

Insurance

It is not the intention of this brief article to advise whether you should (or shouldn't) take out additional insurance to the compulsory insurance required by each state.

A person's personal circumstances dictate what priorities they face or consider important. Within the limits to which an insurance company will cover, they tend to offer a variety of benefits that may appeal to a majority of insurance seekers. These benefits all come at a price, which the insurance company has evaluated the probabilities of, and therefore are willing to offer.

Most people know the arguments for and against car insurance (mainly of the 'comprehensive' type). Rather, this article's intention is to alert you as to what you can expect or achieve by taking out insurance on a vintage vehicle such as the MGB in Australia.

If any advice is to be given, it would be to 'know' what you want then 'shop' around and find out what is available and at what cost. *Roger Sharpe. November, 2024*

Considerations:

COST: what is the annual cost? Any benefit for having multiple cars insured with the same company?

TYPE OF COVER: comprehensive? Everyday use? Limited use?

USAGE: Are there any conditions/limitations?

HISTORIC REGISTRATION: how does this work and what are the benefits?

CLAIMS: Are there restrictions? Replacement cost? Fire or theft? Salvage rights in case of 'write off'.

FINE PRINT: In case of claims/repairs, do you have any say (e.g.: choice of repairer or part(s) to be replaced?

FINE PRINT: If no choice in above, can you offer to pay the difference between their repairer/parts supplier and your repairer/parts supplier?

FINE PRINT: What is the insurance company's approach to modifications or non-standard parts?

FINE PRINT: Any garaging requirement?

FINE PRINT: Any cost benefit for having 'anti-theft' devices, fire extinguisher?

NO-CLAIM BONUS: Is there one and what is it?

EXCESS: What is the amount of this?

DRIVER'S AGE: Any restrictions?

KILOMETERS PER YEAR: Is there a limit?



CHOICE OF INSURANCE COMPANY: Do they all offer a policy for 'historic' vehicles? Which companies appear to be 'vintage friendly'?

REPUTATION: Does the potential insurance company have a good record for settling claims? (this is worth researching!)

REPAIRS & REPLACEMENT PARTS: Any guarantees offered?

TOWING/ACCOMMODATION AND STORAGE COVER: In case of accident/breakdown.

WINDSCREEN REPLACEMENT POLICY: Is there any special coverage?

TOWING YOUR OWN VEHICLE: Are you covered if you are towing your own vehicle on a trailer?

CONTENTS: Are contents covered in case of accident/theft?

ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE: Is there anything offered?

LEGAL REPRESENTATION: Anything offered in cases of claims against/from third parties?

KEYS/LOCKS: Replacement cost?

HIRE VEHICLE: Any cover for cost whilst vehicle being repaired?

I'm guessing that to have coverage for all of the above would be a fairly expensive exercise. It is for you to consider what you want and how willing are you to pay for same. Roger Sharpe December, 2024
Additionally, and whilst not exhaustive, I have listed some anecdotes demonstrating what some owners have paid and the conditions that were attached to such policies. An often heard cry – "I thought I was covered for that!"

POLICY #1

STATE:	Queensland
PURCHASE COST OF VEHICLE (2024):	\$16 000
RESTORATION EXPENSES:	\$8 000
TOTAL OUTLAY (2024):	\$24,000
INSURANCE COMPANY CHOSEN:	Shannon's
PERIOD:	12 months
AGREED ESTIMATE OF VEHICLE WORTH:	\$25,000
POLICY COST:	\$426
EXCESS:	\$250

TYPE OF POLICY: Limited policy, which covers the owner for driving the vehicle for an average of 2 days per week, per year (so, total of 104 days per year).

The policy provides salvage rights in the event of a 'write-off', meaning the owner would receive \$25,000 and could retain the vehicle (or what's left of it).



In conclusion, this is just an example of one type of policy, provided by one insurance company to an owner of an MGB. It is merely a guide.

POLICY #2

STATE: NSW

INSURANCE COMPANY CHOSEN: Shannon's

PERIOD: 12 months

AGREED ESTIMATE OF VEHICLE WORTH: \$27,783

POLICY COST: \$489.47

EXCESS: \$250

TYPE OF POLICY: Comprehensive (private use/limited use.

FEATURES:

Insured for agreed value for accidental damage and theft.

Choice of repairer. We can arrange repairs using one of our preferred repairers or you may choose your own repairer.

Lifetime guarantee on repairs we authorise.

Towing and storage cover following an incident.

One excess-free windscreen or window glass claim per period of insurance.

Accidental damage to your trailer for up to \$1 500 when it is being towed by your motor vehicle

Cover whilst participating in defensive driving courses.

After-claims expenses (including personal tools and personal items) up to \$1 000 in total whilst in your locked motor vehicle.

Up to \$20 million Legal Liability cover.

POLICY #3

STATE: NSW

INSURANCE COMPANY CHOSEN: NRMA

PERIOD: 12 months

TYPE OF POLICY: Classic (agreed value) policy

WHAT'S COVERED:

Cover for loss or damage of your vehicle.

Cover for liability.

Baby capsules and child seats.

Emergency repairs.



Emergency transport and accommodation.

Incorrect fuel.

Excess-free glass extension.

Legal representation at coronial enquiry.

Lifetime repair guarantee.

Methamphetamine contamination.

Personal items.

Replacement of keys and locks.

Spare parts.

Vehicle storage costs.

Taxi fare.

Temporary cover for a replacement vehicle.

Towing.

Trailer or caravan attached to your vehicle.

Vehicle pick-up and return.

Fire extinguisher replacement.

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