

RV8 headrest upgrade



Headrest upgrade for an RV8

Ian Cranston describes a useful upgrade for the headrests in his RV8. (Jan 15)

One thing that I have found fairly useless on the RV8 are the headrests, or perhaps more correctly, head-restraints, or could it be the shape of my neck and head?! However, it has struck me that in a whiplash scenario my neck would probably have snapped before my head contacted the headrest.

With the Rover V8 connection I remembered the superior versions of the Rover SD1, the Vitesse and Vanden Plas models, had cushions affixed to the headrest by press-studs. So I contacted Aldridge Trimming, in Wolverhampton who made a leather "cushion" which was virtually identical to the original RV8 headrest but with the addition of leather flaps or straps coming off the top and bottom which would join together over the original headrest and fasten underneath. Perhaps this is not very well explained but the two photographs alongside should do what my words have not! The charge from Aldridge Trimming for producing the two headrest cushions was £96.00 (including VAT) in July 2013.

Roger Aldridge noted "Aldridge Trimming (no relation by the way) are a very good outfit that Clive Wheatley uses for hoods now. I recall having my centre rest recovered there some seven or eight years ago and they achieved a really good colour match on the leather."

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