

Pilgrim Haldane HD 300 owned by John Coates.

I am building one of the last 6 HD300s which were bought by Pilgrim when they took over the manufacturing rights.

The car was purchased by a Doctor who did a little work then put it away in his garage from early 1990's till 2011 when I bought it.

I had a lengthy discussion with Den Tanner of Pilgrim at Stoneleigh Kit Car show last year as I was trying to source parts to complete my car. He told me there were only 6 complete sets of parts and they were all disposed of after Pilgrim went out of business in the mid 1990s.

Pilgrim did produce the odd body/chassis unit and these differ from the Haldane version in that the battery was moved to a new moulding on the front engine bulkhead instead of location in the boot.

Luckily the HD300 is such a close copy of an Austin Healey that many of the original parts, particularly chrome trim, fit exactly. As you will see from the attached photos I went for the 100/6 horizontal grill rather than the vertical slats of the AH 3000. I tried both and preferred the earlier type. I also sourced a later AH3000 curved screen which after much work I got to fit and I think looks great. Work continues and at the moment I am completing the wiring of the instruments/switches.

I've attached a few of photos of how she looked when I bought her and how she looks now.





