

RV8 rear bumper alignment – RV8NOTE325



Bumper distance to valance prior to adjustment



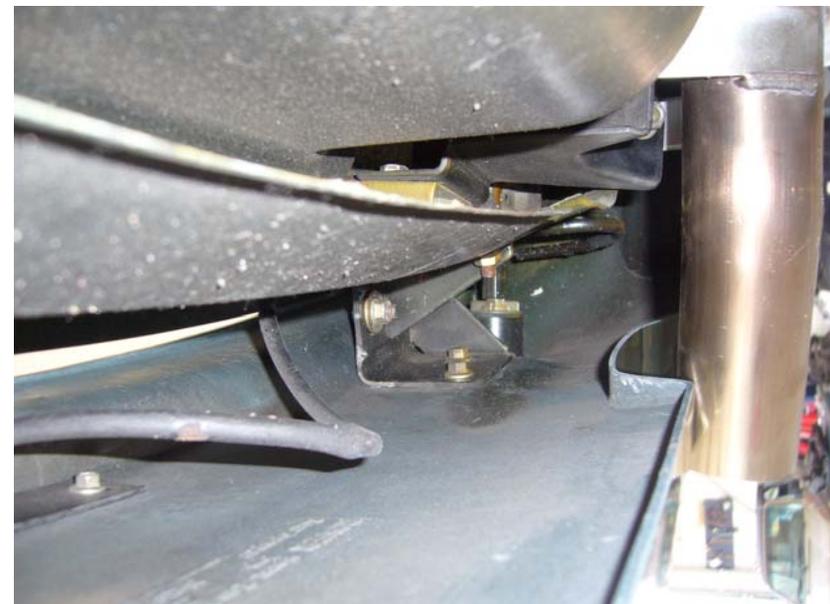
Left hand bumper arm showing metal lip at the top edge which is not located in the bumper

Peter Garton in Germany posted a note on the V8 Bulletin Board and later sent in a set of photos which help explain how he got his nearside rear bumper correctly aligned. (April 2010)

I suspect that many RV8 rear bumpers are fractionally misaligned with the rear valance and also with the rear wing itself. My bumper was about 2mm out on the left side (nearer to the valance than the other side) and the arm of the actual bumper was not parallel with the wing itself.

To do the job we needed a ramp and a minimum of 2 to 3 pairs of hands! When the car is up on the ramp one can clearly see the attaching brackets and also a nut which holds the bumper arm to the wing. This nut can be removed as can the mounting two nuts which are vertical when one looks upwards. One person gets to the end of the bumper on the wing and pushes upwards and backwards towards the rear of the car. Another person then gets a sturdy plastic wedge and inserts this between the valance and the bumper. The third person then attaches the bumper arm nut and tightens down. The arm is now located onto the wing properly and is parallel. He then attaches the bumper itself again via the two nuts. The result is rewarding because although we are talking about only 2-3 mm, the bumper is now fixed properly. My wife said I was mad!

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Bumper mounting bracket from underneath

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Bumper arm mounting bolt



Bumper arm showing metal lip relocated and the arm now parallel



Bumper after adjustment.