



### Locking wheel nuts for Dunlop composite V8 wheels

In a V8BB post Peter Spurrs sought fellow members' advice on where to get locking wheels nuts for Dunlop composite wheels fitted to a Factory MGBGT V8. Howard Guiney highlighted a supplier.

**Peter Spurrs** posted a note saying "I've been trying to find locking wheel nuts for the original Dunlop wheels for my V8 with no

success. Does anyone have a solution?"

**Mark Ratcliffe** provided feedback on his experience saying "I bought a set from a spares supplier in Cambridgeshire, but I have to say that they are quite a fiddle to get on and off, and they are not a close visual match to the originals."

**Howard Guiney**, a member who enters his MGBGT V8 in concours events, said "I use McGard locking wheel nuts (Code No 21120SU 1/2 UNF Flat Seat) they are a high



quality chrome finish and don't look out of place on my original wheels and have stood the test of time." He later posted the photo (alongside) adding "they are identical sleeved type to the original wheel nuts, you just need to use your original "washers. The price is £30.58 for a set of four including the removal key and VAT. They are available from several sources including eBay! My existing wheel nuts are the stainless steel type so the washer is separate. The locking nuts come with washers but they are a slightly different thickness to originals but they would work perfectly. [Webpage](#)

### Beware - removal tools are available!

**Geoff King** doubted the worth of the locking wheel nuts saying "I wouldn't bother; a tool to remove locking nuts is readily available (from Halfords for instance) and will remove a locked nut as quickly as using the key. But that's perhaps not the solution you're looking for."

**Victor Smith** posted "checking on the Halfords' website I see there is a **Laser locking wheel nut remover** listed at £16.99 and the product description says "has a deep internal reverse thread. The reverse thread grips the outside of a wheel nut allowing removal without the need for security sockets. Ideal if you have lost your security socket and need to change your wheels" and then there is a warning "use of these products may damage the locking wheel nut making it unusable. This is not intended as a replacement for the correct security socket." [Halfords' webpage](#)

On the same webpage, the first product review on 4th July 2015 from "Goochie from Leicester" says "Great purchase, I bought a new car went to change tyre. Big shock no locking nut key. Purchased this little beauty and had all four locking nut keys removed in 5 minutes. Now time to go see whose nice alloys I can nick!"

Another reviewer said "went to Halfords and bought both these nuts and a breaker bar and within 5 mins I had taken the nut out! Summary: if you know what you are doing then these nut removers may work almost as quickly as having the key!"

The webpage does not describe how you use the tool - with a socket presumably. But if you have an MGBGT V8 with or without locking wheel nuts it might be worth avoiding a visit to Leicester!

An internet search also tracked down a YouTube video clip of "How to remove McGard Wheel Nut Locks without a key" which was a noisy process but it removed the locking nut rapidly. [Video](#)

An alternative might be a GPS tracker with ant-tampering text alerts. [More](#)