



**V8**

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### Replacement 5 speed Mazda gearbox for the V8

Vitesse has been offering a replacement 5 speed Mazda gearbox for MGBs for some time but they now also offer it for an

MGBGTV8. It's come at a time when the availability of some replacement gearbox parts and original complete gearboxes for the MGBGTV8 are increasingly difficult to find. Many owners

have looked to alternative gearboxes as replacements like LT77 and R380 boxes but they too are becoming less easy to find. So the news that Vitesse now offer a 5 Speed Mazda Gearbox Conversion Kit for the MGBGTV8 is very welcome.

Vitesse say that since Autumn 2016 they have fitted production kits to two MGBGTV8s, two MGBV8 Roadsters, a Costello MGBV8 and an MG RV8 and the in service experience is good. With the torque characteristics of an MGBGTV8 there will be torque load build up on long climbs of hills but the experience so far is the Vitesse Mazda box copes well with that and with the effects on the lay cluster.

Further information and a link to an article from fellow V8 member, Ashley Vane, on his experience with a Vitesse gearbox installed in his 4 litre MGBGTV8 by Vitesse in November last year is available via links on the "More" webpage. There will be a feature article on this new gearbox in our newsletter in the April issue.

### RV8 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary 2017

This year we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of the launch of the model in 1992. Event details will be announced in March.

### V8 Technical Day

This year's V8 Technical Day will be held on Saturday 20th May 2017 in the John Thornley Suite at the Club Office in Abingdon commencing at 10am and finishing at around 3.30pm. The organiser is Roger Aldridge who is putting together an interesting set of talks and presentations. For details and booking arrangements see the link on the "More" webpage.

### V8 Tour 2017

The next V8 Tour in the popular series will be over the long weekend Thursday 7th to Monday 11th September 2017 based in the North Yorks Moors. The organiser is Robert Crowson. Full details and the booking arrangements are available via the "More" webpage at: [www.v8register.net/more.htm](http://www.v8register.net/more.htm)