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MG Rover X80

The stunning new luxury high performance sports car MG/V8 X80 project.



MG Rover Group presented for the first time its luxury high performance sports Coupé the MG/V8 X80 at the Frankfurt Motor Show on September 11th 2001. The idea was to challenge the established car-market segment of luxury high performance sports cars to compete with Porsche 911, Maserati 3200 GT and Jaguar XK8.

The MG/V8 X80 was a remarkable innovative with a new dynamic technical specification and high performance characteristics.

The perfectly renowned design by MG Rover director Peter Stevens, the X80 benefits of a high-technology of super-formed aluminium body mounted to a steel box section chassis was remarkable. This innovative conception was part of the previous acquired car builder company of Alejandro de Tomaso in Modena in June 2001. This new technology was also used for the Italian sports car construction of the Qvale Mangusta.



At the very begin, the MG/V8 X80 was commented by experts as a high attractive true flagship for the exciting MG product range.

The serial production of the MG/V8 X80 2+2 Coupé was planned for summer 2002, followed by a roadster version in 2003, both available with manual and automatic transmissions. This was planned as an additional option to the very popular and affordable sports car the MGF Roadster as well as the recently introduced and very well customized range of Z-Saloons with 4, 6 and 8cylinder engines. All these different MG F & Z models were already introduced in the UK and rest of Europe with remarkable sale success.

Indicative UK prices at that time (2001!!) started from under £50.000! The very optimistic expectations and reactions of public interest and numbers of entered orders by customers after the Motor Show Sep. 11th 2001 in Frankfurt were unfortunately by far not as expected! On top of these facts, concerns about ongoing negotiations in view to the future of the MG Rover Group the serial production of the MG/V8 X80 never happened.

Here the basic tech. details:



Product: MG Rover **Model:** Coupé 2+2
Potential features: Electronic Traction Control, limited slip differential, ABS Braking system, Air Conditioning, Electric Power windows door mirrors, driver's seat adjustment and luxurious leather interior, radio cassette and CD Autochanger.



Engine: V8/SVT-Mustang // 4.600ccn // 385 bhp ! **V8/SVT-Mustang engine**

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Max. Speed: 280 km/h 0 -100km/h 5.3 sec.

Gearbox: 5 speed, manual. **Consumption:** 11.5 – 14.0 l/100km

The MG/V8 X80 Luxury high performance sports car remained an extraordinary example of another one-off MG project" that never went in serial production.