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New RV8 mats

As RV8 floor mats are now NLA and mine were somewhat the worse for wear, I decided to get some made instead. I took my original set to Autostyle.co.uk in Hungerford and they were able to make me a set for my RV8 at the same price as an order from their internet site, £60 plus £5 for a heelpad.

RV8 mats made by Autostyle in a beige colour which is lighter than the original MG Rover mat and is about the same colour as the vinyl in Roger's car. (Photo: Roger Aldridge)



I am very pleased with the quality and fit of the mats, they are very well made, good quality carpet with a non slip backing and fixings. The fit is perfect. I choose their beige colour which is lighter than the original MG Rover mat and is about the same colour as the vinyl in my car, therefore it is a little light but the binding is dark brown and they look fine in the car. Autostyle do other colours including black, and will send a sample if you are not sure. They can also do motifs (but not "MG"), so you could do "RV8" I guess. The mats arrived by courier five days after I dropped off my original worn set and they even returned them. If you are interested you can order off their website www.autostyle.co.uk but you will see it does not show dark brown binding but it can be done on request. My car is a reimported Japan spec car with aircon and I am not sure if my passenger side mat is the same design as for a UK spec car. However Autostyle will manufacture to a paper template. I should mention that I have no relationship with the firm. Issued as RV8NOTE267 in July 2007 and contributed by Roger Aldridge (RV8 Oxford Blue 1722) from Berkshire.

RV8 key fob

In a V8BB posting in mid August, Peter Steyn in South Africa wanted to know what an original RV8 key fob looked like. Dr Gavin Bailey posted a response confirming he had purchased one in 1993 and described it quite clearly. The purchasers of new RV8s were presented with a handsome MG key fob. It is made from leather, the outer boarder is brown to which a black octagon is sown and above this the new MG emblem is mounted. Keys are attached and removed via a "D" shackle which substitutes the usual split ring on other key fobs. These key fobs are quite rare as the initial owners often retain them as a souvenir or keepsake when the car is sold.

A Saunter in the Shires

The next V8 Tour in the popular series is planned for the long weekend from Friday 28th September to Monday 1st October 2007 and will be based at the 1930s Aviator Hotel at Sywell aerodrome in Northamptonshire. Tony Lake is organising the event this year and his contacts are on the V8 website.



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