

ABOUT THIS WEBSITE

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Welcome to MGBs Made In Australia.

This website **IS NOT** an all-encompassing treatise on the MGB. It does not even attempt to cover the whole development of the MGB from its start in 1962 through to its demise in 1980.

What this website attempts to show is the Australian assembly of the MGB; its divergence from the UK production; its idiosyncrasies and importantly, contextualising its position in the overall production of BMC/Leyland vehicles in Australia.

Through the 5 years of my website's existence (2012), I have come in contact with many MGB owners. The questions they mainly ask can be grouped into the following broad categories:

How do I identify the age and identity of my vehicle?

What were the correct items for my particular vehicle?

Why is it difficult to order parts for my vehicle overseas?

Why didn't BMC/Leyland Australia follow the same system used in the UK?

What was involved in assembling these vehicles here in Australia?

This site attempts to answer all of these questions as much as is possible. The difficulties in being absolutely certain will become evident upon reading the early explanations of the assembly process as it occurred in Australia.

There is a large amount of cross-referencing necessary to paint a clearer picture of a particular vehicle's position in the assembly line. To identify a particular vehicle, I have used a variety of tools:

- series identification
- body(chassis) numbering
- engine numbers
- chronological dates.

These all will highlight the difficulties in absolute identification, but will hopefully clarify many of your concerns.

The site looks at the main items of the vehicle and wherever known, change points will be quoted (as per the official parts manual for the vehicle). Bearing in mind there could be errors even in the manual, it is the best guide to the actual points at which a vehicle's equipment changed.

It is the major purpose of this website to entice owners/enthusiasts and ex Zetland workers to impart any knowledge they have (no matter how small or seemingly unimportant). This way, we can build up a body of knowledge that will help to preserve the history of this marque.

So far, the information set out on this site is largely from the knowledge and memory banks of four people (Thomas Aczel, John Lindsay, Gary Kemms and Stuart Ratcliff), who have generously given of their time to supply me with valuable information that I'm sure will kickstart this site.

The majority of the photos have been sourced from ex-BMC/Leyland employees. Most of these photos are available on the CD:

“Photo CD (or DVD) - BMC-Leyland Australia Heritage Group”

This CD (and much more interesting material) is available through...

<http://www.bmclaheritage.org.au/shop.htm>

ABOUT ME

I am solely interested in collecting and sharing information about the Australian assembly of the MGB.

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