

Lenham MGBGV8 Roadster



Nick Hallett says “my special MG Roadster started life in 1977 as a rubber bumper MGBGV8 (Flamenco Red 2770) when it was converted by Lenham Motors into a two plus two roadster and shipped to California where it spent a year cruising the proms and beach roads. I romantically would like to think that the Beach Boys were singing “Round, round, get around, I get around” when this little beauty was strutting its stuff, turning as many heads as Corvette Stingray. In 1978 this MG returned home where it belonged and began its life in the south of England where the weather was kind to it – and it was obviously well looked after by all six of its owners. When I purchased the car it had never been touched other than routine servicing and repairs. I decided to give the old girl a birthday and treat her to the love and attention she deserved. “Hey it’s only money after all”. So new tyres, new suspension all round, new brakes, new carpets and carpet fittings, new stainless steel exhaust, a custom made hood and loads of extras were fitted together with an uprated four barreled Weber carburetor system which has given me an extra 30bhp thanks to guru Martin of MG Barn at Shedfield. Later Nick called Lenham Motors and very fortunately was able to speak with the mechanic who did the conversion who told Nick he had converted about twelve cars for the two plus two market and that very few of these cars are left.” So how did Nick decide on getting a rare MG like this? Well he said to his partner Kim “let’s buy a little roadster, bright red with a noisy engine – preferably one that’s supposed to have a noisy engine like a V8. So after looking magazines I saw an advert that said “Rare MGB Roadster V8”. At that time I was an MG novice, they were just old sports cars you see once in a while. Well little did I know what I was letting myself in for more fun than I could ever have imagined when I agreed to buy the car.”



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A custom made hood



Deeper windscreen of the MGBGTV8 is retained



Original Factory fitted Dunlop composite wheels are retained