



Curing a leaking heater matrix

Signs of this problem are coolant loss, a failure to demist and small amounts of coolant in the driver's legwell. Paul Atkinson experienced a leaking heater matrix on his RV8 and found the replacement of the matrix was easy involving moving the washer bottle, carbon canister and immobiliser unit to the side (without complete detachment from the car) then undoing the hoses and the two screws which hold the matrix into the heater box. The heater box remains in situ, but I took the opportunity to clear the debris from the deteriorated foam seal with a powerful

vacuum cleaner.

Everything goes back in reverse order. It is worth knowing that the matrix is from the last versions of the Rover Mini and Metro and is thus reasonably easy to obtain. A word of caution; the first replacement I bought for under £20 was a poor fit as the plastic securing flange on the inlet/outlet end through which the two screws mentioned above pass was a couple of millimetres shy all round and thus did not seal properly. I then bought an all metal matrix for £45 from Motorads Online of Redditch and this fitted perfectly. See the "More" page for the full article.

V8 Technical Day 2016

Following the successful V8 Technical Days in 2014 and 2015, Roger Aldridge is planning another at Club Office for Saturday 21st May 2016 which will include technical presentations at Club Office in the morning and a visit to Frontline after lunch. For details and booking see the "More" page.

V8 Autumn Tour 2016

The next V8 Tour in the popular series will be based in The New Forest National Park from Thursday 1st to Monday 5th

September 2016. The tour will be through beautiful areas of the forest and visiting various establishments, including a winery, the famous Buckler's Hard where ships of the line were built and finishing at the Museum of Army Flying for a tour followed by a buffet lunch prior to departure for home. For full details and booking see the "More" page.

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