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Written by SRD at Jun 13, 2012 9:40 am

Have just given my car its first good clean, and the Aegean Blue paint work is looking pretty good overall, a pleasant surprise, given the initial dreadful state of the car.

On the back of the boot at rhs, there are 4 small holes with rubber grommets still attached. Looks like there was a chrome GB plate, inside a circle ?

My build sheet indicates this is correct and one was fitted originally.

Has anyone got a good picture of how it should look, especially the GB letters.

I have looked on eBay etc, and they don't look correct.

Attachments:

[Boot a.jpg](#) (filesize: 47.93 KB)

Re: Chrome GB Number-plate

Written by randall977 at Jun 13, 2012 2:36 pm

This is what my badge looked like, it has four fixings too but on the other side from yours. I have partially rested it now but one of the letters needs rechroming where I bent it :(. I did have a good look around for authentic GB letters but modern ones look pretty rubbish and originals are difficult to come by for this period. I will post a close up photo later with some dims...

Re: Chrome GB Number-plate

Written by SRD at Jun 13, 2012 7:57 pm

This is the best I have found, after sifting through piles of rubbish..

<http://www.classic-car-accessories.co.uk/cgi-bin/ss000397.pl?page=search&PR=-1&TB=A&SS=gb&ACTION=quick+search>

Still not that impressed with these either!

This is the closest, but does not appear to be for sale:

<http://www.oldclassiccar.co.uk/GBletters.htm>

Another possibility, but none of them with the oval surround:

<http://www.classic-car-accessories.com/accessories/>

I believe these were made by a company called Ace based in the Midlands, who also made wheel trims as well amongst other items.

Re: Chrome GB Number-plate

Written by randall977 at Jun 13, 2012 10:26 pm

Yes they do appear to be ACE GB badges who also made the Rapide wheel trims - nice bit of research Simon!

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Try this link - it's almost right;

[Link to GB badge](#)

Re: Chrome GB Number-plate

Written by SRD at Jun 14, 2012 4:03 pm

Christian good work,

I missed a good auction for 4 unused wheel trims:

http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/110892441992?ssPageName=STRK:MESINDXX:IT&_trksid=p3984.m1436.l2649

See this pictures, like new and sold for 46 pounds with partial original Ace box, I will be more careful in future..

They were manufactured by Cornercraft of Coventry who also manufactured other forms of wheel embellishers as well.

Mine are good, but need a fair bit of elbow grease to get the shine back on them, will have to pass them to one of my two assistants for polishing..

Ideally, I would like to find four replacement chrome hub covers, mine all require re-chroming, any suggestions for these.

But the GB plate with simple oval surround, is a hard one to find, and will keep looking, I don't want a full oval plate, just plain and simple as yours is.

I note that they were an optional extra on MGA's, MG Y type, Wolsey, etc etc

Looks like a 1950's advert, and this was a fair bit of money of money to spend on this extra...

Attachments:

[Wheel trim B.jpg](#) (filesize: 21.34 KB)

[Boxed.jpg](#) (filesize: 21.74 KB)

Re: Chrome GB Number-plate

Written by randall977 at Jun 14, 2012 5:01 pm

I have actually ordered the embossed GB which I have a link to in my last reply. The size and style is perfect even though it is embossed so for £10 I thought I would see what it was like.

I have new wheel trims which I (as well as a few others) bought from [here](#) however they will only make them in batches of 12...I think. There should

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be a thread on this topic somewhere.

Re: Chrome GB Number-plate

Written by SRD at Jun 14, 2012 6:09 pm

I am actually now only after the chromed hub caps, my trims are being clean by my two assistants on the kitchen table as I write. I have replied to this on the right topic thread.

I thought you had a GB plate already, or was it not useable ?

Re: Chrome GB Number-plate

Written by randall977 at Jun 14, 2012 6:52 pm

Assistants or slaves? My GB will be fine once I've rechromed the letters but I was intrigued by it being the right letter style, oval shape and only £10. It'll look good on the workshop wall...

Re: Chrome GB Number-plate

Written by SRD at Jun 14, 2012 7:13 pm

We don't have slaves here, only two willing assistants, paid of course with the right sort of money - chocolate!

I will wait for the right GB plate to come along, a shame that they don't make it without the oval plate. Saw this one and it really captures the style of the 1950's and 60's.

Re: Chrome GB Number-plate

Written by David at Jun 15, 2012 8:39 am

Saw a nice pair of chrome GB letters yesterday, separate with no oval surround, on a Rover 110