

Refurbishing an MGBGTV8 steering wheel

David Hamm was looking for a steering wheel for his 1974 MGBGTV8 "in great to excellent condition" but didn't have any success from a "V8 Spares Wanted Advert". But he did find what he thought was a reasonable steering wheel on eBay! When it arrived it was "alright but not great". David says that "after watching Drew Pritchard's 'classic car restoration' show on television two weeks ago, I contacted a specialist restorer in Walsall near Birmingham and sent him my steering wheel, which he has restored".

David continues "the metal spokes of the steering wheel were painted and the repairer has replaced the leather on the wheel". Not cheap, compared to other steering wheel options, at £190 to replace the leather, £60 for the spokes and cowel, plus £54.00, V.A.T. and £20.00 for delivery, but it all looks rather nice and I think worth every penny. I would thoroughly recommend him, a real craftsman. I wondered if details of the service provided by Paul Devine may be of interest to any fellow V8 Register members."

The steering wheel restoration was carried out at Pride Car Customs in Walsall. Paul Devine can be contacted on his website at: www.pridecarcustoms.com and on 07929 141290.

