

With Covid restrictions starting to ease, the MGOC Workshop is now fully staffed and owners are turning their attention to being able to enjoy their MGs once again. The team has been busy getting a wide variety of cars road-ready for the summer. One very special car to receive attention was a very early 1964 'pull-handle' MGB with the same family from new. The first owner purchased the car to tow his caravan. Keen to enjoy touring as much as possible, many modifications were made. Some of these we have seen before but others are a first, making this a very unique MGB.

To separate the spare wheel, tow-bar electrics and tools from the main boot area, a boot shelf has been fabricated. This is something we are used to in modern vehicles; on this MGB it provides flat usable storage and keeps potentially dirty components safely hidden away.

Ever wondered where you can perch a cup of tea in an MGB? The addition in the passenger compartment of a simple but effective tray that fixes onto the transmission tunnel has made this possible. Furthermore, a neat modification to the original centre console gives useful storage and a power outlet. Other features include a separate heater in each footwell, allowing individual control of heat, and kick plates on the front of the door trims.

In the engine compartment the space where the heater would normally be is now used to mount the fuel pump. An electric fan has been fitted, with the early coolant hose set-up being modified to take a thermostatic sender unit. The grille has been modified by removing a number of the slats on either side, allowing small driving lights to be neatly inset. You will also notice a grommet in the centre of the front bumper that allows a starting handle, stored just in front of the radiator, to be used if necessary.

The exterior is otherwise fairly standard, apart from subtle changes such as using Magnette hubcaps and a modified 'bullet' mirror with fixings for mirror extensions when towing.

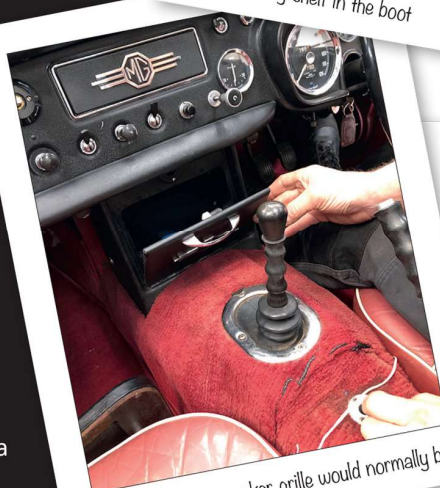
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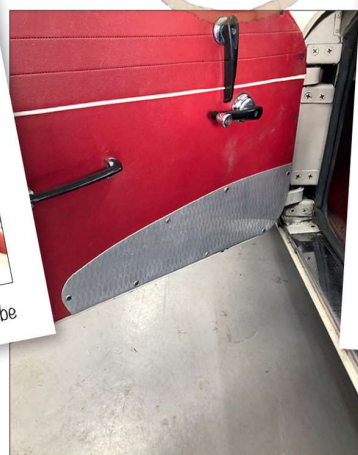
Neat dividing shelf in the boot



Bespoke tray in place ready for a picnic



Cubby is where speaker grille would normally be



Kick plate on bottom of door trim



Individual heater in one of the footwells



Easy-access fuel pump under bonnet



Auxiliary lights are set into grille



Nice touch is use of Magnette hubcaps