

FORMULA D2
Wide rim steel wheel



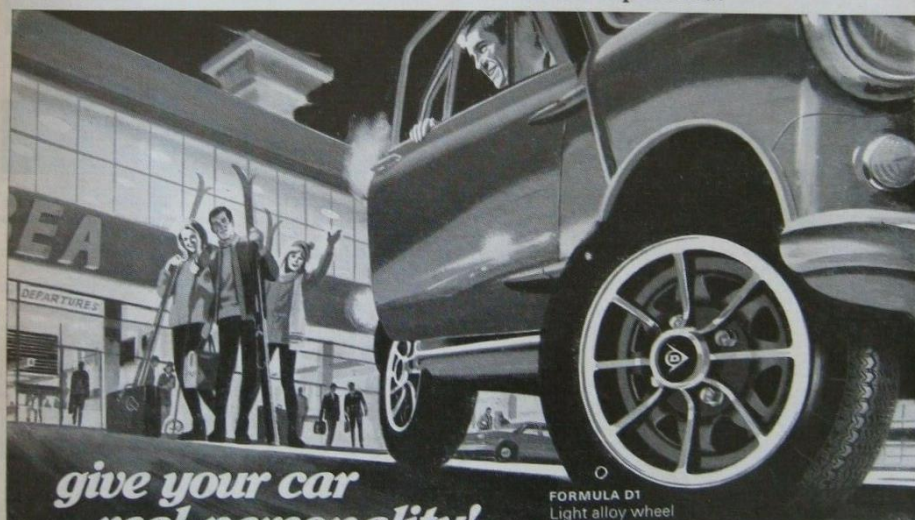
FORMULA D3
Bolt-on wire wheel



FORMULA D4
Alloy/steel composite wheel

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FORMULA D1
Light alloy wheel

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Origins of the original Dunlop composite wheels on the MGBGT V8

The Dunlop composite wheel, with an alloy centre with 10 trapezoidal holes and a chromed steel rim, is a particularly strong wheel and in the 1970s it was the type of feature you would have more likely seen on exotic sports cars. They advertised them as their "Formula D4 alloy/steel composite wheel" to "give your car real personality!" In 1973 MG chose these distinctive wheels for their new V8 powered MGBGT model launched in August that year. Above is one of Dunlop's adverts in Motor Sport in March 1970.

Peter Beadle (formerly parts manager with University Motors, then with Sprite & Midget Centre and later Moss Europe) recalls a replica centre alloy casting for the composite wheel for the MGBGT V8 was made by Specialist Car Products back in the 1980s & 90s on which MWS then fitted the chrome rim. Peter adds the tooling and patterns for those wheel castings are now long gone.

Peter adds "a similar looking Dunlop composite wheel was used on the 1972-1977 Reliant Scimitar GTE (SE5/a and SE6), although this version of the wheel was wider at 14 x 5.5 inches and sported different centre caps. Even with these differences, the Scimitar wheels will fit the

MGBGT V8. With the wider wheel the offset on the steel rim was greater than on the MGBGT V8 version and the machined profile of the Scimitar GTE wheel differs from the V8 wheel as the raised part of the trapezoidal cut out in the alloy centre comes to a point on the GTE, whereas on the V8 it is radiused."

These Dunlop composite wheels were also used on the 751 special "Jubilee" MGBGTs built between April and June of 1975 for the home market. The "Jubilee" cars were produced to celebrate the 50th anniversary of MG sports car production. They were finished in new Racing Green paint, with gold body side stripes, a numbered dash plaque and Dunlop composite wheels, whose machined silver and chromed surfaces were painted in a gold finish.



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FORMULA D4



FORMULA D4 Light alloy/ steel styled wheels

Here's the latest concept in styled-wheel technology which achieves the ultimate in elegance. By utilising the versatility of cast aluminium, Dunlop brings you the most advanced 'premium' wheel available. A combination of cast alloy centres and steel rims, these wheels are all extra wide to improve road holding. Most sizes accept fat tyres. Matt black and polished alloy centres with chrome plated steel rims, chromed nuts and attractive Dunlop hub caps.

MANUFACTURER AND MODEL	SIZE	STYLE	PART NO.
DAIMLER			
Sovereign 2.8 & 4.2 Saloons (1969 onwards)	6JK x 15	A	LP938/2
V8, 250 Saloon	6JK x 15	A	LP938/2
Sovereign Saloon (Up until Oct. 1969)	6JK x 15	A	LP938/2
FORD			
Cortina (1966 onwards) 1300; 1600; 1600E; G.T.; Lotus; Estate	5JJ x 13	B	LP948
Corsair 1600; G.T.; V4; 2000; 2000E; Estate	5JJ x 13	B	LP948
Capt 1300; 1600; 2000; 3000 including G.T.'s	5JJ x 13	B	LP948
HILLMAN			
Minx; Minx Estate; Hunter (1962 onwards all models)	5JJ x 13	B	LP948
Hillman G.T. (1969 onwards)	5JJ x 13	B	LP948
HUMBER			
Sceptre (1967 onwards)	5JJ x 13	B	LP948
JAGUAR			
XJ 6 Series 2.8 & 4.2 Saloons	6JK x 15	A	LP938/2
E Type Series 4.2 & 2+2	6JK x 15	A	LP938/2
280 Saloon	6JK x 15	A	LP938/2
420 Saloon	6JK x 15	A	LP938/2
OPEL			
Kadett/B; S; Coupe S (1966 onwards)	5J x 13	C	LP950
Fastback; Limousine Sport (1967 onwards)	5J x 13	C	LP950
Kadett Estate (1966 onwards)	5J x 13	C	LP950
Italy Kadett	5J x 13	C	LP950
Rekord Coupe (1962 to 1965)	5J x 13	C	LP950
Rekord B Coupe (1.6; 1.7; 1.8; (1966 onwards)	5J x 13	C	LP950
Rekord C Coupe (1.6; 1.7; 1.9; 2.2 (1967 onwards)	5J x 13	C	LP950
SINGER			
Gaselle (1967 onwards)	5JJ x 13	B	LP948
Vortex Saloon; Estate (1967 onwards both models)	5JJ x 13	B	LP948
SUNBEAM			
Rapier & Rapier H.120 (1968 onwards both models)	5JJ x 13	B	LP948
Alpine (1968 onwards)	5JJ x 13	B	LP948
VOLVO			
142; 144 & 145 Series	5J x 15	A	LP938

Formula D4 wheels with 8 trapezoidal holes were made for Ford and Rootes Group cars but the 10 trapezoidal holes version with a 4 stud fixing seems to have been used only on MGBGT V8s and Jubilee MGBGTs and also on Scimitars. Peter says "however I have seen an Austin 1800 fitted with a 5 stud version of this D4 wheel - perhaps a "Styling Project" which never went into production?"

What options are available if you have corrosion on Dunlop composite wheels?

Preventative measures to avoid rusting of the chromed rims	Complete restoration of original Dunlop composite wheels	Refurbishment with rust removal and a polished silver paint coating	Buy a set of new all-alloy Dunlop composite look-alike composite wheels	Advert for a set of used Dunlop composite wheels in good condition	Replacement Minilite die cast aluminium alloy wheels
Regularly polish the rims and spray the wheels with WD40 when parked in the garage – it will displace any moisture and the oil in the mix will form a waterproof coating to help resist corrosion.	Skilled process: splitting the steel rim from the alloy centre, marking them so they go back together exactly as they come apart, re-chroming the rim, refurbishing the alloy centre, reassembly and careful balancing.	Refurbishment by grit blasting the rim to remove corrosion, filling any cavities from the rust removal and finishing the wheel with a self-etching baked primer and a polished silver paint coating.	All-alloy wheel that looks very close to the original steel and alloy composite wheel. Only available in a 15" size, aimed principally at the MGV8 Conversions market. A practical & affordable option.	Adverts on the "Spares Wanted" webpage on the V8 Website have produced results in the past as a number of current and former V8 owners have had individual Dunlop composite wheels or a set for sale.	Original Minilite wheel, was probably the most successful competition wheel in the 1960s and 70s, is being produced in an affordable aluminium alloy to that original design. The style is never out of fashion.
WD40	Renowheel	Solent Wheels	Clive Wheatley mbv8parts	Spares for Sale or Wanted	Minilite
£7 Halfords	£600 per wheel Renowheel	£75 per wheel Solent Wheels	£446 per wheel Clive Wheatley mgv8parts	Free ad for V8 members Adverts on V8 website	£650 (set of 4) Minilite
Halfords	Renowheel	Solent Wheels	Clive Wheatley	Wanted advert	Minilite