

Rebuilding an MGBGTV8 – Damask 0450 (Part 8 of a series of reports)



Turning my attention to the passenger side, I wondered if it would be a repeat of the driver's side. However, it had a few surprises in store. Another steel bar has been inserted across the door frame as a temporary measure, in order to preserve the rigidity of the shell, after which the floor pan has been cut out. Behind the front wing, both the sill and the castle section have corroded badly - far worse than it seemed before the wing was removed.



In order to insert a complete new outer sill, it is necessary to remove a small section of the rear wing. This revealed that the rear part of the sill had been cut away but not replaced when the sill was previously repaired some years ago.

It is not unusual to find poor repairs hidden behind the wings. This was an example of very bad practice, because it seriously weakened the structure of the entire vehicle. The front spring hanger reinforcement plate looked sound, but one tap with a small hammer was all it took to put a hole in it.



That's enough metal removal for now. Before going any further, the next thing to do is to put some metal back.

This is the eighth report from Barrie Jones, part of a series on his major rebuild of Damask 0450.