

AUXILIARY DASHBOARD FOR MG Y TYPE

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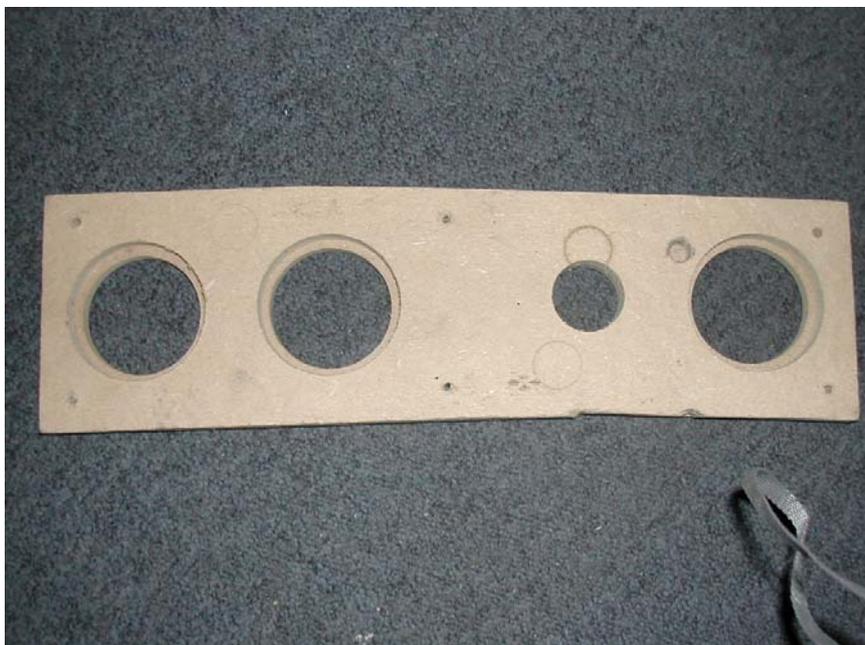


If some of the following details are somewhat hazy, this is because of encroaching old age and Y7207 no longer being in my possession.

This winter project was to fit additional instruments and a cigarette lighter-type power outlet, and to keep me away from the drink and loose women.

The panel is made from two pieces of hardboard or MDF approximately 5mm thick. The thickness of the rearmost piece is immaterial but the front one must be thick enough to leave enough room between for the thicknesses of the bezel on the instruments for the octagonal outer bezel. The face of the panel is veneered and varnished. I used walnut veneer as I understood that this is what the dashboard on the Y used, but mine did not match very well.

The holes in the rearmost piece are for the instrument as normal, but in the front one are slightly larger so as to accommodate the outer bezel which is made from chrome plastic edging part no. 387-S from Woolies. For details of their website see the [Links](#) page on the International MG Y Type Register website.



The veneer is cut with enough overlap all round the holes to allow an octagonal hole round which the trim pushes on the veneer only. The trim was cut with a sharp knife to fit the octagon shape and no adhesive is needed as long as the joints are tight.



I chose to join the panels together using large headed chrome machine screws in to captive nuts in the rear panel fixed with epoxy glue, but this was largely because I already had these. I'm sure that a method of secret fixing could be devised.



The panel was fixed to the back of the dashboard with two aluminium strips, bolted to the panel before assembly. I thought that I screwed these but looking at the pictures, it is clear that I bolted it with bronze mushroom headed machine screws which will also have come from my everlasting stock of junk saved over the last fifty years.

The power socket was wired with the modern polarity so that things like a sat-nav can be plugged in.

