

J2 TECHNICAL ARTICLES

From Octagon Heaven

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MORE ON THE INTERIOR - CONTINUED FROM ARTICLE NO. 10

The results of the 37 survey questions sent out were as follows:

- 3 said - the interior was the same as the seat color.
 - 1 said - the interior was always black.
 - 3 said - they were not sure but thought the interior was the same as the seat color
 - 1 said - He did not know but thought it was always black.
 - 1 said - He was not sure but thought it was body color (different from seat color)
 - 1 said - He did not have any idea as to how to answer.
- 10 total

Although there is always room to question the decision, I must conclude the following:

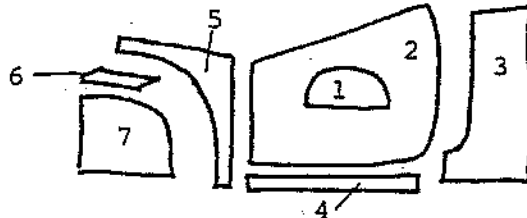
- A. The material of the seats (bases and back) was always leather as established in article number 10. The colors are as listed in articles number 6 and 15.
- B. The material covering the back of the seat back was always black Rexine. Rexine was what us older people know as "oil cloth". This was the same type of material used in the kick panels of the T-Series M.G.'s. Vinyl is an appropriate substitute. This conclusion is based on two authorities in England who have seen original upholstery. (Collingburn & Hawke)
- C. The material covering all of the interior of the body was also Rexine. The color of that material was the same as the color of the seats.

This conclusion was reached by help of Mike Hawke who claims to have seen several J2's that still have the original factory applied interior upholstery. I realize one U.S. Owner has had correspondence with the original owner of his car (an individual who bought it new and owned it for one year). This "ole Chap" remembered the interior panels to have been black. Never the less, I stand on the findings of Mr. Hawke. The interior trim consisted of the following parts:

1. Door panels on back of door steel-with M.G. Motif
2. Door panels with formed pockets
3. Kick panels under scuttle sides
4. Panels under doors (down to floor)
5. Wheel arch panels

(Continued back side)

6. Top rear wheel arch panels (hood frame attached onto)
7. Vertical wheel arch panels
8. Covering inside of tub over wheel arch
9. Covering inside of tub back panel



- D. The only other "upholstery" was a light canvas material, black color, used as a pocket for storage of the hood and sidescreens on the seat back.
- E. The vertical floor in front of the battery was not upholstered. It was painted black.
- F. The floor above the battery was not upholstered. It was painted black.