MGBGTV8 Roadster conversion from a Factory MGBGTV8

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Damask 1186 (1974) with chrome bumpers. Very rare factory MGBGTV8 converted to a roadster by Lenham Sportscars (Kent) in the 1980s producing an open 2+2. Currently 123,000 miles and in same ownership for the past 23 years and only covered 3,000 miles in last 10 years. The car is generally in very good condition and drives extremely well and sounds even better. Some cracking to paintwork. Black mohair lined hood and hood cover and complete vinyl tonneau cover. Black leather seats with headrests, but otherwise pretty much "as Factory". Many new parts - in 1980s include new wings and doors, respray, leather seats, brakes, front shocks, stainless exhaust, steering wheel, clutch and gearbox. Last year new stainless exhaust manifold, head gaskets, heater matrix, rear shocks and radiator. Taxed to Oct 2010 and MOT to May 2011. Harry Morten inherited the car from his father in 2009. This interesting car was taken in by Lenham Motors (now Lenham Sports Cars) in the early 1980s and was their prototype, apparently, and was converted into a 2+2 Roadster, with a shortened boot and a rear seat, while retaining the windscreen frame of the original MGBGTV8. 230311

Interior trim

Conversion with rear seat and half tonneau cover

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Harry Morten says "I inherited this interesting car from my father last year, so I can't say that I know the entire history, but this is what I know:

It is a 1974 Damask Red MGBGTV8, as made by the factory. I have no history until the early 1980s when the car was taken in by Lenham Motor's, now Lenham Sports Cars. This car was apparently the prototype for their MGBGTV8 Roadster conversion and was indeed converted into a 2+2 Roadster with a shortened boot and a rear seat, while retaining the windscreen frame of the GT."

The photo alongside shows how the windscreen surround was created from the MGBGTV8 screen with the capping for the front rail of the hood. You can also see the stud on the nearside door, just ahead of the mirror, for the tonneau cover.