

MG grille badge on a Factory MGBGTV8 - MG octagon with a red infill on a red or black background?



£19,995 - Factory MGBGTV8 in Black - trade sale

Advert says 10,000 miles since fourth owner purchased the car in 2001, no total mileage stated. Addition of a stainless sports exhaust, parabolic rear springs with GAZ dampers, an hydraulic power steering upgrade, interior seats upgraded from cloth to leather, new floor mats and aftermarket Motolita steering wheel (original wheel is supplied with the car). Chrome overcills and **non standard MG grille badge fitted**. Spotted by Keith Belcher. 160525

Following posting news of a black chrome bumper MGBGTV8 advertised for sale by a trader in Sussex on the PriceWatch webpage which included an observation that a "non standard MG grille badge fitted", **Michael O'Leary** contacted the V8 webmaster saying "I noted the comment about the **non-standard MG grille badge** at the end of the above advert featured in the PriceWatch item. From this advert and its previous private advert, the car has a red hexagon on a black background. It is also a 1975 car which probably means it was actually manufactured in 1974. I've owned several 1974 Factory V8s, two of which were unrestored cars and both had this type of grille badge. I'm aware that this type of badge (MG octagon on a black background) is normally associated with a 60's slat type grille and that V8 publicity photos suggest the badge should have a red background. Of course the grilles may have been changed but both seemed original and were quite pitted. Furthermore when I asked a previous owner about the grille badge he was adamant it had not been changed in his 38 year ownership. Therefore it's possible this style of badge may have been used on 1974 cars".

Michael O'Leary's 1974 MGBGTV8 - No 0965 (lower photo alongside)

Have any other longstanding owners of an original Factory MGBGTV8 seen a "black MG grille badge" on their car rather than a "red one"?

