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Students' MGB resto is bang up to date

The MG Car Club (MGCC) showed off a 'B GT powered by a modern MG engine, which has been built by students as a part of SAIC's intern project.

The students, drawn largely from the University of Bath, are based at MG's UK technical centre in Longbridge. MG bought the car for the students, with a brief to create a car in the vein of the Toyota GT86 using as many parts from the current MG range as possible.

The two-litre turbocharged MG GS engine produces 220bhp and the students have upgraded

the car with modern brakes and power-steering. The 1980 car, which has had its 'rubber' bumpers removed, is also fitted with a Rover SD1 five-speed gearbox.

With a new academic year having just begun, a new set of students are tasked with fettling the car to the point where it is ready for competition.

MGCC general manager, Adam Sloman, says: 'It's a lot of fun. There's still a bit of ECU mapping to do because there are a few flat spots, but once that's done, we'll be looking to take it out to sprints, hill-climbs and some club track days.'

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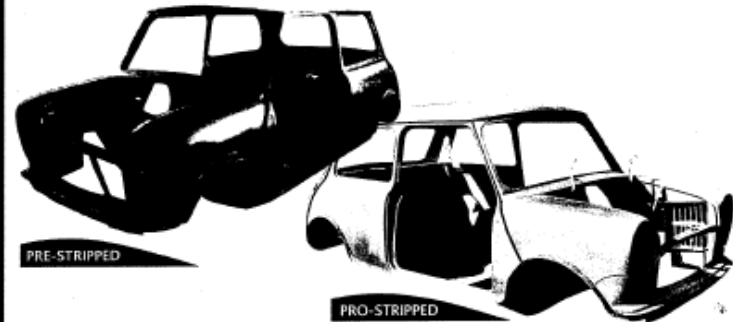
MG Car Club stand at the NEC

The project car on display on the MG Car Club's stand, The piece is alongside. The modified MGBGT had been built by students as part of SAIC's intern project. They came largely from Bath University and were based at MG's UK technical centre at Longbridge. It uses as many parts from the current MG range as possible including a two-litre turbocharged MG GS engine. We should see it during the coming season at track days, sprints and hillclimbs.

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