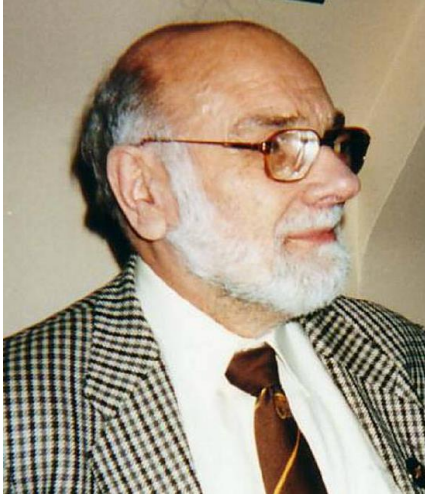




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Exactly how many MGBGTV8s were built at Abingdon?

Most authors of publications covering the MGBGTV8 quote 2,591 as the total production figure for the model, but information found by Geoff Allen, our former V8 Register Historian, showed there were more than 2,591 V8s! Geoff was at the Abingdon MG Plant for over 27 years, much of it in Rectifications

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Department, and was particularly well placed as he made a handwritten copy of the Factory V8 production control and despatch books just before the Plant closed. In an article in 2004 Geoff set out the true total production story – 2600 or possibly 2601. See a copy via our “More” webpage at www.v8register.net/more.htm

How many rubber bumper V8s were produced?

In the 50th anniversary year of the launch of the rubber bumper model, it's become a topical query. Rubber bumper production of 735 was in two batches – the first with 532 and the second with 203 – and chrome bumper production higher at 1856 so around 2.5 times that of rubber bumper models. Adding the 9 pre-production V8s to the production total of 2591 takes the total chrome and rubber production 2600.

For many years rubber bumper V8s were regarded as less desirable than the chrome bumper models and the relative rarity of rubber examples was increased with many chrome bumper conversions of original rubber bumper models. So in the anniversary year will we see the relative rarity becoming a real attraction for the RB model and demand increasing?

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Last MGBGTV8 (Flamenco Red 2903)

RB MGBGTV8 50th Anniversary display at Malvern in June

John Davies has volunteered to plan and arrange an anniversary event at the major Inter-Club International Weekend 2024 meeting at Malvern over the weekend of 28th-30th June. John aims to have a display of many rubber bumpered V8s there, not least pre-production and other notable examples like the first production MGBGTV8 (Teal Blue 2101) which the present owner Jacques Milliet is planning to bring over from Switzerland to the event.

The V8 Register will support the event with a marquee welcoming V8 enthusiasts and on the Sunday there will be the V8 Annual General Meeting.

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