



Frontline Front Valance

For some years Peter Berry, owner of the 100th production MGBGT V8 (Teal Blue 201) had had thoughts of replacing the original front valance on his car with one with a small spoiler to improve high speed stability on motorways. Peter does, however, like to keep his V8 looking standard and so had doubts about changing the appearance of the car. His attitude was: "The original design was beautiful when the MGB model was launched way back in 1962, why change it?" This largely kept such thoughts at bay, until he came across the Frontline valance, with a subtle lip to the lower edge, which seems to fit the original design very well.

But how would it look on an otherwise standard looking V8, with original chrome bumper, etc? Once again, such thoughts were tossed into the long grass until recently, when a friend sent Peter a picture of a Teal Blue V8 which was up for auction with Bonhams Cars Online. Finally, it was possible to see what a standard Teal Blue V8 with a Frontline valance fitted would look like. Peter liked the look, as an understated modification to the original MGB design. Enquiries resulted in the knowledge that the



Photos courtesy of Bonhams|Cars Online, showing the Frontline spoiler fitted, replicating the original valance profile

valance comes without fixing holes, to allow the customer to trim the height of the valance to suit their individual car. A deeper, more aggressive look can be chosen, or by trimming a greater amount from the valance, a more standard look can be achieved. Peter particularly liked the way this example follows the lines of the original valance.

Peter has therefore invited other owners who have fitted their own Frontline valances to a chrome bumpered V8 to come forward and share their experiences of fitting and how much (if any) difference this makes to stability at motorway speeds. Peter will seek professional fitting, as his DIY skills do not extend to trimming the valance, drilling the fixing holes and spraying the prepared item.

If any other members have had such experience of fitting or living with a Frontline valance at motorway speeds, please get in touch and share your views, experiences, opinions and observations. This includes comments on how much was trimmed from the valance, the look achieved and why.