



### **Fitting Trim Panels**

The following are instructions for fitting MGB trim panels; however the principles and sequence of work are the same for Midget models.

Screw, rivet or clip (as appropriate for the model) the rear cockpit panel into place, having marked the fixing holes using the old panel as a template. Old screws should be replaced with new screws and cup washers. Rear quarter panels are positioned next, again using the old panels as templates to carefully mark new screw holes. The top of the quarter panel on the MGB is shaped around the end of the cockpit rail and excess material from the cockpit rail should be neatly folded behind the quarter panel.

The small panel in the centre under the dash is screwed into place next. Then the front scuttle liner panels should again be marked using the old boards as templates. Place in position, ensuring that the rear edges align neatly along the length of the rubber door seal. To achieve this it is necessary to ensure that the panels are not impeded by the carpet toe boards. You should now be able to use the original fixing holes as this will also ensure that each panel is in the correct position to allow the door seal to fit correctly.

Prior to fitting MGB door panels, you may consider the type and style of door furniture to be fitted. Firstly the door lock control mechanism is now available as a fully chromed unit, as is the window winder handle. Consider also whether you wish to install electric windows, in which case the aperture in the door panel for the winder handle need not be exposed. Finally consider which door pull style you prefer, either padded, chromed metal, walnut or plastic handle type. In each case, as the distance between the screw fixings may vary, check before making any screw holes in the new trim panel.

Prior to installing a door panel, glue a sheet of polythene to the inside of the door frame to act as a membrane to protect the new door panel from moisture and condensation. Now assemble the fixing clips on the rear of the door panel and fix to the door with firm hand pressure. In the case of earlier models, fix the panel to the door by new screws and cup washers.

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