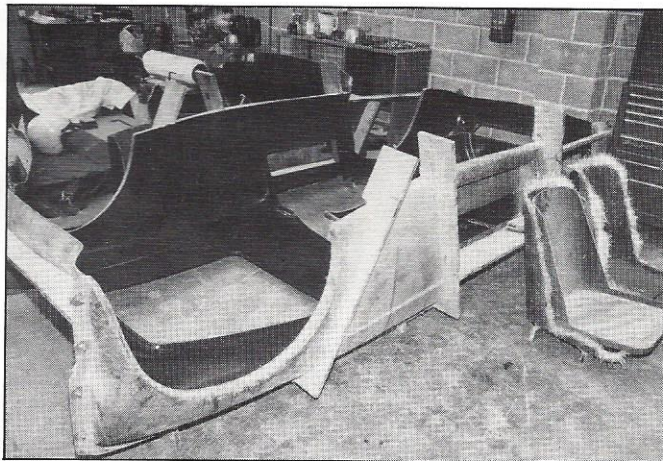
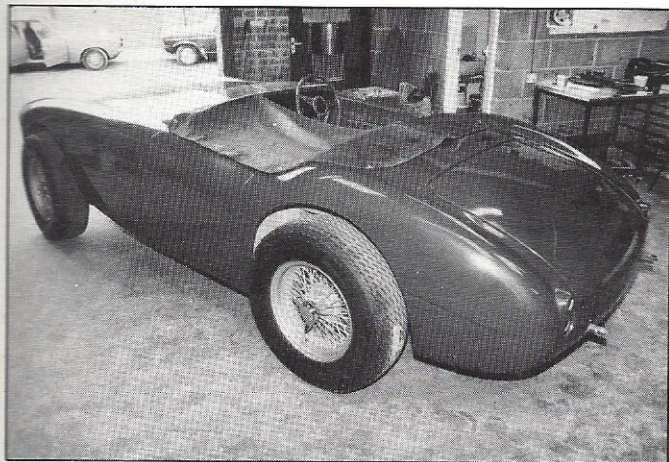
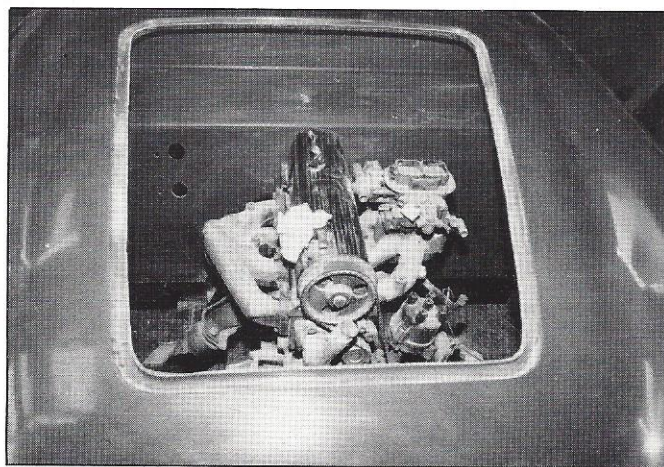


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It's not often that a project comes up for sale before the first car has been built. But there is always a first time for everything.



You may never have heard of a company called Action Cars, but you will probably have seen some of their products on such shows as Dr Who, and maybe even seen some of their promotional cars in holiday resorts such as Blackpool and Scarborough. Basically their roots are in the customising world, but they have been involved in projects such as the remodelling of the unlamented Chrysler Avenger. Pete Ferris only builds cars to order, and when one such order, for an Austin Healey 100/4 came in, he decided to tool up properly for the job. The master pattern or buck is the result of many hundreds of painstaking hours of work. The result is a full set of production moulds comprising of twelve panels of the highest quality, which when assembled, form a nice replica of the famous



Austin Healey 100/4. The chassis for the car is a fairly rudimentary twin rail ladder item with cross bracing. It takes Ford engines and gearboxes, and by the look of the engine bay, there seems to be enough room to put in the 3 litre V6 or maybe the Rover V8. The

suspension at the front of the car consists of a complete Vauxhall Chevette crossmember fitted with the discs and calipers from a Cavalier. The back axle and suspension comes from a Chevette or modified Opel Manta, and although this system has yet to be

tried on the road, it is reckoned to be a pretty good set up. Pete will be finishing off one car and has no objections to finishing another to be used as a demo for any prospective purchasers. As you can see from the pictures, no brightwork is fitted to the car, but a company called Southern Carburettors of Crawley can supply all the original grilles, folding screens, etc that go to make the car. As previously stated the whole project is up for sale, and really the moulding quality is first class with fully returned edges on all panels. Pete would also be interested in talking to persons who have an idea for a kit car, but don't possess the skill to manufacture a set of production mouldings. In the meantime should you want to talk further about the Healey you can contact Pete on 0602 276192 or write to Action Cars at Unit 4, Logan Square, off Northern Court, Vernon Road, Basford, Notts.