## **DVD REVIEWS**



If you are a purist where MGs are concerned, this DVD may not be to your liking. However, if you think it acceptable to improve a classic car without ruining its character or credentials then this DVD will be of great interest.

Motoring journalist **Ian Stent** joins MGF Cup Racer and three times Mini Miglia champion **Bill Sollis** in a quest for the UK's most accomplished modified MG.

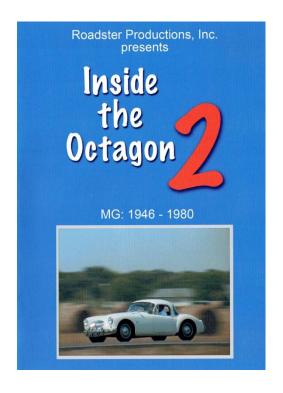
Packed with great action footage, useful information and ideas for improving power and handling this is a must-see film for anyone considering an up-grade for their MG.

Starting with a basic 1964 MGB as the benchmark at 95bhp the power is increased in various cars through 130bhp, 140bhp, 190bhp, 200bhp, 230bhp to eventually arrive at a fantastic 250bhp.

The cars featured include MGB roadsters, GTs, a Midget, an MGA and a modern Type R MGF. I won't reveal the overall winner - you must see the film!

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*Inside the Octagon2* is the continuation of the MG story post 2nd World War from 1946 - 1980.

After the conflict, steel was rationed, and an infusion of foreign currency, mainly US dollars, was required to get Britain back on its feet. So began the long love affair between America and the little British sports car.

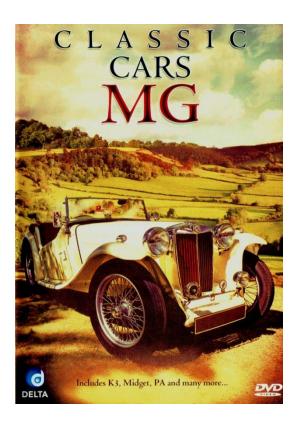
This insightful documentary features TCs, TDs, MGAs, MGBs and Midgets plus the futuristic Roaring Raindrops Speed record cars and concept cars that never made it into production.

The closed-mind thinking of the hierarchy at British Leyland which led to the closure of the MG factory in 1980 is revealed once again with some poignant interviews with MG personalities and staff members.

However, as we know, this wasn't the end of the story because enthusiasts world-wide have kept the "Marque of Friendship" alive.

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I found the first few minutes of this DVD a little repetitive, but don't be put off by this personal opinion because the film develops into an interesting and entertaining hour long exploration of fifty years of MG car production.

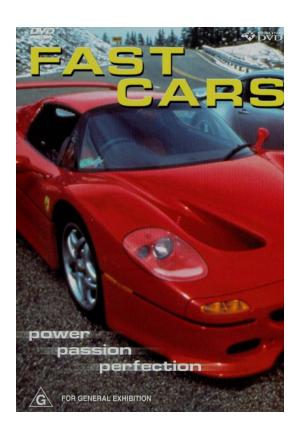
Viewers are reminded of the foundation of the MG Car Company in 1920 by Cecil Kimber, who at the time was employed by another illustrious name in the automotive world, William Morris.

In addition to featuring a variety of historic cars the programme also gets "up close and personal" with their owners and drivers.

Vehicles include K3, PA, TA, MGB, Midget and MGA.

Enthusiasts of the MG Marque will definitely find watching this well produced DVD worthwhile. **David Pitcher - Librarian.** 

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The sub-heading on the DVD cover says it all - Power, Passion and Perfection.

**Fast Cars** explores those experiences usually reserved for the rich, skilful and lucky: driving very expensive, sophisticated cars very fast on closed roads.

Designers and engineers explain their personal motives and the techniques for achieving the very best vehicles.

Featured are the Ferrari F50, the Porsche 911 and the Callaway Corvette.

Some very good camera work further enhances this production which runs for 70 mins.

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