

## Rebuilding an MGBGTV8 – Damask 0450 (Part 19 of a series of reports)



### The rebuild resumes

Barrie Jones reports "there has been little progress on Damask 0450 since Easter until two weeks ago when the restoration resumed".

All the structural repair panels have been welded in, except for the floor pans, boot floor and inner wing reinforcers. These will not be welded into place until the entire shell has been sand-blasted to remove all traces of paint and rust.

The bonnet was a particularly poor fit. It needed to be lengthened by 10mm, and one side needed to be straightened in the centre by 4mm. This was done the same way that a plasterer makes an edge in a house wall. First, the correct shape was outlined with a rod of welding wire. This was tacked into place and used as an edge, the gap being filled with molten lead. The lead was then cut back with a metal plane, so that only a very light skim of filler will be needed.



Above: all the non-structural panels (doors, wings, bonnet and tailgate) have been test-fitted and the panel gaps adjusted to suit. Below: bonnet after fettling.

