

MGBGT V8-spare-wheel-holderclamp BHH111 – minor change



Above: spare wheel holder clamp BHH111 on the inside of the Dunlop composite wheel **on an earlier V8** (VIN 1089). This provides a space to locate a tool box wrapped in a towel.

Below: clamp seen **on three later V8s** (VIN 1646, 1669 & 1718)

Note: the earlier clamps had upturned ends and the later clamps had ends that were downturned (see below)



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Spare Wheel Holder Clamp Plate BHH111 – minor change

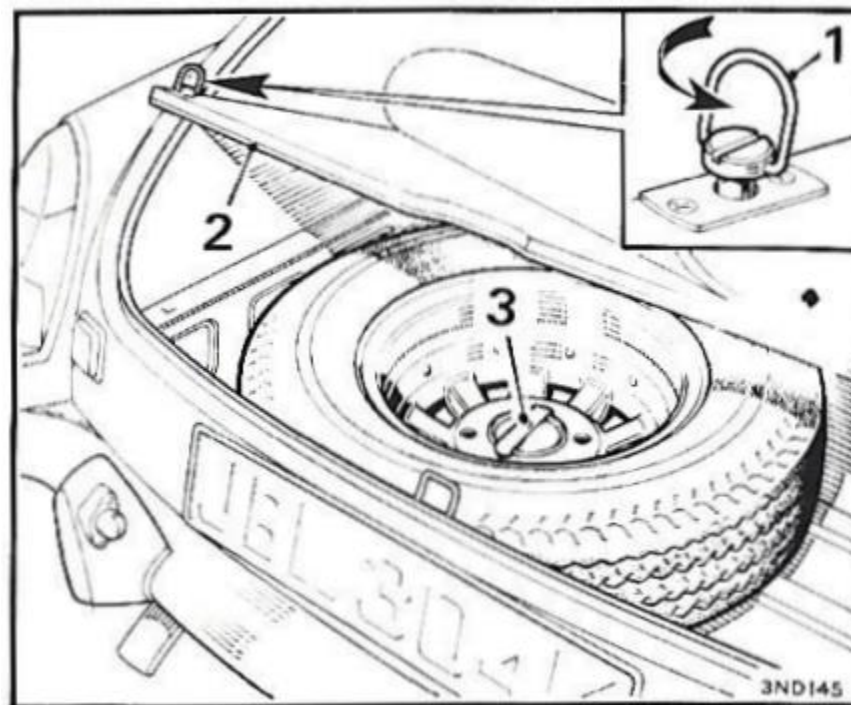
Rob Rose spotted a minor change in the clamp on the spare wheel holder made during the chrome bumper production period. Rob says "I do not know when the clamp was changed but a recently sold "two owner" MGBGTV8 (VIN 1718) has the later version of the spare wheel holder clamp".

When was the minor change introduced?

The Date Through Paint Finishing (usually regarded as the "Built date" for the MGBGTV8 model) for each of the cars mentioned above is:

Harvest Gold 1089	13th December 1973	upward ends on clamp
Citron 1646	4th June 1974	downward ends on clamp
Damask 1669	7th May 1974	downward ends on clamp
Citron 1718	20th May 1974	downward ends on clamp

Victor Smith noted "the spare wheel can be positioned with the inside face upwards or downwards. Personally I find having the spare wheel with the inside face upwards and the holder clamp on the inside face of the wheel does provide a very useful space (see alongside) which I use to locate my socket tool set wrapped in a towel and a spare fuel pump and alternator drive belt. With the towel they don't slip around inside the wheel when the car is on the move. The towel provides the packing to steady the location of the small tool box and parts. Looking at my photo (on previous page) I can see I need to take out my spare wheel and clean it up and take the photo again, then gently spray the wheel with WD40 which is my way of avoiding moisture settling on the chrome surface of the steel rims and creating corrosion".



- 1** Quick release screws **2** Luggage platform/board
3 Clamp plate holding the spare wheel

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