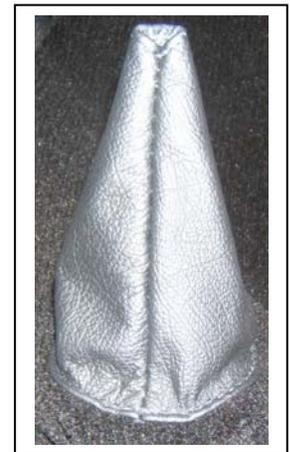
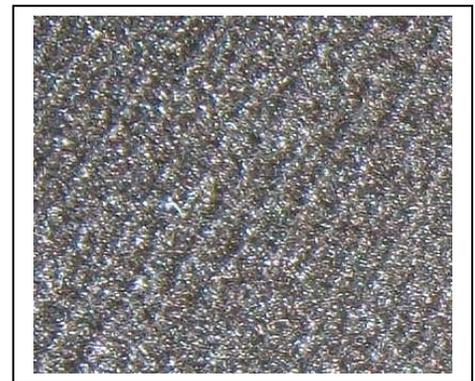


Supplemental Information & Instructions for MG TD & TF Carpet Sets

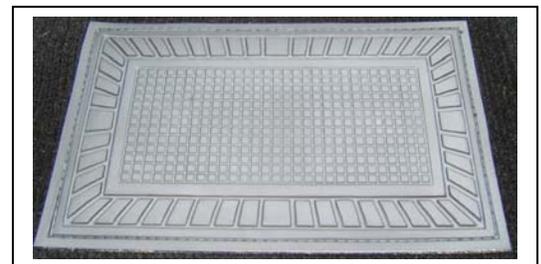
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| 454-458 | CARPET SET, BLACK | MG TD to (c) 4237 (Flat Floor), LHD | D29 |
| 454-459 | CARPET SET, HONEY TAN | MG TD to (c) 4237 (Flat Floor), LHD | D29 |
| 454-468 | CARPET SET, BLACK | MG TD, TF, Flat Floor, RHD | D29 |
| 454-469 | CARPET SET, HONEY TAN | MG TD, TF, Flat Floor, RHD | D29 |
| 454-478 | CARPET SET, BLACK | MG TD after (c)4237 & TF, LHD w/ footwell | DF42 |
| 454-479 | CARPET SET, HONEY TAN | MG TD after (c)4237 & TF, LHD w/ footwell | DF42 |

About the Carpet in the MG TD & TF

The original carpet used in the T-Series was black Karvel, which is characterized by the distinctive “grain” which is a feature of the material. It has been described as being ribbed, or as having corn rows. This is especially apparent when you fold a piece of carpet in half. The carpet was almost entirely unbound, which made it less expensive to produce. Originally the exposed edge of the carpet behind the gear lever was bound, as was the edge over the handbrake bracket. Many TDs have been redone by professional upholsterers who made up carpet sets with bound edges, which has caused some confusion. Underfelt was used only on the floors and transmission tunnel, and not on the toe board or the footrest on the passenger’s side. Clausager ([The Original MGT Series](#)) says that on some cars the rear deck behind the seats was carpeted, while it was left uncarpeted on other cars. Horst Schach ([The Complete MG TD Restoration Manual](#)) says “The original cars did not have carpeting on the rear deck” While we agree with Schach, we include carpet for this area and you may use it or not as you choose.



For our carpet sets, we wanted a carpet that would wear well and last a long time, but most important was the look and feel of the material. The Karvel is distinctive, and there was no modern equivalent we could use. We were fortunate to find a manufacturer here in the US that had a European 16-needle loom capable of making carpet with the proper thread count or density. American looms use fewer needles and therefore cannot make carpet with a density like the Karvel. Our carpet goes from the loom to a special machine that trims the carpet to match the height of the pile of the original Karvel carpet. Karvel was wool, and we use a synthetic fiber that has the durability we wanted without the shiny look characteristic of many synthetics. The backing was originally rubber, which is no longer being used because of the cost. Working with the manufacturer, we were able to develop a carefully formulated vinyl compound that matches the look and feel of the original rubber backing. We have to order quite a lot of the carpet for it to be practical for the mill to make it, and it has proved to be a challenge to get the carpet to come out consistently the way we want it. Our manufacturing manager has visited the plant several times to sort out the specifications and work through some of the problems that have come up. For example, it was discovered that the temperature affects the thickness of the backing material as it is applied. When it gets too hot, the backing (which goes on as a liquid) soaks in too far and the backing is quite thin. The carpet does not feel right, and the difference is noticeable. We now order the carpet so that it can be made when it is cooler.



The patterns we use were developed in house, and refined by careful examination of original carpeting and fitting carpets in several cars. The handbrake boot is leather, and both the plain flat heel pad and the pad for the recessed footwell have been faithfully reproduced. We are confident that the carpet sets we offer are without a doubt the best carpet set you can buy for the TD & TF in terms of the material, originality, and workmanship.

Contents of the Kit (numbers refer to the layout illustration on page 3)

- 1 Floor carpet, LH
- 1a Padding, LH floor
- 1b Heel mat, plain. *Plain heel mat is sewn to carpet for "flat floor" or early TDs..*
- 1c Heel mat for footwell, w/MG Octagon (280-400)
Carpets for the later LHD cars with the footwell have a mat that drops into the metal pan that fits in the hole in the floorboards.
- 1d *Hole for steering column*
- 1e *Hole for pedals*
- 2 Dipstick access cover
- 3 Front bulkhead cover
- 4 Transmission tunnel cover
- 4a Padding, transmission tunnel
- 5 Passenger's side foot ramp carpet. *All of our carpet sets are designed to be used with the original foot ramp on the passenger's side. They are frequently missing. If you need one, they are available under Moss Part # 456-860.*
- 6 Floor carpet, RH
- 6a Padding, RH floor
- 7 Under seat carpet, LH
- 8 Propshaft cover carpet. *Propshaft cover carpet was originally installed before the floorboards. Most people install it after the floorboards.*
- 9 Handbrake cable cover
This is backed with cardboard. The leading edge is bound- it is the only carpet edge bound originally.
- 9a Screws, handbrake cable cover *(four 323-980 screws are included in the kit)*
- 10 Under seat carpet, RH
- 11 Rear bulkhead carpet. *Originally used on TF models only, this can be fitted to TDs. Top edge has a vinyl flap.*
- 12 Rear deck carpet. *Used on the TD only. Not original, but so many people have asked for it we include it in the kit now.*
- 13 Lift-a-Dot snaps & studs *(4 of each component supplied, including nuts & lock washers)*
- 13a-d *Lift-a-Dot snap/stud positions indicated are approximate.*
- 14 Veltex carpet rings & spikes *(4 of each component supplied)*
- 14a-d *Veltex carpet ring positions indicated are approximate.*



Installation Notes

Please read through all the material before you begin. These instructions are not detailed enough to guide an enthusiast through the entire process. They are intended for the professional upholsterer who may not be familiar with the MG T series, but has sufficient knowledge, experience and the necessary tools to install this carpet set. If you have any doubts about your ability to complete this project, take it to a professional.

- 1 Start by removing the seats, passenger foot ramp, old carpeting and padding. Vacuum the floorboards.
- 2 Replace the rubber draught excluder around the pedals if it is torn.
- 3
- 4 The carpeting on the floor is secured with snaps, making it possible to remove the carpets for cleaning, or
- 5 drying if they get wet. The carpet is glued to the padding so you can remove the padding with the carpet.
- 6 To accomplish this, you will lay the pieces of padding in place and trim to size so that they are
- 7 approximately 1/2" smaller than the area they fit. Once trimmed, glue them to the backs of the appropriate
- 8 carpet pieces. Note that the rear edges of the front floorboard padding pieces (1a, 6a) should be trimmed
- 9 so that they butt against the front edges of the under-seat carpet pieces (7,10).
- 10 Glue the floorboard padding and carpet pieces so that they have a suitable bend to go up onto the toe-
- 11 board.
- 12
- 13 Take care to shape the tunnel cover padding (4a) so that it and the carpet (4) follow the shape of the
- 14 tunnel when glued together. Install the completed tunnel cover and trim the edges so that there is no
- 15 material lying on the floorboards. With the tunnel carpet in place, cut the hole for the dipstick access.
- 16
- 17 Position the front bulkhead cover (3), install its lift-a-dot snaps and set in place.
- 18
- 19 Install the prop shaft tunnel cover (8), again trimming so there is no material laying on the floorboards.
- 20
- 21 Trim and install the rear bulkhead cover (11), if you are using it. The vinyl sewn to the upper edge of the
- 22 carpet piece should be glued neatly along the top front edge of the rear deck.
- 23
- 24 Install the handbrake cover (9), screwing the lower edges to the floorboard either side of the propshaft
- 25 tunnel using 2 screws on each side. *If yours cannot be reused, we suggest 323-980. These have an*
- 26 *integral cupped washer and have a black finish. These are Included with the carpet sets made after*
- 27 *August 2007*
- 28
- 29 Position the rear floorboard pieces (7,10) and trim the edges so they lay flat on the floor, tight against the
- 30 tunnel, rear and side panels.
- 31
- 32 Position the front carpet pieces (1, 6) and, again, trim them to lay flat and fit tightly. Install the Veltex
- 33 carpet rings & snaps.
- 34
- 35 Glue the carpet (5) to the sheetmetal foot ramp you removed earlier. Trim the edges, and reinstall it.
- 36
- 37 Glue the carpet to the dipstick access cover, trim the edges and reinstall it.
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- 39 If you decide to use it, lay the rear deck carpeting (12) in place, trimming to achieve a tight fit.

Very good installation instructions with illustrations are available in Horst Schach's Complete MG TD Restoration Manual, a 216 page spiral bound book that is available from The New England MG'T' Register Ltd.
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Moss does not offer it because we do not wish to compete with the club.



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