

HARD TOPS

AN ALAN GIBBONS FEATURE

LOCALLY made fibreglass hard tops, either detachable or permanent, are now available for all the T series M.G.'s, that is, T.C. through T.F. These tops, made by Nat Buchanan are also available to fit the fibreglass bodies of his manufacture.

Buchanan makes them at his Annandale, Sydney, factory and sells them in a polished, but unpainted state. For the fibreglass body the top is £48 and for the standard M.G. body, £40, both including sales tax.

In each case, the tops are attached to the body by five wing nuts on the rear section and three on the windscreen. Rubber packing has been used to draughtproof the cockpit and prevent the body being scratched. For an additional £10, Buchanan will bond the tops to the body.

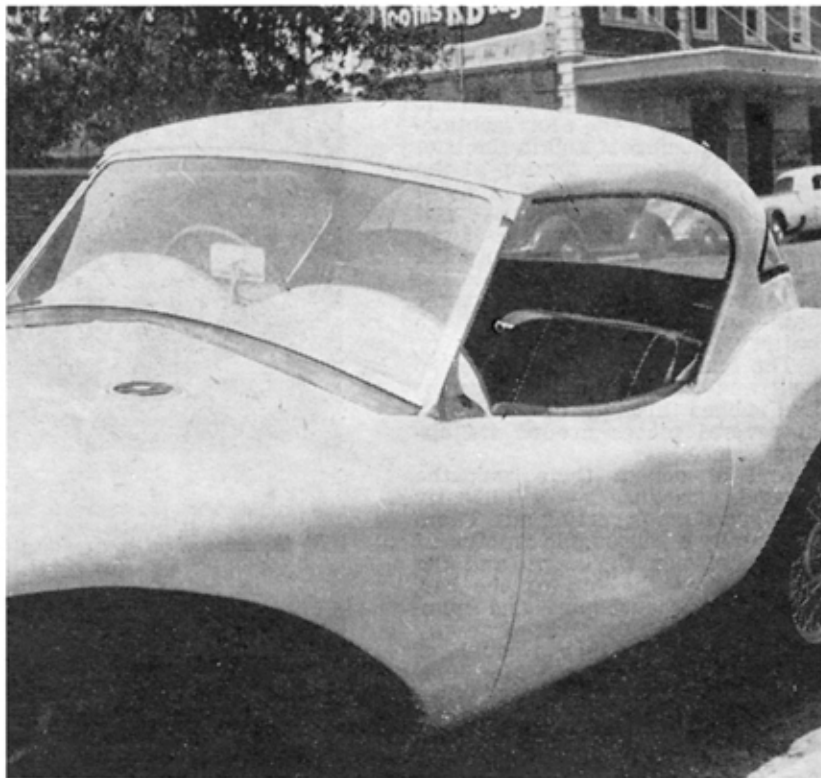
Plans are well under way for the production of sliding windows to be used in conjunction with the hard tops.

A feature of these tops is their lightness. Fitted with a large wrap around plastic rear window, a unit weighs less than 50 pounds. Tests have shown that they will withstand the weight of a complete M.G., thus providing some measure of protection in the event of a roll over.

Greatly enhanced rearwards vision is another excellent point. The window measures 32" by 10" and gives an almost unobstructed view — quite a change from the peepholes commonly fitted with the canvas tops.

Unlined when delivered, Buchanan leaves it to the buyer to make arrangements about lining the interior of the roof. Two alternatives are open to him — one is to simply paint it, the other is to stick a suitable lining directly to it.

In the opinion of many, the appearance of the Buchanan body is greatly enhanced by the addition of the hardtop and most people who have seen a car so fitted will agree.



This is the bonded, permanent type as fitted to a Buchanan body.

Come the winter, it's time to think about keeping the cold weather out of your car. Maybe a hardtop would suit your car and your purse.

FOR RAG TOPS

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Greatly enhancing the appearance of the body, this hardtop on a Buchanan-bodied M.G. looks neat and offers some weather protection.