

# MG

## Car of the Month

### 1950 MG Y TOURER

**Owner: Tom Boscarino**

**Stony Brook, NY**

**1950 MG Y Tourer**

**Ext: Balmoral Gray,  
Midnight Blue**

**Int: Gray leather with  
blue trim.**

**Chassis # YT 4368**

**Eng #XPAG/TR/14277**

The Y type was first produced as a sedan in 1947. Near the end of 1948 and through the first half of 1950, some 877 four-seat convertibles were produced

known as the Y Tourer. Probably 125 to 150 still survive today.

I acquired mine in 1977 after it had been stored outside for several years. The body was quite solid except for the rocker panels, which looked like fine lacework. Most of the parts were there although much dismantling had been done.

I started enthusiastically to redo the engine, which is the same 1250 CC XPAG unit used in the MG 'T' series cars. The block was boiled out, the crank turned and new pistons and bearings installed. After putting the engine and head together the transmission was bolted on and it was painted MG red. Great start, but not too much was done for the next four years, other than acquiring new parts and having the chrome parts replated.

The seats that came with the car were covered with the original leather but were in rather poor condition. Using these as patterns, new covers were sewn from skins of leather and interior panels

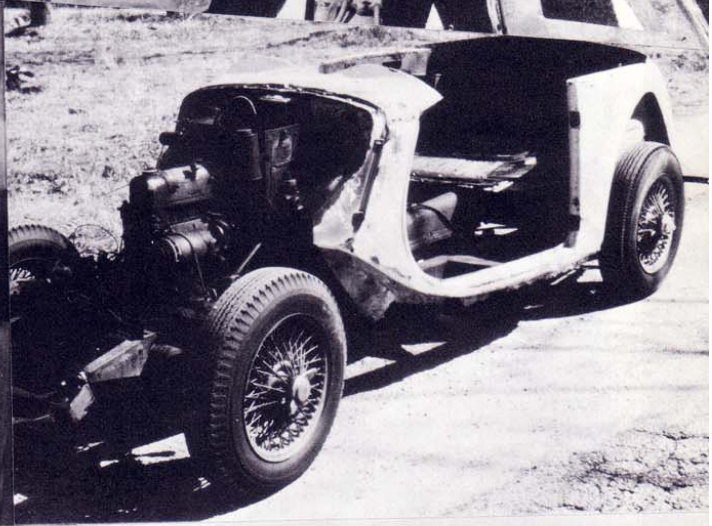
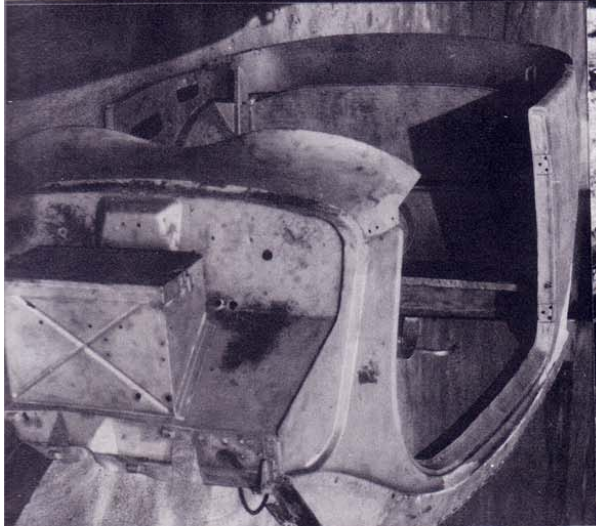
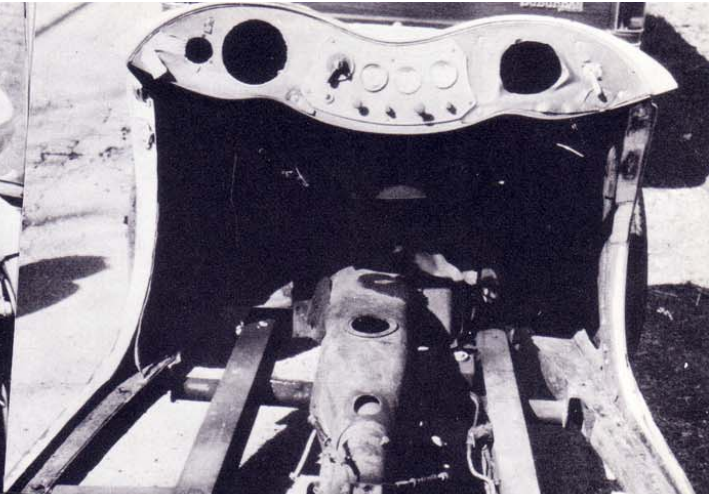
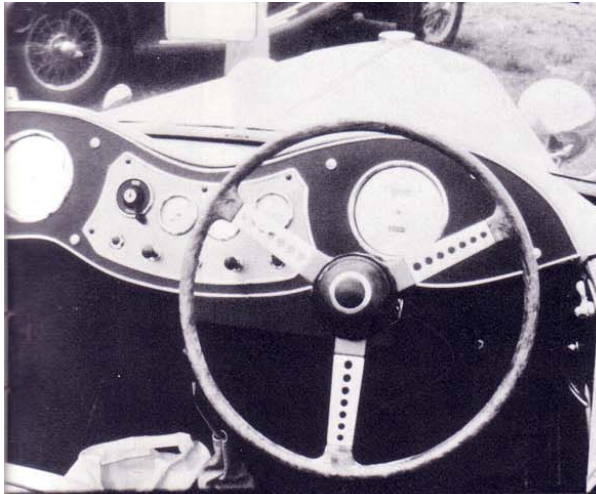
fabricated. The body and metal parts were all sandblasted and repaired where needed, before the final painting was completed in December of 1982. All nuts, bolts, and small items were cadmium plated and the assembly began.

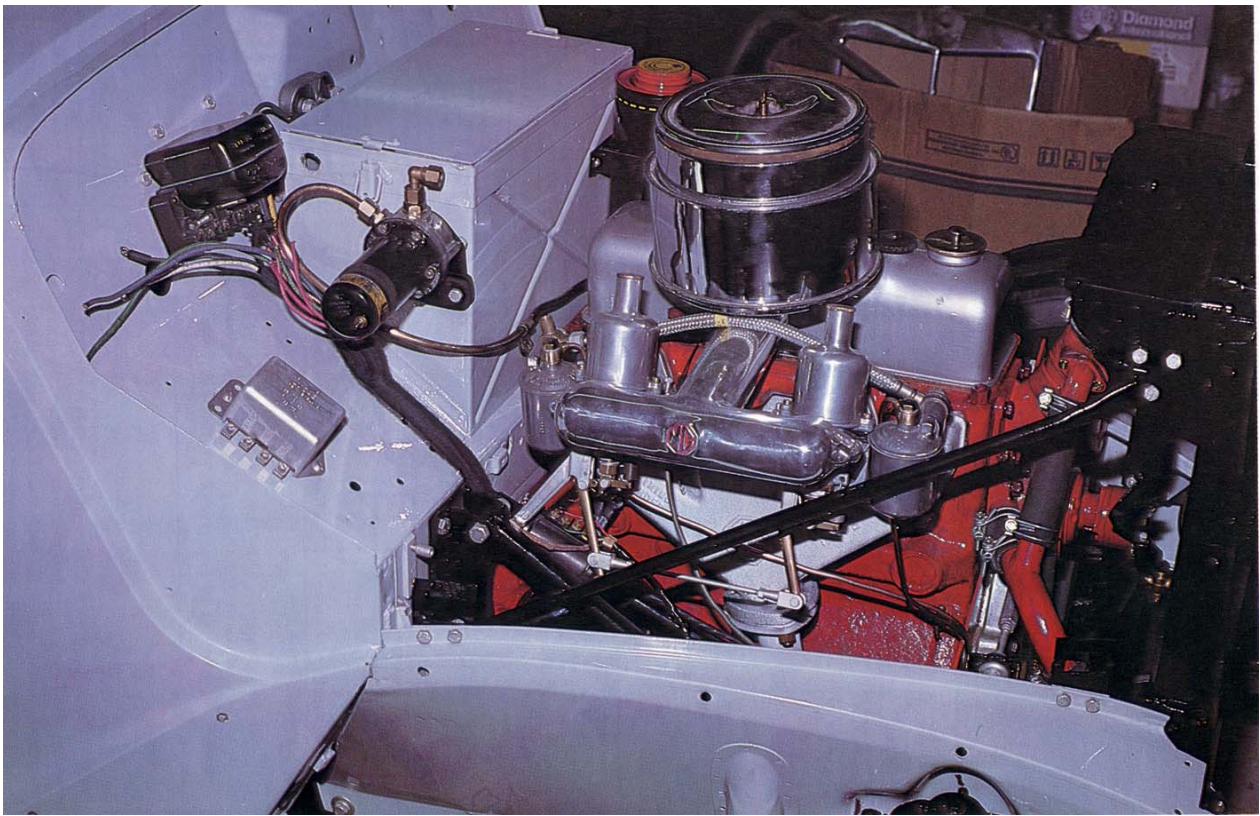
The final phase was the making of the top and side curtains from the torn pieces that were with the car. Non-original wire wheels were put on but the original 16" tires were kept.

In June of 1983, after a little more than six years ownership, the YT was completed and ready to be shown. Locally it took 1st Place at an MG Car Club meet. In August it went to New Hope, Pennsylvania, and again placed first. Perhaps the greatest achievement and most rewarding to me was the New England MG 'T' G.O.F. at Cooperstown, New York. A First Place at a national MG meet. That really made it all worthwhile.









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