

Rebuilding an MGBGTV8 – Damask 0450 (Part 22 of a series of reports)



Damask 450 is back from the sand blasters and is now coated in 2-pack orange primer for protection of the bare metal. The sand blasting has revealed a few extra holes that had not been spotted earlier, but nothing serious apart from the heater box area. Below the heater there is a closed box, and in order to repair it, the base of the box has had to be removed. Here you can see a new base being trial-fitted. The strange looking pins are temporary fasteners, as widely used in the aircraft industry. They are effectively 3mm rivets, but they are spring-loaded so they can be removed and re-used.

The blister effect on the replacement panel above is because we have used heat to soften the new panel, so that it curves easily. It needs the curve to clear the top of the bellhousing. The temporary pins are strong enough to withstand the panel beating.

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