



MGBGTV8 engine steel sump upgrade kit

My MGBGTV8 leaked oil from several places which, of course, is not unusual! The most annoying leak was from the sump. I studied Tony Lake's excellent article on the attributes, or otherwise, of the V8 pressed steel sump and the use of stiffening pieces to overcome the problem. I was about to have the stiffening pieces made up when I came across **classeparts** of Leighton Buzzard who sell a "Rover V8 Engine Steel Sump Upgrade Kit" costing about £125.



The kit comprises a sump gasket, mild steel plate with a surface finish zinc and colour passivate and a set of stainless steel fittings comprising nuts, bolts (longer than the originals to account for the thickness of the plate), studs and washers. The steel support plate is 5/8" x 11/64" with 18 bolt holes at 25/64" with a plated finish.



Classeparts' new steel support plate has been produced to snug fit between the sidewall of the sump pan & the short 90 Deg outer flange



Engine steel sump upgrade kit - the steel plate is 5/8" x 11/64" with 18 bolt holes at 25/64" with a plated finish on the support plate.

The kit is supplied to in variants for most vehicles the Rover V8 engine powers including the MGBGTV8. Options for gasket material are cork, rubber or composite. I opted for the composite which classeparts suggest is the best option.

I had this fitted in February 2024 and since have covered about 1,500 miles and it seems to have done the trick. Tony Lake's article. [V8NOTE509](#)
Link to classeparts: www.classeparts.com
Acknowledgement for photos to classeparts

The classeparts webpage for the MGBGTV8 shows the price as **£99.75** tax included plus the delivery cost