

## RV8 “badge”



**Michael Gledstone** posted a query on the V8BB saying “I note with some surprise that the RV8 does not display a badge, which says 'RV8'. I realise this is a matter of opinion or personal taste, however I feel a car of this class should have a visible identity. My car only displays ROVER! Has any member fitted an RV8 badge? If so please could you say from where it was obtained?”

**Ken Clayton** responded - “I assume you are referring to an "RV8" statement on the badge? I have not seen any RV8s with such a badge, but as you say it's a matter of taste and I tend to agree that it would be 'promotional benefit' to have such a badge displayed on the car. The "average man in the street" does not know what the model is beyond an MG badge displayed on the front and rear of the car.”

A couple of postings from Hugh Boddington and Peter Varley clarified the “badges” offered by Clive Wheatley mgv8parts are the original “V8” logo badges used on the original MGBGTV8 model. Some RV8 enthusiasts have used that V8 logo on the lefthand side of the bootlid in the style of the original V8 badge on the nearside of the MGBGTV8 tailgate.

**Ian Quarrington**, our V8 Secretary, noted “RV8 Historian John Bolt has the letters RV8 on the boot of his well known car. John is most certainly the man who will have the answer to this question. I will contact him separately to find the answer.”

**Chris Allan** provided more information - “I have the letters "RV8" on the bootlid of my car, details as follows: they are individual chrome letters, approximately one inch high and located directly above the filler cap, about half inch from the edge of the boot lid. As they were already on the car when I bought it, I can't provide any information on sources.” Chris said I can send you a photo so you can at least form a view as to whether you think it's an idea worth pursuing.” He then popped out to his garage and sent in a couple of photos of his “RV8 badge”

**John Bolt** added “Below my MG badge on the boot I have RV8 in letters. This was achieved by using the R and V from the ROVER script that I removed from the front wing of my RV8 and I purchased an 8 from a Rover dealer from a Rover 800. They are all stuck on by double sided sticky tape.”



“ROVER” badging on the wings of Japanese spec RV8s.



For tips of the removal of “ROVER” badges and the use of double-sided tape, see RV8NOTES 183 and 236 in the RV8 Workshop Notes series.