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The LHD-MGB GT V8 "Passion" in Switzerland

Swiss LHD MGB GT V8 "historical parade" during a [SWISS-MGV8/IG](#) event



The very distinctive MGB GT V8

 wheels



r. to l.: Thomas Studer /109G, Jan Waldburger/102G, Fritze Gertsch /101G, Eric Prasse/100G

The unique seven **LHD MGB GT V8** fulfilling the North American general requirements but still with non-Federalised engines were "samples" built to evaluate the interest on the USA market. Unfortunately, they never left to the USA and promotion program was stopped. All the "serial production" **RHD** cars were the fastest-ever serial MG built during the period 1973 to 1976, achieving the max. speed of **124 mph!** Actual five of these **LHD MGB GT V8s**, cars: **Flame Red 100G, Mallard Green 101G, Glacier White 102G, Damask Red 109G and Teal Blue 110G** are in Switzerland. All in all, **2591 "serial production" MGB GT V8s** were built at the MG factory in Abingdon.



The first performed road tests by Costello V8 were noticed in 1972, since there had been some speculation about a new MG V8 version for some time. By August 1973 the MGB GT V8 was officially revealed by British Leyland at Earls Court Motor Show 1973. The first true "serial" RHD car MGB GT V8 Chassis Number **114** was built by the end of March 1973. A few pre-production cars had been assembled at Abingdon before this, like the prototype **LHD Flame Red car 100G** now owned by a fellow in Switzerland. Although, the very first production **LHD** car, Chassis Number **101G** was finished in December 1972. All the followed **LHD** cars started to be assembled by the end of January 1973.

LHD 109G/1973 and RHD 1506G/1974 in Switzerland

No other "serial production" **LHD of MGB GT V8** were ever built in Abingdon. They were re-sold to customers in continental Europe. Although with a certainty that every regular "series production MGB GT V8" was an **RHD** and to be marketed in the UK only.



Here the beautiful **LHD 101G / 1972 Mallard Green** during a [SWISS-MGV8/IG](#) event

SWISS-MGV8/IG fellow Jan Waldburger with his outstanding Glacier White LHD 102G at Morges-Meeting 2019



Below, the very original Teal Blue LHD 110G of Swiss-MGV8/IG fellows Sylviane & J el Righini-Mariaux at Morges-Meeting 2017



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