

# V8 Alive And Burbling

Despite reports as to its imminent demise it can be confirmed that the famous V8 engine, is alive, burbling and in production in the UK.

MCT, the engineering and manufacturing specialist, has won a contract from Land Rover for the continuation of production to support the aftermarket requirement for original equipment engines. Production has been relocated from the home of Land Rover at Solihull to MCT's plant in Weston Super Mare and, besides engine production, MCT also handle all the sourcing and procurement of components and sub assemblies, as well as the testing and supply of the finished product.

For over 40 years this famous V8 engine, with displacements from 3.5 to 4.6, has powered the cream of British



marques including Land Rover Defender, Discovery and Range Rover, Rover P5B, P6 and SD1, MGB GT, Triumph, Morgan and TVR. It is also the standard British engine for all hot rod use and special versions powered the Formula One winning Brabham team. It's not surprising therefore that in 2005 Engine Technology International magazine and its journalist Keith Read voted it "the greatest engine of all time".

This contract is worth £25m over the next five years and over 70% of the volume will be exported. It is one of several that MCT has won in recent months. Over the past 18 months MCT has refocused its core manufacturing and engineering skills to provide a centre of excellence in the provision of outsourced manufacturing services to various industrial partners and to exploit the emerging markets where engineering excellence is in great demand.