Windscreen

About now I started to think about the windscreen, the rare chrome on brass type with the double channel for soft top fitment.

So few of these cars made and this system and mine was missing.

After exhaustive searches for suitable extrusions as I had started to think about making one, but nothing was turning up, no one had that material and no one I could find could help.

Time was going by fast, what to do. I had met a BEC member at a rally previously who had a mini T60 Hard Top who had failed MOT and needed a front screen for it.

BEC at the time could not help so with his cracked screen as pattern approached Pilkington Glass to make him one. This they did. So with this in mind was happy that a windscreen glass could be found for a three wheel T60 Hard Top.

New Number A1349.

This hardtop has its own built in windscreen, so that's what I decided to fit, after all I had one, I just need to repair and modify it somehow to fit the four wheel SE492 body.

The hard top was I thought easy enough to repair, but first had to make it sit on the four wheeler rear body,

I cut around the rear ends flange , leaving just about 1 inch flange , arranged so that the original hood stick holes could be used to pass a fixing bolt through , a certain amount of bridge building and filling under the flange soon had it following the form of the rear body . A thick rubber gasket was to be used for final assembly.

I made a thin aluminium replacement for the torn out front cross member and set it all up on to the car, then using that as a mould. I built the grp up around it bonding in the joints at the corners,

Cut down inside flange to one inch wide all around



Side windows
These I made to fit the now non standard hole, The T60 Hard top that I had chosen to use is very much different to the correct SE492 Hard top version (that also needs the elusive chrome brass windscreen frame that no one has) It is much narrower .



Torn out front cross member on T60 Hard top sat on the car



To be certain I was making the windscreen hole the correct size for the available glass a new glass screen was ordered from Pilkington and by using a paper template cut out from it, I worked the grp surround to suit.

The Clayton rite rubber seal used to hold the glass in, is of certain size and so the desired hole size can be worked out.

Paper Screen template



Thought's turned to keeping dry

Something that no one on the LBL actually did , we all regularly got drowned , rain completely overwhelming the wipers and with visibility zero when up in the mountains with freezing torrents of water pouring down , you just had to stop , sit and wait it out

Without the side windows in place ,we found instead of water running off the hard top roof down the outside of the door, water runs down the inside of the door , so we were having to open the door to let the water run out , bit of a mistake really.

Mind you we had left the side windows at home.