



What can the V8 badging reveal?

Factory MGBGT V8s had three silver coloured "V8" badges to identify the model – one on the grille, one of the nearside wing next to a square "BL" badge and one on the nearside bottom edge of the tailgate. With the introduction of the rubber bumper model in the second half of 1974 and the loss of the classic grille and grille mesh, there was no longer a V8 badge at the front of the car.

Front V8 badge



BL publicity photos at the time of the launch of the MGBGT V8 in August 1973 show the location of the V8 badge on the nearside of the front grille mesh very well. The rubber bumpered model did not have a V8 badge at the front because the large rubber bumpers replaced the grille surround and mesh.



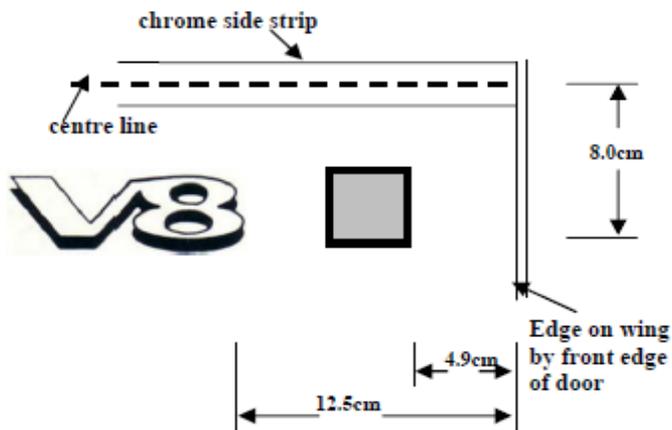
Some owners have fitted a V8 badge on a bracket attached to the mesh screen behind the rubber bumper so the badge is visible in the nearside opening of the rubber bumper. The first Factory rubber bumper MGBGT V8, Teal Blue 2101 formerly owned by the late Geoff Allen, had this neat but non standard modification.



Nearside wing V8 badge



The nearside wing V8 badge was on both chrome and rubber bumpered Factory produced MGBGTV8s. The positioning of the badge is set out in [V8NOTE253](#) in Volume 7 of the V8 Workshop Notes series.

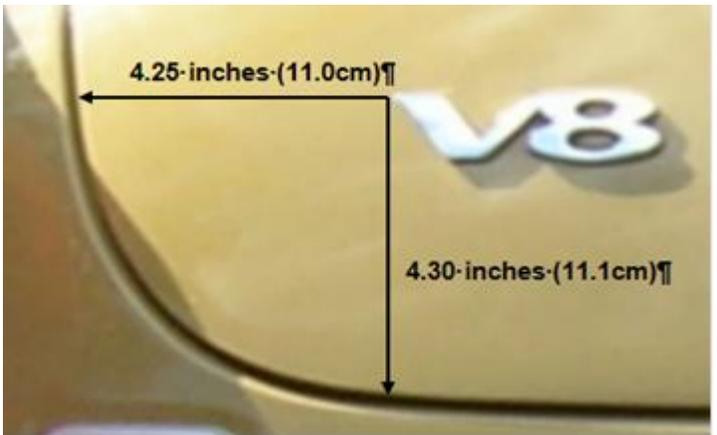


View of nearside wing between the rear of wheel arch and front edge of the door

There was **no badge on the offside wing** of Factory produced MGBGTV8s. Frequently you see restored V8s with badges on the offside wing.

Tailgate V8 badge

It's located near the bottom edge of the tailgate on the nearside on both chrome and rubber bumpered Factory produced MGBGTV8s. The positioning of the badge is set out in [V8NOTE253](#) in Volume 7 of the V8 Workshop Notes series.



What badging has been seen on restored and refurbished MGBGTV8s?

A variety of mistakes are made with locating V8 badges following a respray of an MGBGTV8. In some cases the badges are not replaced, in others they are located in strange ad hoc positions and frequently a badge is fixed to an offside wing which is not a feature with Factory produced V8s. Here is a selection of photos of odd badging.

Unusual V8 badge locations



V8 badge on the nearside wing but far too low and the square BL badge is missing too. In some cases back in the late 1970s owners of MGs were so disgusted with how BL had closed the MG Factory in Abingdon that they removed the BL badge as a protest!



The restorer also located a **V8 badge on the offside wing**, again in the low position and without a "BL" badge.





On this chrome bumper grille the **V8 badge is too high and too far to the nearside** of the grille. Note also the restorer has got the sidelight-indicator light unit the wrong way round too! The side light should be on the outside marking the edge of the front of the car and the indicator inside.



Make sure you have the right grille mesh!



An original grille mesh fitted to a chrome bumper MGBGTV8.

V8 badges missing

Often on restored MGBGTV8s badging is missing. Sometimes it is because the owner cannot find replacement badges but they are available but note that whilst the V8 badge for the nearside wing is flat, the badge for the tailgate is curved in both directions - sideways and top to bottom – to fit the rounded contours of the tailgate. The V8 badge for the grille mesh of the chrome bumper V8 is mounted on a backing bolted through the plastic mesh.



Reproduction grille mesh from the 1990s - you can see the bold feature on the mesh panel is reversed.