

Rebuilding an MGBGTV8 – Damask 0450



Battery box area from nearside door



Installed in the roll-over cradle.



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Above: Nearside legwell. Below: Spare wheel bay below rear luggage floor.



Above: Offside legwell. Below: Offside floorpan.



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Damask 0450 seen here advertised on eBay in April 2008, was bought by Barrie Jones as a restoration project.



Text of the advert in eBay in April 2008

This is a 1974 chrome bumper MGBGTV8, colour is Damask Red. It has had the seats re-upholstered. I am unsure of the mileage as it has had a new speedo at some stage. I must emphasise that this car is suitable as a restoration project or for parts as it has some considerable corrosion to the doors and to the nearside rear wing and is in need of work to be done on it to make it fit for the road. The engine has not been started for several years although I am sure it still turns over so please do be aware of what you are bidding for. A viewing may also be a good idea.

Rebuilding progress reports from Barrie Jones

23.7.08

You may remember that I saved this V8 from the scrap pile. It was on eBay, with a shed blocking it into the driveway. Anyway, I have now stripped her down to a bare shell and all is revealed. The car is remarkably original, but with the usual rust in sills and the floorpans. For the record, overdrive engages on 3rd and 4th. I attach a photo of this car in a roll-over cradle.

25.7.08

I attach early photos of Damask 450 during the strip down phase. In addition to the usual problems with holed sills, rotten castle sections and doors with no bottoms, these photos show that both of the inner sills are holed and it needs two new floorpans. I will take more photos as I progress. I have already noticed the chassis has holes in the jacking outriggers, one rear spring hanger, and the triangular reinforcement at the front of the rear spring.

To be continued as further reports come in from Barrie Jones.