

## Portland Engineering plate on an RV8



Geoff Lane contributed this photo of the Portland Engineering plate saying "It's affixed on the driver's side above the front upper wishbone mounting point. The dimensions are: Length 9cm, Width 4.5cm." – see the V8 Bulletin Board thread below.

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### Portland Engineering, Dorset

Whilst cleaning to underbody of my RV8, I noticed a plate that said, Portland Engineering.

Does anyone know the relevance of this plate?

Geoff Lane  
17 March 2010 @ 02:01

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### Portland Engineering, Dorset

This was only on the later cars that I have seen. I think they made the cross members.

Gavin Brown  
17 March 2010 @ 09:35

### Portland Engineering, Dorset

Hi Geoff I live in Weymouth which is the town next to Portland and have some info on your question. Portland Engineering used to produce the front cross member for the RV8 that was up until some five years ago, then they sold all the tooling to Vag Automotive in Yeovil. Trust this helps.

Godfrey Barnes  
17 March 2010 @ 09:38

### Portland Engineering, Dorset

Thanks for the info guys, much appreciated. I just thought it strange that the plate would be affixed to the chassis, unless, they were involved in the assembly of the sub frame or something similar.

Geoff Lane  
17 March 2010 @ 11:24

### Portland Engineering, Dorset

Geoff,  
Unfortunately you did not mention where on the underside of your car you had spotted the plate, so you set us an early Christmas Quiz! So I Googled "Portland Engineering" and then visited the Portland Engineering website and saw in their parts list they had a part for the RV8 - ZKC5945. On checking the RV8 parts list I could not find it, so I sent them an email and a couple of hours later a very pleasant chap called me to say they no longer make the part, a front brake disc. He later sent me an email saying "we no longer supply these parts. I believe that there is a company called VAG Automotive Components that are able to supply

these parts. They are not associated with the website of a similar name, but frequently sell products through eBay. If you do a search on eBay you should be able to find them. I am sorry I have no other contact information. Alternatively you may be able to get product through BMH? If I can help further please let me know. Ian" I think Godfrey has mentioned the VAG in Yeovil as the one Ian was mentioning.

Victor Smith  
17 March 2010 @ 14:13

### Portland Engineering, Dorset

I checked the BMH Witney website and found RV8 front brake discs are available as part number GBD90838 at £142.92 including VAT at 17.5%. You can see the item via the "MGB Other Products" link on the webpage below: <http://www.bmh-ltd.com/mgbparts.htm#>

On checking my RV8 Parts Manual CD, I see the RV8 vented disc is part number GBD90838 which is for a set, presumably two discs.

Victor Smith  
17 March 2010 @ 16:36

### Portland Engineering, Dorset

On checking with Ian at Portland Engineering There as to which part(s) his firm manufactured and supplied for the MG RV8 - was it the front suspension crossmember or other front suspension parts because I could not find the ZKC5945 part number they quote on their website on the RV8 spare parts CD? His reply was:

"We produced the front cross member assembly for the RV8 - and the associated parts that are fitted to the cross member. The part number you gave, was the drawing number for one of the items - it may have been given another part number when distributed by Unipart, who no longer support this vehicle, although Portland Engineering still own the design rights to this cross member and to several of the parts fitted to the cross member. I have done some investigation for you and the company who has a stock of genuine parts for the front cross member (including complete front cross members for RV8 and ones that are converted to suit the MGB!) may be able to supply them to you and can be contacted by email at [vagautomotivecomponents@gmail.com](mailto:vagautomotivecomponents@gmail.com). They are an internet based operation for which I do not have a telephone number for. I am sure if you email them they will contact you. If I can help further, please let me know."

Ian  
18<sup>th</sup> March 2010 @ 9:10 (an email)