If you've just bought a Reliant Scimitar GTE, a Datsun 240Z or an Alfa Romeo 2000 GTV, this will ruin your day.

At 124 mph, the new MG is practically the fastest thing on four wheels up to £3000. It does 0-60 in a brief 8.25 seconds and reaches its legal cruising speed in 12 seconds. It has a light alloy, 3·5 litre V8 engine which gives 137 b.h.p. at 5000 r.p.m., and 193 lb.ft. of torque at 2900 r.p.m.

The lightness of the engine, the uprated suspension and wide radial ply tyres give the V8 outstanding handling characteristics.

It has Laycock overdrive, brake servo, alloy wheels, twin electric cooling fans, tinted windows, head restraints and MG pedigree.
All as standard.

The new 124 mph MGB GT V8

