

MGBGT **Grey** Sunvisor with metal pivot mounting available from Moss Europe listed as **BHH1406** at £44.60 and from Moss Motors in the USA at US\$84.99.

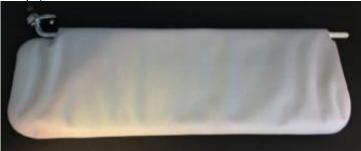
Finding replacement sunvisors for an MGBGTV8

Occasionally MGBGTV8 owners may need to replace a sunvisor and the question arises where can they get one in the same colour? Here Peter Beadle provides some useful clarifications on what sunvisors were fitted to the MGBGTV8 and to other MGBGTs and MGCGTs.

Recently an email guery from an MGBGTV8 owner sought help finding a replacement sunvisor saying "I need your help because the suppliers of spare parts for MGBs are multiple, but when I talk to them about the MGBGTV8 and explain to them I just need a sunshade on the passenger side, all the parts suppliers (UK included) say they have the part and ready to deliver it to me, but only in black or grey! But the headlining and existing sun visors of my car are a "cream" colour and I find that none of the suppliers have them in that colour - they reply saving "that does not exist"". With some difficulty we clarified the car was a rubber bumper model but could not obtain any details to identify the car which might have enabled us to check whether the car had been previously registered with the V8 Database and then, using any previous registrants' contacts, seek information from them of any restoration or upgrades during which the headlining and sunvisors might have been changed to a "cream" colour. Despite this difficulty some useful information was found during our checks.

Sunvisors fitted to the MGBGTV8 at the MG Plant

The part number changed at **Car No 1955** – that is one car before the end of the chrome bumper production. So we contacted Peter Beadle (formerly parts manager at University Motors in Epsom, then with the Sprite & Midget Centre in Richmond and later with Moss Europe) for his clarification.



Grey Factory Sunvisor BHH906 available from a US parts supplier, sportsandlassics.com although currently listed as "out of stock".

Peter Beadle responded saying "all rubber bumper MGBGTV8s and chrome bumper cars after GD2D11954G were fitted with

BHH1406 grey sunvisors. Chrome bumper V8s before GD2D11955G were fitted with **BHH906** grey sunvisors. I think the pivot mounting changed from Chrome plated steel to Grey plastic, but I believe this was due to a crash and safety regulations change".

Brown & Gammons have BHH906 in stock (at the time of preparing this note) and show it as **grey** at £38.76 including VAT.



Grey Factory MGBGTsunvisor **BHH906** with chrome plated pivot mounting for an MGBGT available from <u>Brown & Gammons</u>

Were there "cream" coloured sunvisors?

Peter Beadle commented on cream coloured sunvisors saying "I have no knowledge of beige or cream sun visors ever being fitted to MGBGTV8s but **AHH8111** and **AHH8306 Beige** sunvisors were last fitted to MGBGTs & MGCGTs **in 1968** and then only on cars with a bodywork paint finish in Sandy Beige-BG.15 and Metallic Golden Beige-BG.19". As relatively few cars were produced in those colours it's very unlikely any will be found with MGB spares providers other than those involved in used spares derived from MGBs broken for spares.

Peter Beadle added "after September 1976 all "Deck Chair" home market (RHD) MGBGTs were fitted with 44E5284 and 44E5285 Grey and Black sunvisors. These handed sunvisors were grey on one side and black on the other. The passenger's visor had a vanity mirror and the driver's visor had a document pouch. These later visors use DZB3870 mounting clips which meant the visor could be unclipped and then rotated against the side window. Earlier cars use AHH9251 sunvisor brackets which only allow the visor to be used against the windscreen. The DZB3870 clips are attached to the screen surround with two self tapping screws, whereas the AHH9251 bracket uses only one self tapping screw and a locating peg already moulded to the bracket".

CreamCrackle coloured sunvisors

Peter then added an interesting footnote: "sunvisors from other makes/models may have been fitted to some MGBGTs and V8s as many cars are now sporting bespoke interior upgrades including new fabric roof linings in various colours. Possibly the "Cream" sunvisors on the rubber bumpered MGBGTV8 mentioned in the recent query may have been supplied by Moss Europe as GAC8484X (see below) which is in a "Cream Crackle" colour. It's a replacement part for a Mini from 1966 to 1970".

