



### Further progress with an MGBGT V8 restoration

Michael Pancheri has sent in photos and a report of progress with his restoration.

Michael reports "a brief update on the restoration of my V8. The body has now been painted and all panels assembled except for the bonnet and tailgate which will be fitted later. The undercarriage at both ends has been fully overhauled and refurbished, and mounted to the body, and the engine rebuild has been finished and tested. All five original Dunlop composite wheels have been refurbished and are ready for tyres.

A start has been made to installing the wiring loom. This is the original loom which has been stripped, cleaned and reassembled with new bindings. Attached are photos of the wheels and the engine on its test rig. It was great to hear it running again. The original cast iron manifolds are fitted for testing, but the offside manifold is damaged (it always seems to be the offside one) and she will be fitted with stainless steel manifolds which will fit inside the original inner wings, rather than through them.



There are also a couple of photos showing the engine bay being fitted out, and the body out in the sunshine sitting on borrowed Scimitar wheels.

The next stage will be fitting the refurbished dash and gauges, the engine, gearbox and prop-shaft, and the headlining and refurbished



Britax sunroof. I don't think she will be ready for Silverstone but I certainly hope she will be back on the road later in the summer 2017.