

Sidescreen Restoration

The sidescreens on my TF had long ago become quite dangerous to drive with as the original acetate glazing had become so opaque that it was difficult to see other vehicles at road junctions etc.

I put up with this for too long, essentially because most of my driving was “al fresco”.

However, I have just refurbished the sidescreens and am very pleased with the result.

Firstly I dismantled the sidescreen assembly, carefully separating the steel frame from the vinyl trim, and cutting away the old glazing material. The steel frames were also cleaned up and repainted at this point

For me, the key to the project was finding the correct plastic with which to rebuild the sidescreens.

I found this at Messrs Stockline Plastics Ltd in Glasgow G20 9NF.

They were extremely helpful and they have other branches throughout the country.

I purchased a sheet of clear 1 mm Lexan polycarbonate which, once the protective layer is peeled off, is as clear as glass.

Using the frame as a template I cut the polycarbonate with good large scissors and having clamped it to the frame, drilled it to take the fixing bolts.

Here I used 2BA round head brass bolts and nuts. The round head fits snugly into the 4 chrome trim strips and thus allows the frame, polycarbonate and vinyl trim to be re-assembled neatly.

I have to say that the finished job is a huge improvement. The visibility is excellent and I no longer pull out in front



of oncoming traffic.

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