



4. Rear cover (ZKC 6459)

8. Access cap (ZKC 6442)

Source: RV8 Parts Manual (microfiche)

RV8 headlamp dust cover

The dust cover at the back of the headlamp on Jeffrey Lister's RV8 fell off whilst he was driving home and in a V8BB post he asked if "anyone has a screw on dust cover/cap access for the rear of the head lamp casing or know of an alternative solution".

Paul Atkinson responded mentioning his post on the V8BB on 11th December 2020 (which described how he found an alternative cover on eBay) saying "I have still not been able to find an original access cap, but nevertheless the rubber item I fitted remains in place and has proved entirely satisfactory".

Source: Ebay advert **183058494943**

V8BB post in December 2020

Paul had mentioned in his V8BB post that he had "an advert running on the MGV8 Spares Wanted webpage for a headlamp access cap for my RV8 but it has not yet borne fruit and so remains in place, but I have found an adequate substitute for this, quite clearly, rare part. I bought a pair of the items shown in my photo (above) on Ebay from China for £7.75. They are apparently intended for various Alfa Romeo models and are formed from pliable rubber with an internal ID of circa 105mm. Secured by a 100 - 125mm stainless steel Jubilee clip they do the job very satisfactorily. Indeed being pliable they may well be better than the original as I believe I lost mine when it was struck by the tyre whilst driving off my driveway crossover ramp".

The Ebay number for the Alfa Romeo dust cap I used is **183058494943** and they are still listed, but now on offer at £11.87 with free postage to the UK via SpeedPAK Economy.



Photos of the underside of the cover and an indication of the flexibility of the pliable rubber material

Source: Ebay advert **183058494943**

Other members needing a replacement headlamp dust cap

Further research on the V8 website revealed Andreas Adam, an RV8 enthusiast in Germany, had tried in August 2016 to get a replacement part – Access Cap ZKC6442 – from the usual specialist RV8 spares and replacement parts providers but without success as the part seemed to be out of stock or even NLA. He enquired whether any fellow RV8 member had a spare RV8 Access Cap they could supply to him or any information as to any supplier who might have one?

Footnote: as the RV8 headlamp units were believed to have been sourced from a Porsche headlamp assembly, RV8 enthusiasts may wonder whether the dust caps and other items of the RV8 headlamp assembly could be obtained from a Porsche specialist. Paul looked into this possibility when he lost his item and found the arrangement on the back of the Porsche unit to be entirely different. Also the people at the local Porsche dealership confirmed this when he showed them his remaining cap.