

MG Midget Cobra with a 5.0 Ford V8 in Chrysler Radiant Fire Red



Ron Hourigan says "I'm 72 years old and have been a MGB lover for 40 years and owned 10 of them. I'm also a retired corporate jet pilot having been racing Fords for 40 years - of late model stock cars. I always had in the back of my mind putting a small block Ford engine and driveline in a MGB having seen many with the aluminum Rover V8. I started looking for a solid MGB but for years could not find one not severely rusted. Other cars were too nice as originals to use. Then I happened to run across a **MG Midget in a salvage yard** which came from Arizona with 40,000 miles but it had been bought for salvage because the owner had died before surrendering the title. So it could not be bought or sold in Indiana without the Arizona title having a notarized owner signature. it took me 3 years to find a next of kin willing to do the paperwork for a legal title in Indiana. Then, as I was looking into the MGV8 websites I realized that **nobody had ever tried to V8 a Midget** that I could find. Now I was really excited about the Midget project - maybe being a One-Of! Now I am starting my 4th year of the project and it is scheduled for the upholstery shop the end of this month. I have a complete picture documentary of the project if you were to be interested but here are a few photos. The engine is a 400hp 5.0 Ford with Aluminum heads, Edelbrock dual quads, C4 Automatic Transmission, Ford Explorer 8.8 rear end 3.70 gear tracLock, Mustang II front suspension with P/S Rack, and four wheel disc brakes".

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Midget acquired for the project



Near complete MG Midget V8 project



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