

RV8 production records



Christopher Allan posted a note on the V8 Bulletin Board on 27th September 2010 with information on the RV8 production records available in the Archives at the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust at Gaydon.

Members' who have access to a copy of the RV8 Workshop Notes will probably have seen the facsimile of John Bolt's RV8 Build Card/Quality Label which he included in his note on body colours - RV8NOTE216. The Build card is, however, only one of a number of documents included in the production records held in the Heritage Museum's archives.

British Motor Industry Heritage Trust (BMIHT) archives website:
<http://www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk/exhibitions/archive-services>

The typical "Build Pack" consists of the following, all paper based:

Build Card/Quality Label - this details the vehicles build specification and appears to be the only standard Rover Cars (computerised) form included in the "pack" as all the rest seem to have been drawn up locally/specifically for use on the RV8 production line. For some Vines the form is headed "Build Card" and for others "Quality Label", apart from the different heading they appear to be the same form (no form # however). For details see John's workshop note, RV8NOTE216.
<http://www.v8register.net/subpages/RV8NOTE216.htm>

MGRV8 UK/Japan Validation Card - this includes a variety of inspection checks (called "stamp offs") and settings largely relating to interior and body. The form also includes line drawings of the vehicle which can be used by the inspector's to identify body imperfections. This is the only dated form and thus is the date quoted on the Heritage Certificate as the build date.

MGR V8 Paint & Metal Sign Off- self explanatory, but not included for every VIN.

Vehicle History Card MG RV8 - this is the master sign off form for the vehicle and includes details of serial # for all major vehicle components, stamp offs for each of the vehicle production stations (1-8) and for other major checks eg emissions and roller test and subsidiary production form sign offs eg Paint & Metal and Road Test.

MG RV8 Road Test - in addition to road test results eg clutch, footbrake, handbrake and steering operation, it also includes detailed electrical component checks eg anti theft alarm operation.

Adder Torque Over Checks - torque checks on all major suspension, steering, brakes, body and interior components.

In addition, selected vehicles were subject to additional checks including suspension alignment and brake tests.

Christopher adds "I would guess that the above represents much more production information than is held in the archives in respect of most other vehicle models. We are indeed lucky to have anything at all, as these records were recovered from a skip and consequently although some are slightly water damaged there is a wealth of information held for our cars and available for future research."



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