

Jubilee MGBGTV8s in 1975



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As part of its celebration of the "MG Jubilee Year 1975" the MG Plant produced a Jubilee model finished in British Racing Green with a Gold Jubilee flash on each side of the car using a six part kit of Coachline Gold tapes. The Factory produced only one Jubilee MGBGTV8 but many more Jubilee 1800 MGBGTs. Looking back the Jubilee models were clearly a BL marketing ploy because sales of MGBGTs and V8s were slow at that time - for example University Motors in Epsom had an MGBGTV8 in Sandglow (only eight were made in that sandy beige colour) in their showroom waiting for a buyer for six months.

Factory Jubilee cars came with a steering wheel horn push with yellow around the MG logo rather than the usual red and they were fitted with Gold coloured Dunlop composite wheels and Black and Gold hubcaps. Jubilee cars had satin black coated door mirrors, black seat trim plus full black carpet. The chrome side finisher running the length of the car at waist height was painted in the same colour as the bodywork. Each car had a Jubilee dashboard badge.

The Factory Jubilee MGBGTV8 had "Pale Gold" "V8" badges on the nearside wing and tailgate. The "Pale Gold" V8 badges were anodised by Joseph Fray but in



time the "gold" finish faded away to the original "silver" although traces

of the gold finish can sometimes be seen on the narrow edges of the "V8" badge.

Later University Motors prepared some similar Jubilee style MGBGTV8s for its customers

They were Factory produced MGBGTV8s delivered to UM who then prepared individual cars in the **Jubilee style** at their Hanwell workshops in West London before delivery to their customers. They applied the Coachline Gold tapes and other features seen on Factory Jubilee cars, but not necessarily all of them.

One of the UM Jubilee style V8s (Black 2788) is owned by a longstanding V8 enthusiast, Bob Grieves,

and from his photo (see above) it retains the chrome side finisher, original chrome Dunlop wheels, chrome mirrors and V8 badges. The car went through Paint Finishing at the MG Plant on 16th February 1976 with Black bodywork and Autumn Leaf trim, black carpets and four days later it was despatched to University Motors at Epsom. So this illustrates UM Jubilees were produced on MGBGTV8s supplied by the MG Plant after 1975 and in colours other than BRG.

Subsequent history of MGBGTV8 Black 2788

Bob Grieves says "the car was first registered on 9th April 1976 as NBL 61P and then its registration was changed to 594 ND. I'm guessing this was by the first owner, a Mr. P.B.Davis, and it was a personal plate. I have a letter from Mr. Davis to TT Centre, Grayshott, dated 23rd September 2003 which states that the car was bought from University Motors in London W1 in April 1976 and was used as his second car until 1978 and from then it was very lightly used but was "checked every year and whatever servicing was required was done. I have invoices from 1994 and 1998 when a great deal of work was done to the car. Also in 2003 the car was re-registered by Mr. Davis as NBL 61P. I'm guessing again that it is when Mr. Davis sold the car to TT Centre. I bought the car from its third owner in 2006, so the person who bought the car must have registered it in their name".



Chrome and black MG badge on the front of the rubber bumper MGBGTV8 owned by Bob Grieves.