your name, email address and password are all required fields, as are any other fields marked with an * asterisk.

If someone with the same name as yours has previously registered you will not be allowed to enter the same name. If this occurs, please include your middle initial or append your VIN number, e.g. Jonathan Brown 1234.

Your full name (e.g. Jonathan Brown):
Length must be between 3 and 40 characters.

E-mail address:

Confirm e-mail address:

Password:
Must be between 6 and 100 characters.

Confirm password:

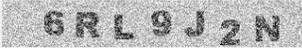
Telephone number: *

MGCC membership number:

CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION

To prevent automated registrations the board requires you to enter a confirmation code. The code is displayed in the image you should see below (refresh the code until you see a code you can read with ease).

If you are visually impaired or cannot otherwise read this code please contact the [Board Administrator](#).

Confirmation code: 

Enter the code exactly as it appears. All letters are case insensitive.

If you are experiencing any problems with logging in please [email the V8BB Administrator](#) for help.

Your registration is sent to a human administrator for approval, which may not happen immediately - please do not submit more than one registration.

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Third stage is checking Newly Registered Users prior to activating an account.

Authorisation and activation of a Registered User account

Once an applicant has received confirmation from the v8webmaster their Registered User account is active, they will be able to use the member-only V8BB services, subject to their continued full observance of and compliance with the V8BB Terms & Conditions and Rules. Full information on those user requirements is available via the link below.

V8BB Terms & Conditions and Rules

See a copy of the V8BB Terms & Conditions and Rules using this link:
<http://www.v8register.net/v8bb/V8BB-TandCs-and-Rules.pdf>

More help to be had via the Frequently Asked Questions link

Although useful additional is available via the FAQ link at the top righthand corner of the V8BB webpages, it is generalised help and that not all the features or items mentioned on that page are enabled on the V8BB.