

British Motor Heritage Body Plant at Witney – V8 members' tour



Mini panel being assembled – the skills used are fascinating to watch.



Discussion – it's conducted with a great deal of background noise

Scenes from the Ground Floor of the BMH Body Plant

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Looking down on the production floor with MGB Roadster bodysHELLS in progress.



Skilled finishing of panels

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Les, a skilled member of the production team with a wealth of experience – on our previous visit to the Plant we saw him creating an MGB wing. There is a video available on the BMH Body Plant website showing a wing being made at the Plant: <http://www.bmh-ltd.com>



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MGB bodyshells were being produced during the visit – with a few MGB V8 shells too



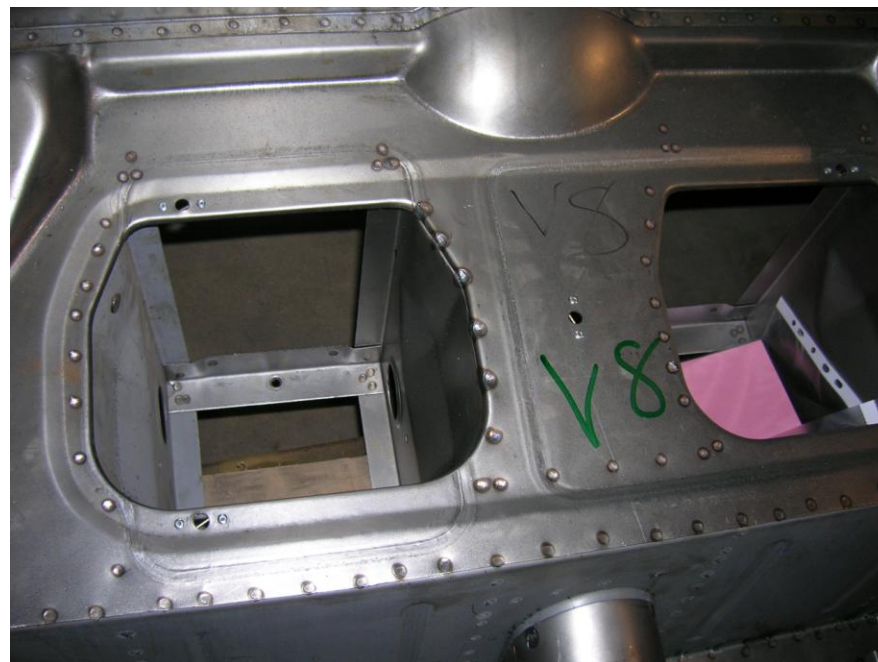
Inside the boot of an MGB bodyshell.



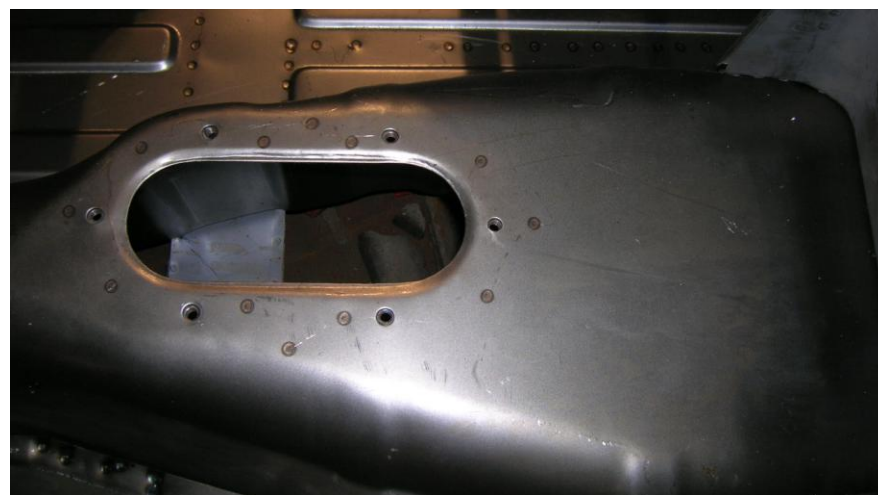
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Bulkhead of a RHD MGB Roadster opened up for a Rover V8 engine and gearbox with the LHD steering column opening closed.

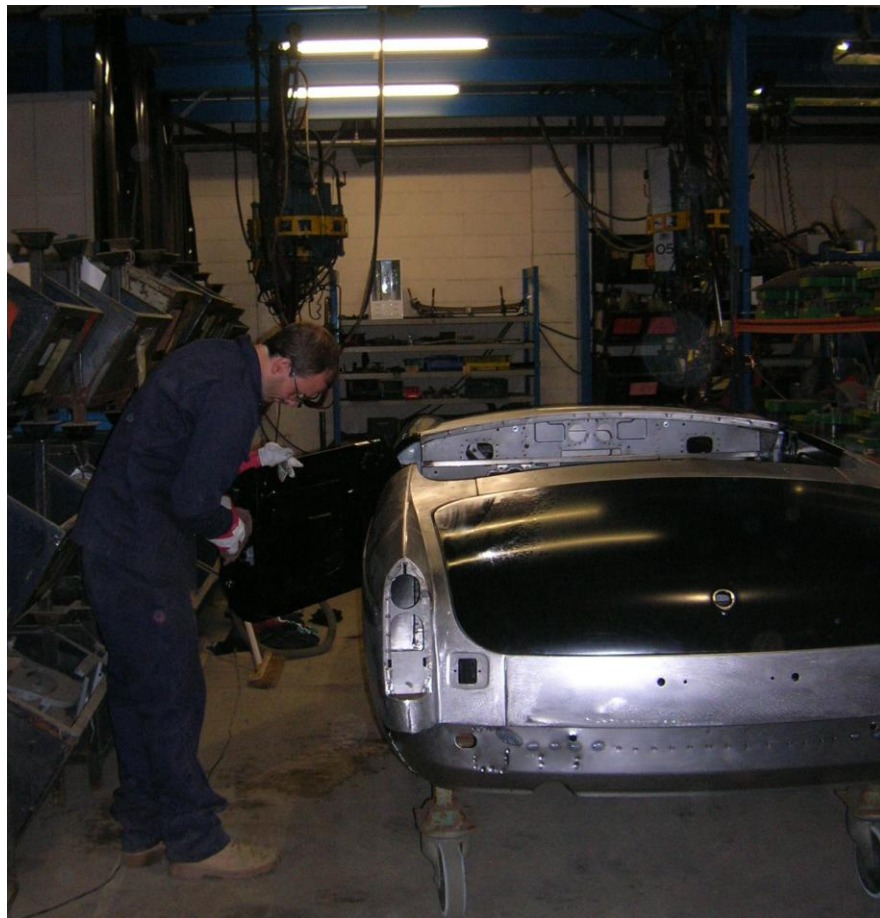


Twin 6 volt battery boxes on an MGB V8 Roadster shell.



Opening over the gearbox remote on an MGB Roadster shell.

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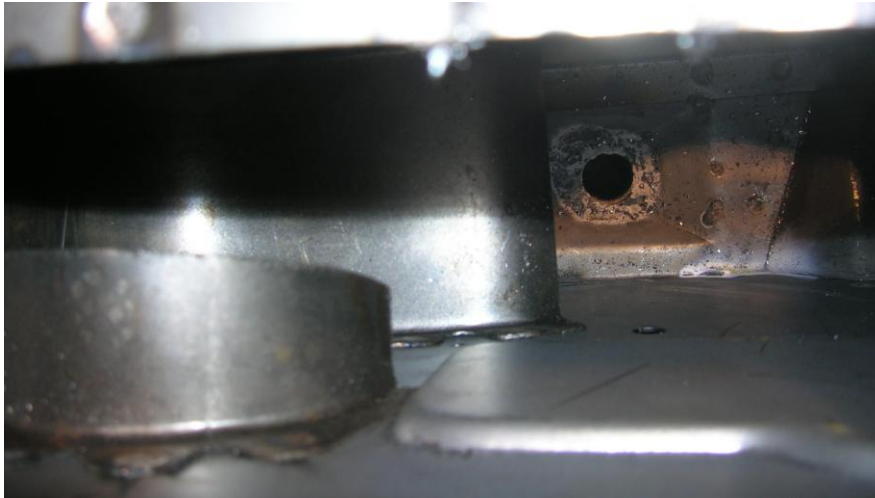
Fitting a nearside door on an MGB Roadster shell.

Right top: headlamp detail – it takes an hour to assemble a front wing from some 14 items, many around the headlamp opening, with a great deal of skill and experience.

Right lower: Ray Harpur studies an MGB Roadster bodyshell as it progresses through the plant.



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Fresh air vent chamber (under the chrome grille in front of the windscreen) showing the drain outlet which connects to the rubber drain pipe (known as "Ted's knob")



BMH Body Plant have started making E-Type Jaguar bonnets – a serious job but a beautiful result. Here is one in the "finishing bay".



Our tour guide, David Savidge – who also edited and produced the successful MGB 50 book sponsored by BMH Witney.

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BMH took over the TEX business and now supply a range of wiper blades and arms plus the side mirrors fitted to MGBs and Minis.