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RV8 Exhaust Clamp Clash with Front Tyre – Safety Issue!



Peter Berry reports “a good friend of mine recently had his RV8 fail the MoT test on account of the front offside tyre being worn down to the cords from a cut into the side wall. It seems that an exhaust bracket had been fouling the inside wall with the steering wheel on a right-hand lock. A blowout could have been quite imminent with disastrous consequences had this not been picked

up. The exhaust clamp has now been loosened, rotated and retightened to prevent further damage and a new tyre fitted. The photo shows the extent of the cut into the tyre wall.” Peter was interested to know if anyone else has come across this on an RV8.

Fortunately, it’s not a problem for MGBGTV8s with ‘block-hugger’ manifolds.

An RV8 servicing and parts specialist reviewed the photo of the exhaust downpipe and commented that this clamp indicates that the manifolds fitted to that RV8 are aftermarket items. With the original part the downpipe is part of the manifold with no clamp where it passes through the inner wing opening. Another RV8 servicing specialist reviewed the photo of the RV8 exhaust pipe clamp and commented “the exhaust should be a single piece on each side from the manifold back to the straight lower section. Apparently, they are difficult to obtain these days and require a fair degree of patience to fit - which is why the jointed version has become so much more preferable”.

Peter believes all RV8 owners need to be made aware of this safety risk and carry out an inspection to check if a non-original replacement exhaust pipe, with clamp, has been

fitted to their car to ensure they will not face similar serious damage. Strangely, when the nearside exhaust pipe was investigated on his friend’s RV8, there was no short extension section with a bracket present. Further information is available via the “More” webpage, www.v8register.net/more.htm

After- market replacement part:



Original manifold down-pipe:



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