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**MGB:
a wide-open
invitation to
adventure.**

Here is the classic convertible sports machine, lean and eager for the road, true to MG's 53-year heritage of building sports cars with the strength and agility to compete in racing. The 1979 MGB offers you the sleek uncluttered good looks and track-bred engineering that make it pure pleasure to drive.

Flip down the top and rev-up the engine. And fly!





**MGB: clean,
functional
beauty, in-
side and out.**

The cockpit is beautifully fitted with reclining bucket seats upholstered in soft, durable vinyl. And right in front of your eyes is the nerve-center of a true sports car: quick, 3.57 turns lock-to-lock, non-slip steering wheel, engine-monitoring gauges with fast, clear read-outs and short-throw, four-speed stick for crisp power control. This flying machine is designed to enhance the quick reflexes of its pilot.



MGB: the look of a classic, the heart of a champion.

Beneath the clean classic top-down lines of the MGB there lives a rare combination of muscle and spirit that endows the car with its unique performance capabilities, on and off the track. For the MGB turns with the quickness of positive rack and pinion steering. Shifting is crisp with a fully-synchronized short-throw, four-speed stick. It goes and goes with the stamina of a race-proven 1800cc four-cylinder engine. And the MGB stops and stops with the solid authority of 10-inch front disc brakes.



Strong, clean and classic like the car it carries, the MGB mag-style wheel is standard, as are radial-ply tires. Trim rings are optional.



Joy-stick: the MGB has a fully-synchronized short-throw, four-speed stick with optional electric over-drive.



MGB SPECIFICATIONS—1979

ENGINE:

4-cylinder, in-line overhead valve • 5-bearing counter-balanced crankshaft • Exhaust and evaporative emission control • Catalytic converter • Compression Ratio: 8.0:1 • Bore: 3.16 in. (80.26 mm) • Stroke: 3.50 in. (88.9 mm) • Displacement: 110 cu in. (1798cc) • Carburetion: Zenith Stromberg 175 CD5T • Automatic choke • Fuel Pump: S. U. electric • Fuel Tank Capacity: 13 U.S. gallons (unleaded).

DRIVE TRAIN:

Transmission: Manual 4-speed with synchromesh on all forward gears • Clutch: Diaphragm type, 8-in. diameter, hydraulically operated • Final Drive: Hypoid bevel gears, crown wheel and pinion, three quarter floating, universal joints • Rear Axle Ratio: 3.909:1 • Gear Ratios: Reverse 3.1:1; First 3.3:1; Second 2.2:1; Third 1.4:1; Fourth 1:1.

STEERING:

Direct rack and pinion • Steering Wheel: 15 in. diameter, four spoke with padded rim • Turns—lock to lock: 3.57 • Energy-absorbing steering column • Turning Circle: 32 ft.

SUSPENSION:

Front: Independent with coil springs, wishbone links, and lever-type shock absorbers; anti-sway bar • Rear: Tube axle with semi-elliptic rear springs and lever-type shock absorbers; anti-sway bar.

BRAKES:

Dual circuit hydraulic, power-assisted • Front: 10.75 in. diameter self-adjusting disc brakes • Rear: 10 in. diameter drum brakes.

ROAD WHEELS:

Rostyle wheels, 14 in. diameter, fitted with 165SR x 14 radial-ply tires.

ELECTRICAL:

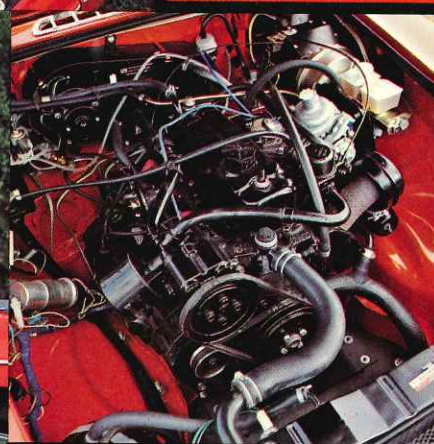
Negative ground, 12-volt system • Battery Rating: 66 amps at 20 hour rate • Alternator: 45 amps.

INSTRUMENTS AND CONTROLS:

Speedometer with trip odometer • Electric tachometer • Oil pressure, water temperature and fuel gauges • Warning lights for vehicle status and vital functions • Multi-purpose lever on left side of steering column controls headlights, low beam/high beam/flasher, directionals and horn; right-side lever controls electric windshield washer and two-speed wipers with single-wipe capability • Heater/defroster with 2-speed fan • Clock.

The optional luggage rack helps carry extra baggage for long-distance flights.

Fully-reclining vinyl bucket seats and fitted carpeting are standard.



The 1798cc, four-cylinder MGB engine has proven itself on hundreds of race-tracks around the world.

Lighted, lockable stowage is another functional feature.



The optional tonneau cover is a quick cover-up when you want the top-down.



The optional AM/FM multiplex radio has standard dual speakers in the doors.



The rugged convertible top offers total protection from the weather and the added advantage of a zip-down rear window panel.

BODY:

- 2-door, steel unitary construction
- Waterproof folding top incorporating zipper-opening rear window
- Interior hood release with self-locking support stay
- Tonneau cover
- Locking trunk with automatic lid support
- Trunk light
- Laminated safety glass windshield
- Roll-up windows with opening quarter windows
- Full-width polyurethane bumpers—front and rear.

INTERIOR:

- Individual bucket seats trimmed in knit-backed expanded vinyl, rake-adjusting with adjustable head restraints
- Safety 3-point seat belts
- Center console with cigarette lighter and heater controls
- Lockable glove box
- Fitted carpeting
- Map pocket
- Sill kick plates.

INTERIOR DIMENSIONS:

- Front Seat Headroom: 37 in.
- Front Seat Legroom (maximum): 42 in.
- Front Seat Shoulder Width: 46 in.
- Trunk Capacity (gross): 9 cu ft.

MAIN DIMENSIONS:

- Wheelbase: 91.13 in.
- Overall Height (top up): 51 in.
- Overall Width: 59.9 in.
- Overall Length: 158.25 in.
- Track at Front: 49.5 in.
- Track at Rear: 49.75 in.
- Ground Clearance: 4 in.
- Curb Weight: 2416 lbs.

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES:

- Electrically-operated overdrive
- Solid-state AM/FM or AM/FM MPX or AM/FM MPX radios with 8-track or cassette tape players
- Whitewall radial-ply tires
- Center-lock wire wheels
- Wheel trim rings (Rostyle wheels only)
- Luggage rack
- Stripping kits
- Rubber floor mats
- Door edge guards
- Optional Competition Equipment: parts and preparation manuals; British Leyland Competition Department (East), 600 Willow Tree Road, Leonia, New Jersey 07605, or (West), P.O. Box 459, Brisbane, California 94005.

COLORS—EXTERIOR/INTERIOR:

Brooklands Green/Beige, Carmine Red/Beige, Inca Yellow/Black, Leyland White/Black, Pageant Blue/Beige, Russet Brown/Beige, Vermillion Red/Black.

THE MGB CONFORMS TO U.S. FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY AND AIR POLLUTION STANDARDS APPLICABLE AT ITS DATE OF MANUFACTURE.

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