Who is the young chap hiding behind the door?
He's going to get told off for not keeping the place tidy.



Can't be me, his hair has not started turning grey yet.





With it all bolted back and repaired

Rubbing off old paint can start, horrid job. Best method was Cellulose soaked rag and scrapper. It smells a lot. But a must for prepping the body and gets rid of built in grease and oil.

When all the paint removal work is done and the car is complete again with all its bits bolted back on and all the "spare "hole's filled in, it should look something like this.

In between rubbing paint off, as it will drive you mad. I found it's good to have other projects on the go, like the Steering Wheel Repair, Head lamp reflectors, Gear change rod tunnel, Air ducting for the engine, Seat frame, Bonnet badge, and Clutch thrust bearing mod.

All had to be made or repaired but as small projects each can get started and finished with out becoming overwhelmed with it all.

The paint removal work is done, Door gaps set.



Following, are some of the little projects, explained and materials used.

Engine Air ducting- a copy of from the parts book illustration MB503 made it to look and fit the same.
Sometimes you get lucky – I found a free source for some Alumium sheet.
My old company's Health and Safety logo came off nicely with thinners.



Bonnet Badge



The old enamel and chrome was scratched off and damaged, but luckily the fixing stud was still good 3/16 Whit thread.
The Chrome plater will polish anything ready for new chrome, but best polish it your self with wet and dry paper, before you send it off for plating as they tend to polish off all the detail.
Following Chrome you can use Humbrol Enamel paints
Maroon 20, Black 21, Whit / Grey 40.

Steering Wheel

These original plastic covered wheels, are the same as Standard 9/10 used, they are nearly always found cracked and split by time and weather.



Steering Wheel repair

I found with careful use of small grinders it's possible to clean out crack's, and treat exposed metal with Cure Rust. I filled the now gaps with GRP resin.

This wont fully cure the problem as it's the rust under the plastic still expanding and splitting the plastic but will give a few years of "tidy looking " service after painting.

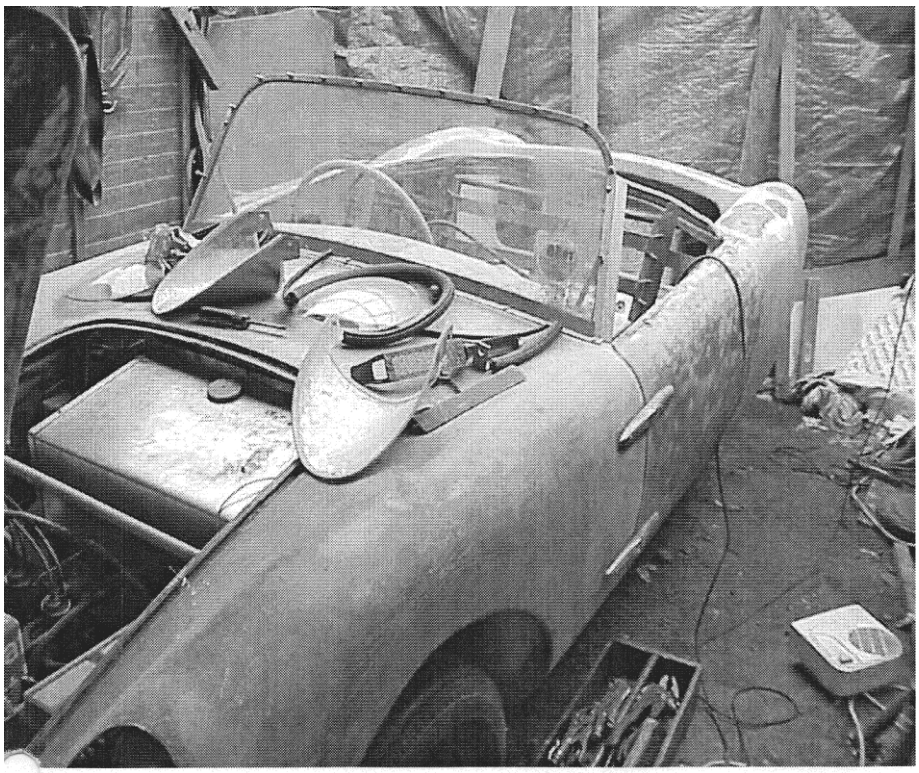
Black or Grey.

I used an Oil based paint made by Farrow and Ball No5 H/Wick white.

Headlamp Reflectors

Can not find the drawings for these non standard items, but it will have been in one of the BEC publications.
As can be seen sat on the car, these simple egg shape, shape's were easy to cut with Tin Snips leaving "ears" each side to drill the holes that slip over the Headlamp bracket bolts.
Then I bent it around a spare head lamp shell by hand to get the shape.
The front end is held up with a self tapping screw and a tiny angle bracket coming off an indicator lens fixing screw.
Made with thin polished stainless steel, from the back of an old cooker I think.
I put plastic edging around the sharp edges.

This is a bit fiddly to fit but does hide the mess of wires and ignition coils you would normally see through the head lamp cover.



Gear Change Rod Tunnel

No drawing exist apart from the illustrations in the Parts Book of MB1111/8

This again I found can be made cut and bent easy enough, I first found some stiff cardboard and make one with that, Its much easier to cut and bend cardboard rather than metal.

Once I was happy with shape and size in cardboard it was flattened out and marked up on Aluminium sheet, I knocked up the two flanges first then bent it over a suitable pipe to make the final shape.

Not so often fitted , but I think it really makes for a nice clear floor , and it will keep some of the cold draft off your feet, now cold is tunnelled along and comes out the gear stick end!.



BENCH SEAT FRAME

The T60 only had a home made ply wood and foam seat. I guess the original had rotted away, but I did manage to borrow a seat as pattern. It was in a very bad way

Borrowed Seat



I did manage to work out what it was supposed to look like and made a replica frame. Not an easy project, and to make it harder , rather than making just a frame that worked , I attempted to make an exact copy, same as factory might have done,

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The wood is a hard wood, from the rain forest, that is used to getting wet; they make Park Benches and Foot Bridges from it. The steel used was first cut from sheet and bent to the size of angle wanted. The 1 ½ inch. Pirelli Webbing is available from BEC or Woollies.

The Pirelli Webbing Clips available now days are more of a staple, the originals were of a type that was easily adjustable. So I had to make new “originals” from some piano wire.

Pirelli Webbing, Clip, Jig



BENCH SEAT COVER

All T60 bench seat cars were covered in a non stretch vinyl in Black Tan or Red These very thinly padded seats were made to look better with embossed lines.

These lines picked out a seat pad shape each side on both the seat base and the back rest.

The method used to produce this has long since been forgotten about, at least I could not find anywhere it could be replicated.

But I wanted to have “lines”.

I traced out the “lines” from the pattern seat I had borrowed and transferred them to some Calico material.

With my chosen vinyl in hand I took it both to a sewing shop and had them stitch the two together, replicating the embossed lines with stitched lines.

Calico marked out with lines



BENCH SEAT COVER

In my outside “Trim shop” with the old seat as a guide, cutting trimming, stuffing and clipping took some time, but I was pleased with the effect and the outcome.





