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Rubber Bumpers?

V8 Register member Mike Phillips owns a very nice-looking Damask Rubber Bumper V8, number 2220 and recently came across a weight saving idea, which may improve his fuel consumption and may possibly have a small effect on performance. Mike was looking to tidy up his rather tired rubber bumpers and came across Generation Glassfibre in Bidford-on-Avon in Warwickshire. The company specialise in glassfibre components for classic cars and have recently started making replacement 'rubber' bumpers for the later MGBs, so Mike invested in a pair and fitted them himself. A little fettling was needed for a good fit but the results were pleasing. Although they were supplied in a black finish, Mike felt they were a little too shiny, so he had his local paint shop make up a standard matt black in a rattle can and after flattening and priming, he sprayed them himself – with impressive results! And here's the best part; the new bumpers weigh 9.5kg between them,

as opposed to 48 kg for the original polyurethane plastic (not rubber) bumpers. Obviously, the impact absorbing aspect of the original design is lost with this modification but perhaps it is little different in that respect from the original chrome bumper models. Mike reported that fitting was fairly straight forward, with standard fixing points but no fixings supplied. Mike had some spare studding and nuts to hand and so with careful adjustment (and not overtightening) a good fit was achieved



Sprayed fibreglass bumpers ready for fitting



Fitting of the front replacement bumper



Rear bumper fitted



Front bumper fitted

both front and back. I think you will agree that the results are impressive.

MG Fest North 2025

By the time you read this, you will have a few days left to book your tickets for the MG Fest North at Croft Circuit, just south of Darlington, on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September.

The V8 Register will also be holding their 2025 AGM and all members are invited to attend.