



# PLEASE READ BEFORE DRIVING

## MGB GT

### STARTING PROCEDURE

#### WHEN COLD

1. Choke lever located in centre of car
2. Pull choke lever out fully and twist to the right to lock it in position
3. Press accelerator fully twice
4. Turn key and wait 10 seconds for fuel pump to prime
5. Press accelerator quarter way and turn key
6. KEEP KEY TURNED UNTIL ENGINE FIRES (THIS COULD TAKE 30 SECONDS OR MORE)
7. Once engine started release key and gently dab throttle to clear excess fuel
8. As car warms you will hear the engine over rev and/or labour. Push the choke in by increments to compensate for this
9. When the temperature gauge needle hits the white band push the choke fully in

It is essential that you follow step 5. DO NOT TURN KEY BACK AND THEN START AGAIN. THIS WILL FLOOD THE ENGINE. If you follow steps 1-5 and keep the key turned, the engine will start

#### WHEN WARM

1. Ensure choke lever is fully in
2. Press accelerator fully twice
3. Turn key and wait 10 seconds for fuel pump to prime
4. Press accelerator quarter way and turn key
5. KEEP KEY TURNED UNTIL ENGINE FIRES (THIS COULD TAKE 30 SECONDS OR MORE)
6. Once engine started release key and gently dab throttle to clear excess fuel

It is essential that you follow step 5. DO NOT TURN KEY BACK AND THEN START AGAIN. THIS WILL FLOOD THE ENGINE. If you follow steps 1-5 the engine will start.

#### WHAT TO DO IF YOU FLOOD THE ENGINE

If you do not follow the above starting procedure it is very likely that the engine will flood. This is most likely to happen if you do not keep the key turned when you start the car.

1. If the engine is turning over but does not fire, do not keep trying to start it. This will quickly drain the battery and mean you are stranded
2. After at least 30 minutes:
  - a. Turn the ignition key and simultaneously press the accelerator flat to the floor
  - b. Whilst keeping the key fully turned release and fully depress the accelerator
  - c. With the accelerator fully depressed keep the key turned
  - d. The car should start after 30-60 seconds
3. If the procedure at 2 does not work, call the RAC or our Great Escape Cars emergency number

This procedure is not full proof. The longer you leave a flooded car before trying to start it, the more likely it will be to start. The absolute minimum period is 30 minutes. Do not start the car for at least 30 minutes.

It may be necessary to keep the ignition key turned longer than you might expect. If the car does not fire immediately, keep the key turned. DO NOT TURN THE IGNITION OFF AND RESTART – THIS WILL FLOOD THE CAR

## HANDBRAKE

The handbrake is located to the left of the driver's seat

## GEARBOX

1. Four speed manual with overdrive on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> gears
2. Conventional H- pattern 1-2-3-4 gears
3. Reverse is across and back towards the passenger
4. Overdrive reduces engine speed in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> gears
5. Overdrive switch is on far right hand side of dashboard
  - a. You do not need the clutch to operate overdrive when putting it in or out
  - b. Always check whether the car is in or out of overdrive when changing gear – otherwise you risk labouring the engine
  - c. Overdrives operates over 2,000 rpm

## BRAKES

1. The MGB has discs on the front and drums at the back. There is no ABS
2. The car will stop appropriately for the time when it was built. But this will not be as quickly or abruptly as in a modern car
3. Please test the brakes before heading out onto the main road

## FUEL

The car runs on minimum 95 RON Unleaded petrol. It will run better on 98 RON Super Unleaded fuel. The car does around 30 mpg. To avoid running out of fuel and damage to the car, please do not let the car run below ¼ tank of fuel.

Locking fuel cap is on passenger side.

## DRIVING

1. The MGB has good visibility but you sit low – this means you cannot see the road and other vehicles as you might in a modern car
2. Please note the comments above about brakes
3. The car has low power but is rear wheel drive – with no ABS, traction control or other driver aids, you are responsible for what the car does
4. The weight, rear drive wheels and power mean the car has relative low levels of traction
5. The steering is unassisted and quite heavy – it is also quite slow, please factor this into how you drive

## CONTROLS

1. Lights:
  - a. Switch in centre of car for sidelights and dipped beam
  - b. Main beam operates on the left hand column stalk (blue warning light appears on dashboard display)
2. Indicators: on column stalk
3. Wipers, screen wash and interior fan on rocker switches in centre of dash
4. Heating controls in centre of car
5. Boot release lockable button on boot lid