

Rebuilding an MGBGTV8 – Damask 0450 (Part 30 of a series of reports)



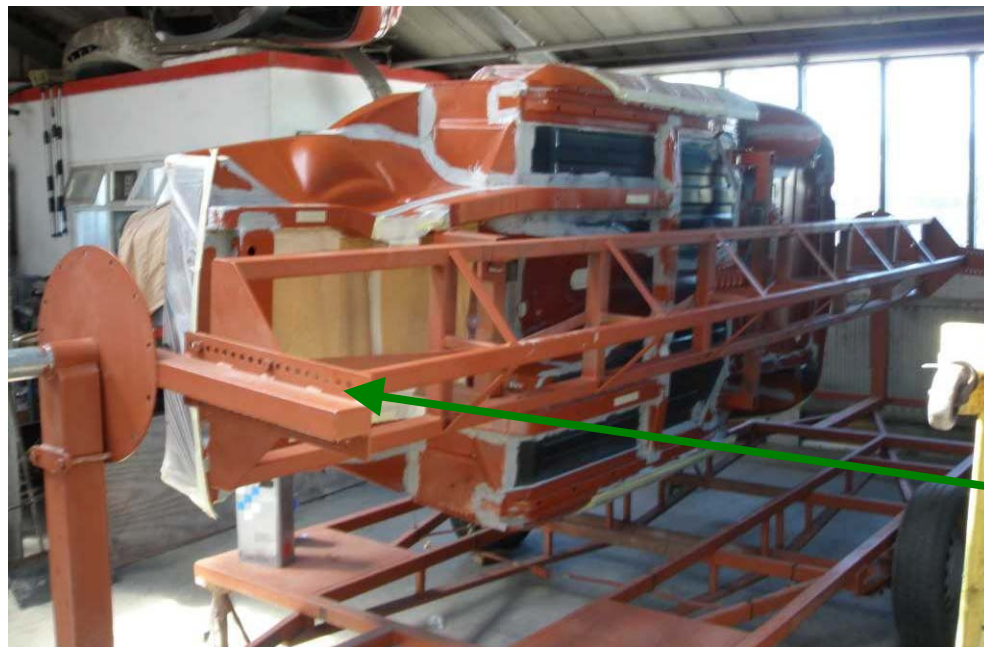
David Looy in Canada saw in the April 2010 issue of Safety Fast! an article by Barrie Jones on the rebuild of MGBGTV8 (Damask 0450) with a photo that showed the bodyshell on a spit on a trailer. He said "I wanted to know if the spit is a commercially built unit or if it was fabricated by Barrie or others and if so, are there plans available as I would like to build a unit for use by our British Car Club members here in Campbell River, British Columbia, Canada." We contacted Barrie Jones who promptly sent in a set of photos with the comment "the spit was hand made by Billy, chief mechanic at my local garage. He used an old trailer chassis and welded the spit to it. Everything is adjustable."

We felt fellow V8 enthusiasts would also like to see some photos of the spit. As many rebuilds progress at an uneven pace, having the bodyshell mounted on a spit so the shell can be rotated for convenient access and having the spit mounted on a trailer enables the unit to be moved around the workshop easily for either further work or for temporary storage.

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Left: Note the extra holes drilled to provide a vertical adjustment system.

Below: Shell was attached to the spit using the standard MGB suspension pick-up points wherever possible.



Previous page: Here we can see the body shell mounted on the spit, with masking to protect the top of the car. The spit was then rotated through 90 degrees so that all the seams could be sealed with Seam Sealer.

Once the seam sealer was dry the entire underside of the car then received a thick coat of Stonechip.

