

MG YT drives from India to the UK

Indian businessman Daman Thakore has completed an amazing trip in his 1950 MG Y-Type, driving 7500 miles from his home in Ahmedabad to Abingdon in Oxfordshire. The YT has been in Daman's family since 1979. It was always kept running, but Daman started a restoration in 2008. 'I am not a mechanic, although I do understand more about how it works now,' he said, 'but I found people to work on it who had worked on similar age cars in the past. The big challenge was that they would fit parts which worked but were not strictly correct, yet I wanted it to be factory-fresh in every detail.'

As mammoth as that task turned out to be, it pales in comparison with

this latest adventure. 'Over the years we have undertaken a number of adventurous trips in India of 2000km or so each,' he told us. 'This latest one was on an altogether different scale, but sometimes you just have to take the plunge and jump in. Visa processes were one of the trickier aspects of the trip, and you have to remain flexible. We didn't book any hotels for example, because we didn't know exactly where we would be at any given time.'

Driving with his 75-year-old father and 21-year-old daughter and accompanied by friends driving a camper van support vehicle, the journey took over two months to complete and crossed 16 countries.

