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V8 Windscreen Wiper Wreck

This month, Peter Spurs reports a major problem with the wipers on his V8, which could have resulted in a significant safety issue, had the circumstances differed. Peter takes up the story: On my way to MGLive! last year, it started to drizzle, so I switched on and off of the wipers to clear the screen. After several operations, the top end of the near-side arm collided with the bottom end of the driver's side wiper. Result - bent and useless wipers, one of which wanted to wipe the bonnet! Being on the M6, I carried on. Luckily, it stopped drizzling and I could see.

At Silverstone, the first job was to remove both wiper arms and reset them. They are clearly the right wipers; supplied by Tex and used on their V8. They had been in place for 18 months without problem, so what went wrong? Once back in place, the problem became clear. The blade in the near-side arm had migrated outward with repeated use of the wipers.

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Eventually, it protruded far enough to interfere with the bottom of the off-side wiper. The solution was as follows: Firstly, chop off the top end of the near-side blade. The bracket at the bottom of the wiper arm prevents the blade migrating any further and separating from the arm. Then, bend the end of the wiper arm back into shape.



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Choosing the right oils & greases for your vintage, antique, classic or collector car

Which Oil?

The choice of engine oil for a Rover V8 engine is a frequent query from MGV8 enthusiasts, particularly new MGV8 enthusiasts. For members planning a service and oil change on their MGV8 before spring, a useful book entitled 'Which Oil?' by Richard Michell could prove very helpful. It's available from Veloce at £14.99.

Richard Michell is a chemical engineer with the responsibility for formulating oils while working for an oil manufacturer and the owner of a number of classic cars. He is an authoritative voice on a difficult subject and discusses the mysterious subjects of viscosity, shear strength and many other factors which define oil types, strengths and weaknesses. Fellow member, Nic Houslip, reviewed this book back in 2014 which can be read via a link on our "More" webpage at www.v8register.net/more.htm

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