

## RV8 – front brake pad securing clips and pins



John Cumming launched a V8BB thread with the question “does anyone know where I can buy a front brake pad securing clip and pin set for my RV8 four pot callipers please. Two clips on my car are broken. I have tried the usual suppliers without success. Alternatively does anyone know if the same clips were fitted to any other make and model of car please?”

Victor Smith mentioned Clive Wheatley had responded that he is

working hard to find an alternative source to produce a batch so he will have a batch of stock on his shelves. Unfortunately his previous local supplier in the West Midlands has gone out of business and he understands the original manufacturer of the clips went out of business some time ago. Several members suggested alternative suppliers – Rimmer Brothers, Brake Warehouse and Brake Parts International. As a check, Clive Wheatley ordered some brake clips and pins from

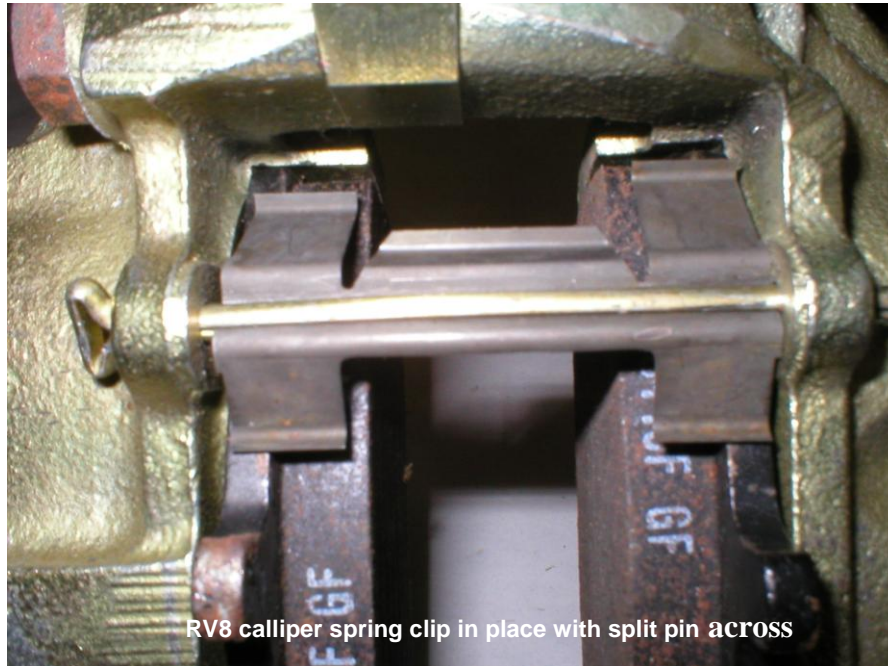
Brake Warehouse as kit 248 and when they arrived he found they were not right for the RV8 - they were an AREC branded part but were not wide enough and the pins were too short. He has also been in touch with Brake Parts International for their kit BPF0951 and from a conversation with them he has clarified they are the same.

John Cumming reported “the Brake Warehouse clips that I ordered were the wrong size when they arrived the next day. I have now used the Rover SD1 clips purchased from Rimmers. I used a bench grinder to reduce the width to 57mm and flattened them a little and they now fit the RV8 callipers. Rimmers part number is QP2741.”

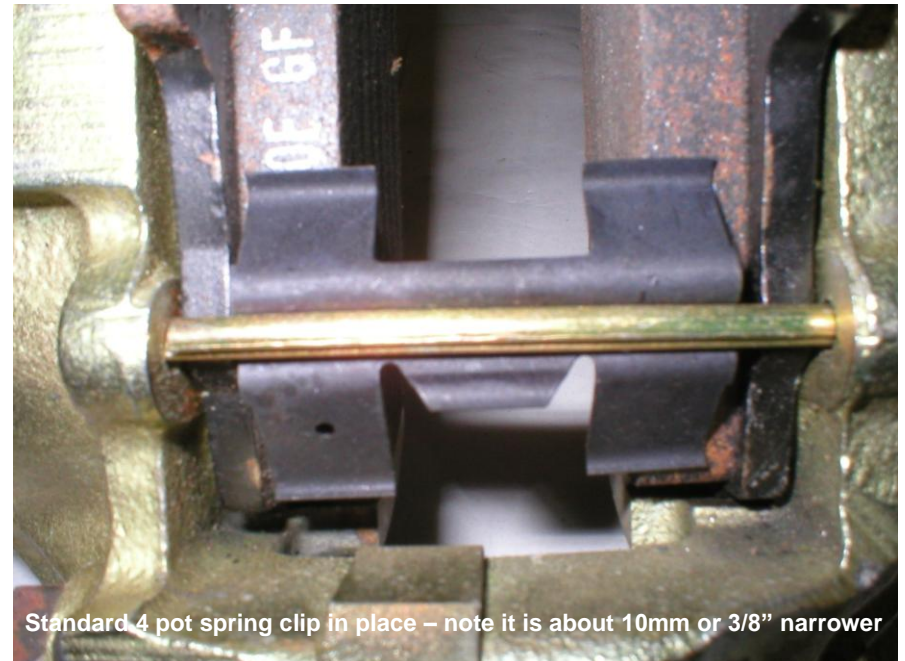
Tony Young added “I think you will find that the clips and pins on the RV8 are unique. At least that is what my research turned up some time ago. The very good 4-pot AP callipers were originally fitted to the 1980s Austin Princess. The callipers used on the RV8 were modified with a thick spacer inserted between the two halves of the calliper body to clear the thicker ventilated disc used on an RV8, so the RV8 pad retaining clips and pins are longer than the 'standard' ones.”

Victor Smith reported “I understand Clive Wheatley has found a manufacturer and is arranging for a batch of the clips and pins to be made so they will be available. As soon as I have further information I will pop a note on the V8 website.”

Photo top left: - top is the RV8 type of clip and bottom is the standard 4pot clip.



RV8 calliper spring clip in place with split pin across



Standard 4 pot spring clip in place – note it is about 10mm or 3/8” narrower