



V8

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RV8 escapes to the chateau

Robert Jackson's RV8 parked in front of a Chateau de la Motte Husson where his youngest daughter and partner got married in May earlier this year. Robert adds "we travelled down in the RV8 and it performed well on the 700 mile round trip despite an increasingly noisy water pump on the return leg. The chateau maybe of interest to some as it is the one featured in the Channel 4 series "Escape to the chateau" with Dick

Strawbridge and his wife Angel. Needless to say a great weekend was had by all".

RV8 starter problem solved

Jamie Colville found that for "50% of the time my RV8 starts first time, the starter motor spins the engine with strength and away she goes, but for the other 50% everything primes, turn the key and just a single click from the solenoid. It may do this one or up to six times, then just as you despair it fires up with a healthy start. Any thoughts?"

Martin Cridford responded referring to his earlier post when he was having starting problems with his RV8 saying "having cleaned and remade every possible starter related electrical connection I decided it must be the starter itself. Various online searches revealed that the starter solenoid was the likely candidate for contact failure as a dull click is heard when the key is turned, but the starter failed to spin every time.

Some research on the internet revealed that this particular starter, using the MGR part number was said to be obsolete or if available, very expensive. I did find the Land Rover part number for the solenoid only but an order from a Land Rover specialist failed to deliver the solenoid with the comment that it was unlikely to be made

again! Some more searching revealed the solenoid was still available, albeit probably a pattern part from an international supplier. So I ordered one and it arrived quickly and it has now been fitted with great success.

It is easy to fit a new solenoid but it does require the end mounting flange-cap to be removed, but being careful not to disturb the commutator-brush set at the other end, unless you want to clean and lubricate it as I did. Getting the starter motor off and on is not difficult but in true V8 fashion it was difficult to reach!

The solenoid was made in Brazil, sold by an Italian parts supplier, bought via eBay France and shipped from Italy to the UK by a German based courier in 5 days! I had waited three weeks to be told (only when pressed) it was no longer available in the UK. For part numbers see our "More" webpage at: www.v8register.net/more.htm

V8 Lincolnshire Tour 2019

The V8 Tour from Thursday 12th to Monday 16th September 2019 will be in Lincolnshire providing a taste of some of the attractions in this often underrated county. The tour organisers are Richard & Victoria Withington. Full information and booking details are available via our "More" webpage at: www.v8register.net/more.htm