

DEV 2, the second development car for the MG RV8 model, is up for sale again



Project Adder was one of the first programmes embarked upon by Rover Special Products (RSP) in 1990, subsequently to become the new MG RV8. This car, known as **DEV 2**, was the second development car to be built. It was built by Mark Gamble of BMH using a new Heritage MGB shell and fitted with a 3.9 injection engine supplied by Land Rover. Engineering and feasibility studies were carried out on this car including engine installation, suspension assessment etc. Following this the vehicle had very little use until the project was approved in July 1991. In the Autumn of that year it was taken to Scandinavia for cold climate testing, and upon its return was used for exhaust and cooling development.

In mid-2012 the car had covered just over 26,000 miles and was in good condition. It has a 3.9 V8 with 5 speed box with uprated suspension and brakes. Apart from its obvious historic importance it is a very fast usable car. It may look like an ordinary MGB apart from its RV8 bonnet and prototype styled front end, but its performance is far from ordinary.

In an advert on the Car & Classic website the advertiser said "I have owned this car twice. I first purchased it in January 1999 and sold it to a friend of mine in August 2003. In many ways I wished I had not sold it and in December 2008 I bought it back from him. As it gets very little use now I have decided to offer it up for sale again. It comes with a comprehensive history file and documents relating to its ownership by BMH and Rover Group. It is well documented in many books including 'MG V8 Twenty-one years on' by David Knowles."

