

Supplemental Information for 282-480 or AHH7833 Seal, Trunk Lid & Tailgate MGB Roadster & GT

The original AHH7833 seal was very unusual in construction. The solid rubber "skin" (1a) covered a soft foam core (1b). The skin protected the spongy foam core. Together, they made a soft, pliable seal. The "T" shaped foot (1c) was used to secure the seal.

The original seal, which was made by St. Alban's Rubber, is no longer available. When the company shut down, the tooling (which was quite complicated and therefore expensive), was lost.

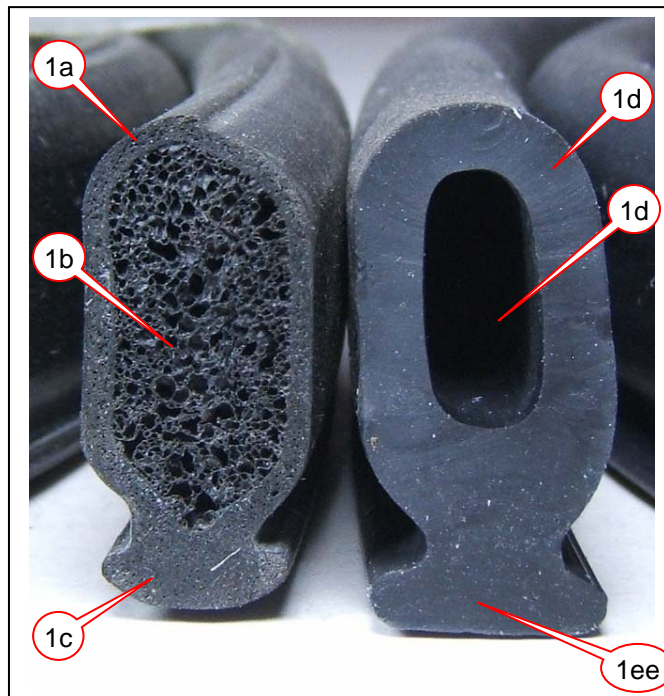
For years the only seal available was very hard, and it made it difficult to close the trunk lid on the roadsters. The rear hatch on the GT was much heavier, and therefore easier to close on the stiff seal, but it did not work very well there either.

To recreate the seal as it was originally made would have been so expensive the finished seals would have never sold. Moss Europe therefore decided to make a hollow seal out of ethylene propylene diene monomer (M-class) rubber, better known as EPDM.

One of the key properties of EPDM is its outstanding resistance to heat, ozone and weather, and that is why it is commonly used to make the weather seals in production automobiles. This material is more expensive, and this seal is therefore more costly than others, but it is well worth it.

When compared side by side, the new seal is a little stiffer than the original foam-cored material, but it is much softer than the solid rubber alternative. Once installed, you will not have a problem closing the trunk or rear hatch.

We supply it in a 13 foot length.



Although every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and clarity of this information, any suggestions that you may have that will improve the information (especially detailed installation notes) are welcome.

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