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Front License Plate Mount - Rubber Bumper

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#1

[BU84](#) [[PM](#)]

Rob Gambert
NJ, USA 
1978 [MG](#) [MGB](#)

Posted: August 28, 2008 03:31PM
Registered: 5 years ago
Posts: 66

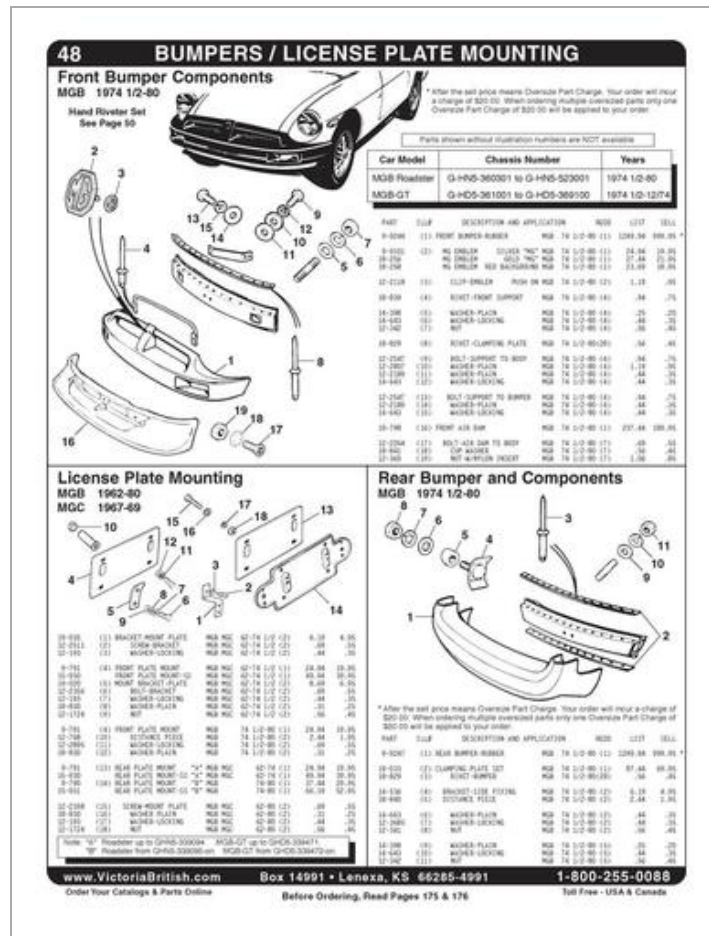
Trying to find a "neat" way to install a license plate on front bumper other than drilling it and putting screws directly into bumper. Talked to Moss and they have no brackets/mounts to fit a '78 B. Attached is a page from VB, however it's hard to figure out which specific parts to buy and (of course) they're no help on the phone!

Any suggestions on the best way to do this before I get out my drill?

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Re: Front License Plate Mount - Rubber Bumper
#2

[michaelodonnell123](#) [[PM](#)]

michael odonnell
north bergen, NJ, USA

Posted: August 28, 2008 04:02PM
Registered: 5 years ago
Posts: 611

No drill is needed why not hang a license plate there by running a strand of black wire through the bumper and a piece of velcro behind plate to keep it in place.

Regards,
Michael '74 MGB
<http://www.iwebresume.com/mgbsite>
good photos

Edited 1 time(s). Last edit at 08/28/2008 04:09PM by michaelodonnell123.
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Re: Front License Plate Mount - Rubber Bumper
#3

Paul Brown [PM]

Huntsville, AL, USA

Posted: August 28, 2008 04:13PM
Registered: 7 years ago
Posts: 428

Could your make two pieces of flat stock with a flat tab on each end? Drill a hole in each end so one could be attached to the screen with a bolt a washer and align the other with the holes in the plate.

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#4

[sailadams](#) ★ [[PM](#)]

Larry Adams
Atlanta, GA, USA 
1967 [MG MGB GT](#) "Jose The GT"
1969 [MG MGB](#) "Raggedy (Ann) Roadster"

Posted: August 28, 2008 05:07PM
Registered: 6 years ago
Posts: 2,400

There's a RB GT for sale in trader that has a front tag. You might check with him.

When you get to a fork in the road, take it.

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#5

[mabie1978](#) ★ [[PM](#)]

Michelle Pierce
Elyria, OH, USA 
1978 [MG MGB](#) "Mabie"
1995 [GMC Suburban](#) "The "Burb""
1999 [Porsche 911](#)
2007 [Saturn Aura](#)

Posted: August 28, 2008 06:40PM
Registered: 7 years ago
Posts: 2,910

That is strange I checked with them before and also talked to Jeff Zorn at LBCco and there is a front mount for the RB in the Moss catalog. I have almost ordered it several times, actually you have to have the front piece and then the mounting brackets for it. Here are the part numbers, Jeff spoke to Moss and they told him this was appropriate for the RB cars.

Ok the US Style front bracket is 451-285 and for cars with vin 368082 to 284318 you need 2 bracket supports 402-570

then four each of

322-645, 324-590, 324-855, 310-760

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#6

[forda2](#) ★ [[PM](#)]

Brian Martin
San Antonio, Texas, USA 
1931 [Ford Model A](#)
1980 [MG MGB](#)

Posted: August 28, 2008 11:26PM
Registered: 6 years ago
Posts: 477

robert, you have a PM

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#7

[The Wiz](#) [PM]

Mike The Wiz Barnes

STL, MO, USA 1969 [MG MGB GT](#)1971 [MG MGB GT](#) "Blueberry"1979 [MG MGB](#) "PopTop"2000 [Ford Ranger SC4x4](#)2001 [Mercedes-Benz SLK 230 Kompressor](#)

Posted: August 29, 2008 07:30AM

Registered: 7 years ago

Posts: 8,083

I mounted my front plate to the front valence, it's tucked back out of the way and looks neat. I'm not sure if it obeys the letter of the law but no cops have mentioned it yet. 😊

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#8

[BU84](#) [PM]

Rob Gambert

NJ, USA 1978 [MG MGB](#)

Posted: August 29, 2008 01:18PM

Registered: 5 years ago

Posts: 66

The Wiz Wrote:

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Looks good. Did you purchase the brackets or fabricate them yourself?

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#9

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Posted: August 29, 2008 01:36PM

Registered: 7 years ago

Posts: 8,083

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I just use a couple of L brackets fastened to the radiator duct panel with self-tapping screws, I've had it in place for three years now.

The position of the plate may restrict airflow to the bottom of the radiator but if it does it's not enough to cause overheating problems.

Nulla tenaci invia est via



1971 MGBGT, overdrive, Limey relay and fuse kits, Rick Ingram struts all round, Jeff Schlemmer points distributor, mgccars.com alternator, Basil Adams camshaft and side cover, Eurospec tail lights, 1976 dashboard and console, 1999 Chevy cavalier seats, GM heater motor and fan with Ford 3 speed controller, Ford Merkur/Sierra parcel shelf, cruise control.

1979 B, Olds 215 engine with 1996 Landrover heads, Carter AFB, Camaro T5 gearbox, Limey relay kit, Rick Ingram struts all round, mgccars alternator, Jeff Schlemmer distributor with Petronix, Eurospec tail lights, cruise control, 99 Pontiac Sunfire seats.

1969 MGBGT, Miata seats, late centre console, apart from that it's stock!

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#10

[Phantomracer](#) [[PM](#)]

Paul Seeberg

Boston, MA, USA 1972 [MG MGB GT](#) "72 White GT"1980 [MG MGB](#) "Phantomracer"

Posted: August 29, 2008 01:38PM

Registered: 7 years ago

Posts: 3,581

If you get the moss brackets (402-570 x2), the car should have mounting points already on the backside of bumper for them. I don't think you NEED the support (451-285) but might make it easier to install (I wonder why Moss says the brackets are only for 75/76, should fit all RB. Maybe because the 75/76 radiator mounting?)

it will look like Wiz's pic but a bit more forward. Kinda crappy as it blocks the valance ducts, but should not be a problem. Either way (buy Moss' or fabricate your own), you can take advantage of the mounting holes on the back of the bumper

There really is no good way of mounting a front plate. I don't have front plates on my cars (in MA, they don't give you a hassle, usually that is!). If you have a problem finding them, call Bob (well, after his vacation next week, that is), he will find you a set (he actually mounted a set of brackets on the maroon 80 B, as he thought that would be the one you would buy!)

An MG is never 'finished', if there is nothing for you to currently work on it is merely 'resting'.

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[Re: Front License Plate Mount - Rubber Bumper](#)

#11

[BU84](#) [[PM](#)]

Rob Gambert
NJ, USA 
1978 [MG](#) [MGB](#)

Posted: August 29, 2008 02:55PM
Registered: 5 years ago
Posts: 66

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Paul -- will do . Thanks!

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#12

[BU84](#) [[PM](#)]

Rob Gambert
NJ, USA 
1978 [MG](#) [MGB](#)

Posted: August 29, 2008 03:01PM
Registered: 5 years ago
Posts: 66

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By the way....the car has been terrific

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[Re: Front License Plate Mount - Rubber Bumper](#) new #13

[Telechick](#) [[PM](#)]

Heather H
Portland, USA 
1980 [MG](#) [MGB](#) "Go-cart"

Posted: February 07, 2012 06:52PM
Registered: 2 years ago
Posts: 202

Anyone have any new tricks or ideas for mounting a front plate? Better yet, anyone have any photos of how they did it? I am thinking that using some L brackets would be a good idea. Maybe there is some new fangled way to do it?

Thanks for the insight and advice, and helping me with all my silly questions.

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[Re: Front License Plate Mount - Rubber Bumper](#) new #14

[mcstedman](#) [[PM](#)]

Michael Stedman
Athens, Ohio, USA 
1977 [MG](#) [MGB](#) ""Bert" - "The Get Away Car""

Posted: February 07, 2012 07:54PM
Registered: 2 years ago
Posts: 194

I fabricated two brackets out of mild steel stock about 1/2" wide so that the number plate hangs in front of the bumper. On my 77 there were two threaded holes on the back side of the bumper that were the perfect spacing for an Ohio Plate, I bent kind of a modified U shape with the leg slightly shorter on the back side of the bumper and drilled the brackets accordingly to bolt to the back of the bumper and to bolt the plate on the front. After I initially installed the bracket and plate I decided it lacked adequate rigidity with the aluminum plates that Ohio is apparently now using so I mounted a chrome license plate frame (inexpensive one purchased at Walmart) behind the plate to stiffen things up. As I recall, the holes in the back of the bumper are either 6mm or 10mm.

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[Re: Front License Plate Mount - Rubber Bumper](#) new
#15

[Motorcar Garage](#) ★ [PM]

Pete Motorcar Garage
Moorestown, NJ, USA 
1964 [MG 1100](#)
1974 [MG MGB GT V8](#)
1975 [MG MGB](#)
1995 [Land Rover Defender 90](#)
2010 [Volvo C30](#)

Posted: February 07, 2012 08:08PM
Registered: 8 years ago
Posts: 705

The 1975, I know for sure, and possibly 1976 had a bracket that was mounted to the REAR of the front bumper and it **hung down** and forward for mounting the license plate. From 1977 onward, the license plate was screwed right to the front of the bumper.

To avoid blocking any airflow to the lower spoiler intake to the radiator, I made a small bracket and using self tapping, course thread screws screwed it to the BOTTOM of the bumper to mount my Rallye to Reno plate.

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[Re: Front License Plate Mount - Rubber Bumper](#) new
#16

[Youngmqbuilder](#) [PM]

Olin Reed
Hyde Park, Vermont, USA 
1972 [MG MGB](#) "Jenna"
1977 [MG MGB](#)

Posted: February 07, 2012 08:17PM
Registered: 2 years ago
Posts: 346

I'm gonna do this with both the '72 and '77. Gonna cut two rear forks that hold the tires on off of an old bicycle, cut and bend them to the appropriate lengths and angles, weld a license plate holder on, and then mount the part of the fork that actually connects to the tire bike onto the screws that hold on the front valance. And VWALA, you have a license plate bracket that could easily be reversed.

Something along that piece right there

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[Re: Front License Plate Mount - Rubber Bumper](#) new #17

[Hughman](#) [[PM](#)]

Hugh Connelly
Shamong, NJ, USA 
1977 [MG MGB](#) "Zulu Warrior At 59 North"

Posted: February 07, 2012 09:38PM
Registered: 3 years ago
Posts: 216

WOW Michael, your bumper is in great condition. What do you treat it with?

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[Re: Front License Plate Mount - Rubber Bumper](#) new #18

[mcstedman](#) [[PM](#)]

Michael Stedman
Athens, Ohio, USA 
1977 [MG MGB](#) ""Bert" - "The Get Away Car""

Posted: February 07, 2012 09:56PM
Registered: 2 years ago
Posts: 194

In reply to # [1979140](#) by Hughman WOW Michael, your bumper is in great condition. What do you treat it with?

You won't believe it but, black boot polish.

I think I found this trick on John Twist's site.

It seems to do an excellent job of restoring a sheen and the color although you do have to buff them thoroughly to avoid soiling your clothing everytime you get close to them. The more you buff them though the better they look, so I apply a thin coat leave it sit for a few hours and then buff them thoroughly two or three times. I will have to admit that they were in pretty good condition when I got the car.

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[Re: Front License Plate Mount - Rubber Bumper](#) new #19

[MGB 1976](#)  [[PM](#)]

Mark Turechek
Central MA, USA 
1976 [MG MGB](#) "The Never Ending Project"

Posted: February 08, 2012 11:00AM
Registered: 6 years ago
Posts: 234

1st Picture:

1/4 -28 1/2" hex bolts screw into threaded holes in the rear of the bumper armature. Chase the threads with a tap. Moss bumper brackets part # 402-560 are suited to hold the license plate support Moss part number 451-285. When the replacement rubber for the front bumper costs \$900 when it is available, I wanted to avoid putting screws into it.

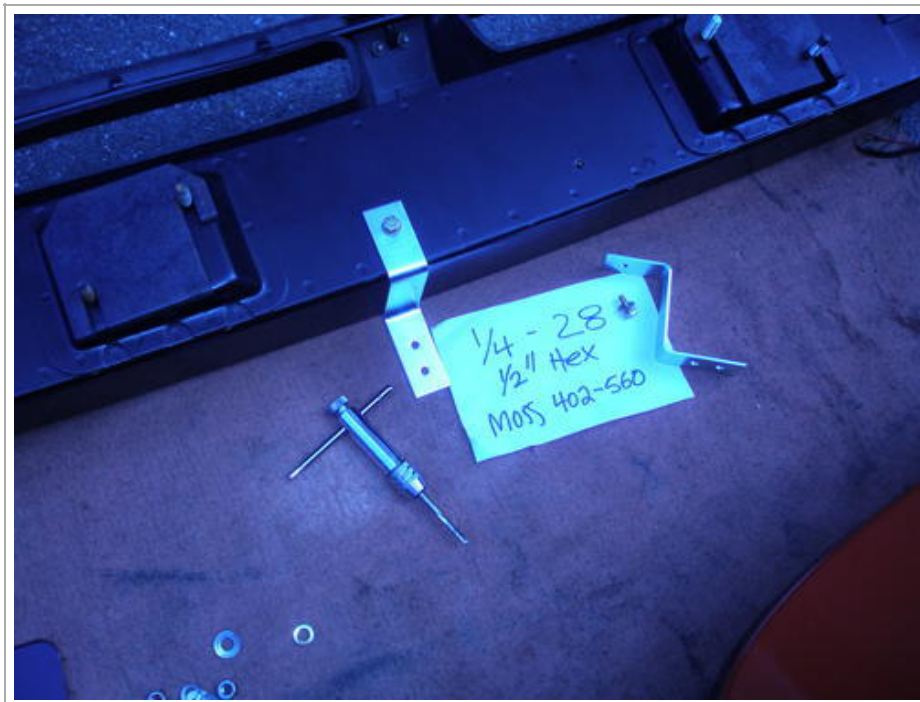
2nd Picture:

What the support and brackets look like mounted to the bumper. Had to remove the bumper to get access to the threaded holes. I wasn't sure of the thread size and I wanted to run a tap through them to clear them out.

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[Re: Front License Plate Mount - Rubber Bumper](#) new #20

[Stewart](#) [[PM](#)]

Stewart Langenberg
S Pasadena Ca, USA 
1967 [MG MGB GT](#)
1975 [MG MGB](#)

Posted: February 08, 2012 11:32AM
Registered: 14 years ago
Posts: 1,873

In reply to # [1979015](#) by Telechick Anyone have any new tricks or ideas for mounting a front plate? Better yet, anyone have any photos of how they did it? I am thinking that using some L brackets would be a good idea. Maybe there is some new fangled way to do it?

Thanks for the insight and advice, and helping me with all my silly questions.

Not as cheap as a simple L bracket but should do the job well.

<http://www.skenedesign.com/FPBracket/index.shtml>



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