

Wheel Centre Fixings on an RV8

RV8 owner John Anthistle was concerned about the ease with which wheel-centre-caps could be removed on the majority of RV8s. He found a source for improved fixings and Clive Wheatley agreed to stock and supply these items for owners.

John Anthistle explains: "I have long been concerned about the ease with which RV8 wheel centres can be removed by the 'light-fingered'. I came across 'tamper-proof' Allen-head fasteners on the 'net' and these proved to be identical in size and material to the OE items but had a raised centre 'pin' within the head which required a special hex. key. These were a direct replacement for the original Allen-head bolts but unfortunately the supplier only wished to supply

in 'hundreds' rather than 'tens'. To his credit, Clive Wheatley agreed to fund a batch and these are now listed on his website."

There are two points to note:

- I'm not yet sure these bolts can be used on earlier cars (prior to VIN 450) which had 'security bolts' as standard.
- Rather than the range of key-suits used on these earlier cars, one key only fits all fasteners of this new size/type - they are however a lot less common than standard Allen keys."

A set of four bolts including a key are available from Clive Wheatley - current price £23.95. See www.mgv8parts.com or call **01746 710810**.

