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How do I find useful tips on servicing and spares queries?

Let's take a recent example – “where can I find advice in changing the front springs and the bump stops?” Simply call up the online index and work through the pages to the topic that covers your query - which in this case is under section “**12. Front suspension**” on page 3 - see a copy alongside.

The entry for “**Bump stop replacement**” lists one note:

254. Replacement RV8 bump stops

Jim Dolbel (Woodcote Green 1705) from Australia has replaced his bump stops and provides a useful note for fellow members. (Oct 06)
<http://www.v8register.net/subpages/RV8NOTE254.htm>

Further down are entries for “**Front springs**” and “**Spring replacements**” with several notes:

59. RV8 Front Coil Springs

Bryan Ditchman (Oxford Blue 0265) compares the front coil springs fitted to the MG RV8 with those on an MGBGTV8. (Feb 00)

98. Front coil springs

Here Bryan Ditchman provides a note on the procedure which is not detailed in the workshop manual, and a follow up to RV8 Workshop Note 59 in Volume 2. (May 01)

194. New uprated RV8 front springs

Gavin Brown (Woodcote Green 1479) at the MG Car Centre at Launceston in Tasmania has obtained a supply of replacement up-rated front springs. (Oct 03)
<http://www.v8register.net/subpages/RV8NOTE194.htm>

Later there are 7 references to RV8NOTES on **shock absorbers** which is a related service item.

RV8 Workshop Notes series is a wonderful information resource for RV8 enthusiasts

There series has hundreds of spares and service tips contributed by fellow RV8 enthusiasts with new notes added all the time. You can see the complete contents of the series online where some of the notes can be viewed online.

<http://www.v8register.net/subpages/RV8det.htm>

Useful index to the whole series

There is also a useful index to the whole series which is regularly updated as each new note is added to the series. The index is available online as a free download so it enables members to look up topics to try and solve queries you have or find help for a spares or servicing problem.

<http://www.v8register.net/subpages/RV8notesindex3.htm>

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Other useful search tips for the V8 website & V8 Bulletin Board

The search facilities on the V8 website and the V8 Bulletin Board can retrieve extraordinary material as the V8 website has been running for over 10 years now and has over 3,900 webpages and is an astonishing 1.49GB on the webhost's server. Similarly the V8BB has a wealth of archived postings. If you are in any doubt of how useful these search facilities are, the V8 Webmaster frequently uses the search facilities to find information he needs to run the website or to answer fellow members' queries!!

Search box on the RHS of the homepage of the V8 Website

Simply type in the key words of your query and press the search button whereupon you will see a page of links pop up. For example if you type in "brake squeal" a mass of links appears which you can access, print off and read offline.

<http://www.v8register.net/index.htm>

V8 Bulletin Board Search Box

The V8BB attracts good quality postings with helpful information and advice and the archives are an excellent resource. You can type in the key words in the search box alongside this panel on the V8BB and then tick the "Search the archives" box and click search. You will find, for example, that no less than 28 links pop up to previous postings on brake squeal! Do not forget to check the "archives" box so they are included in your search! You may need to be imaginative when selecting your key words for the search and repeating the search with slightly modified key words will often extract more useful leads.

V8BB Search Box

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Replacement RV8 bump stops

Jim Dolbel (Woodcote Green 1705) from Australia has replaced his bump stops and provides a useful note for fellow members. (Oct 08)



The rubber bump stops on my RV8 had started to crumble and disintegrate (see pictures alongside) and were in need of replacement as the bump stops are an important part of the suspension. After purchasing a new set of upgraded Polyurethane bump stops from Clive Wheatley, I could find no reference for the removal and replacement procedure, hence this note.



Removal

- Lift front of vehicle and place stands or supports under vehicle or safety.
- Remove both front wheels.
- Unscrew bump stops - I used a pair of multigrips to get them started and then continued by hand.
- The first bump stop removed easily without any problems. However the second had the nut detached from the base plate (poor spot welding) and continued to turn without unscrewing.
- I then had to cut around the top of bump stop to reveal the base plate and cut through the rubber penetrating the plate - see pictures above and below.
- Once this is done the rubber bump stop removes easily exposing the base plate and securing nut.
- I then used 14mm socket to remove the nut and base plate.

Fitting New Bump Stop

- Lightly lubricate exposed stud and screw on new bump stop by hand until firmly in place.
- Do not use multigrips or pliers to tighten as they will damage the new bump stops.
- Replace front wheels.
- Remove stands / supports from under the vehicle.
- Lower vehicle to ground.
- Tension wheel nuts - job complete.

Foot note: Many thanks to Clive Wheatley for reproducing these Bump Stops in an upgraded material as the originals are clearly not up to the task and are NLA.