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V8 MPH or KPH Speedo



Long term MGBGT V8 owner, Kai Knickman (Damask 0945) lives in Germany and experienced a gradual, then total failure of his speedo when returning home after last year's 50th celebrations at Silverstone. Kai knew that the upcoming German TUV (equivalent of the UK MoT) would mean the speedo had to be fixed, so the clock was ticking (no pun intended) to find the source of the problem. Kai posted the details on the V8BB and Bob Owen

quickly replied that the symptoms indicated a failing, then broken speedo cable. Kai knew that removal of the broken cable would likely be a struggle, at both the speedo and gearbox ends. He eventually managed to remove the offending cable, (a pig of a job!) although his wife observed that his hands looked like he had just had a tough fight with an angry cat, on completion of the work! Unfortunately, the dying action of the failing old cable had broken the return spring in the speedo. So now Kai had a replaced cable but a broken speedo. Believing that sourcing a replacement speedo would be a major challenge, he was pleasantly surprised to learn that the original Smiths instruments are still produced today by Caerbont Automotive Instruments Ltd. (CAI) in Swansea (<https://www.caigauge.com>). It seems that they are the true successor to Smiths after multiple protracted management buy-outs. Mike Howlett pointed out that CAI are also known as Speedy Cables, a company well known to many V8 owners. <https://www.speedycables.com> Kai was able to order a brand new V8 speedo, marked in kph, rather than mph, a very useful modification for any V8 owner living in Europe. The new speedo arrived from Caerbont two

weeks after ordering and although not cheap at £292 was carefully packaged and of high OE quality. This included p&p with delivery via FedEx. However, a small surprise still awaited Kai; an additional charge of €83 customs duties and process charges arrived through the post some time later. Such are the joys of the UK no longer being part of Europe. Kai has since had his original mph speedo refurbished, so is now in the position of being able to choose which instrument to fit to his V8.



V8 Register Visit to the Tank Museum in Dorset

There's still time to book your place on the V8 Register visit to The Tank Museum in Bovington, Dorset. Come and join us for an informal gathering / picnic in the grounds of the Museum, followed by admission at the reduced rate of £9.95 per person. Bookings must be made no later than Saturday 7th September. For details, go to <https://www.v8register.net/sub6/news240110-tank-museum-visit.htm>