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## V8 Ducting from Shroud to Air Temperature Control

Jonathan Stein in the USA (V8 - Brooklands Green 2852) reports finding a useful source of replacement ducting. Jonathan says he "found that the short length of corrugated hose or ducting that goes from the 'lobster claws' (Air Temperature Control BHH1163) to the shroud over the exhaust manifold was not currently available through sources like Rimmer Brothers or Moss.

However, he found a perfect match in a VW part. It costs about US\$10 and has enough length to furnish 3 to 4 cars. He bought it from JBUGS.com in California and their part number is **028129087A**. AutoDoc offers this part in the UK". The AutoDoc website lists 6 different versions of this piping from 4 different suppliers. Prices vary from £6.02 to £12.60 depending on length and supplier. See our 'More' webpage for links to those two suppliers. Note that there is also an earlier note, V8NOTE534 on this topic contributed by Angus Munro in 2018, which is based on a response to his post on the V8BB seeking fellow members' experience of finding suitable replacement ducting. The response came from Tony Lake who recalled looking at the Revotec website some time ago when digging into cooling fans for his MGBGTV8 and saw they have a flexible aluminium ducting listed on their website in 1m lengths at "very nearly the right outside diameter – 51mm v 50mm". Tony went on to say that given the relatively fragile nature of the ducting, having a 'slip fit', rather than a 'force fit', may not be such a bad arrangement. At the time, Angus purchased a suitable length and found it fitted the lobster claw absolutely perfectly.

Further information with website links is available via the 'More' webpage at: [www.v8register.net/more.htm](http://www.v8register.net/more.htm)

## RV8 Replacement Rear Numberplate Bulbs

John Brown wrote in recently about fitting LED replacement rear number plate light bulbs. The rear numberplate lights were very dim, so I fitted 'Warm Diffused LED 36mmDiff2700Kfes Festoon Bulbs' from [bettercarlighting.co.uk](http://bettercarlighting.co.uk). On refitting the black plastic cover, I found it obscured half the length of the bulb, so not a good original design. On further inspection it appears that the cover can be refitted with an incorrect orientation, thus obscuring half the length of the bulb, easily missed during refitting. I opened up the aperture from 42mm to 60mm which eliminated the orientation problem and greatly improved the illumination



LED illumination after opening up the black plastic cover

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