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## “Moke Rear Seats”

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### 1. Introduction

There’s a number of people who have come to grief when it comes to the matter for rear seats fitted to a Morris or Leyland Moke. Are they factory fitments or not? In this article, we explore the issue in some depth.

### 2. Bench Rear Seat

There is no evidence that a bench rear seat was ever fitted or offered as an option for a Moke, early or late models, from the factory. Despite this, such items are advertised as “genuine” or “replica”, but a search of the factory drawings yields no results.



**Fig. 1** “Genuine product built for your Moke” – Mini and Moke World, Brookvale.



**Fig. 2** “This seat is a replica of the original back seat. Originally designed for Pre ADR cars- No compliance certification is available on it.” Minisport, Adelaide.

Enquiries with surviving BMC engineers yielded the same result – never fitted at the factory. However, there is a Denim rear seat (singular) listed with Parts and Accessories HYL6902 dated 1979 trimmed by an external firm Kamitex and this is a bench seat but available only as a dealer option.

The fitment of this accessory to the vehicle was made all the easier because there were holes available for previously used rear bucket seats.

### 3. Rear Bucket Seats

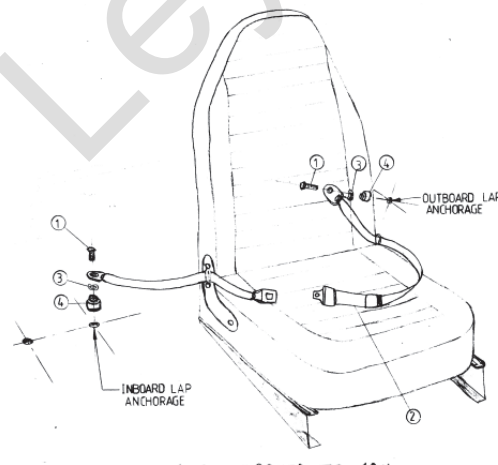
When it comes to rear seats for a Moke, drawing indicate that brackets and holes were introduced for rear buckets seats as long ago as 1966 (e.g. Part No. HYK1631 centre clamp). These rear seats were identical to the front seats.

A Sales Brochure for Moke dated approx. 1970 lists Rear Seats (plural) as an option.

**OPTIONAL EXTRAS:** Side curtains, rear seats and seat belts. Rear grab handles. 6.00 x 13 x 4 conventional tread tyre or Weathermaster tyres. Colour seats, hood and side curtains.

**Fig. 3** Moke Sales Brochure approx. 1970.

Compliance plates listing applicable Australian Design Rules were fitted to vehicles manufactured from 1970. The Moke was categorised as a multi-purpose passenger car. In 1970, the only two ADRs listed on compliance plates for Moke were ADR7 (Hydraulic Brake Hoses) and ADR20 (Safety Rims). By 1971, ADR 3, 10 and 20 were shown, with ADR3 applying for the performance of seat attachment points. In relation to seat belts and anchorages, ADR4 came into effect for multi-purpose passenger cars from Jan 1970 but this rule was not shown on Moke compliance plates until about 1975 as ADR4C when it appeared with ADR5C for seat belt anchorages.



**Fig. 4** Rear seat and belt, Facelift Moke 1979.

Given that the seating capacity for Moke is shown as 2, it is thought (without any direct proof) that if four seats were fitted, then the vehicle would have been considered a “Passenger Vehicle” and not a “Multi-Purpose Passenger Vehicle”. In support of this, for Facelift Moke of 1979, seating capacity is shown as four and rear seats are fitted by the factory, but at that time, the Moke was reclassified as a “Passenger Vehicle”.

Interestingly, drawing EXP3174 dated 1969 shows the position of rear seat belt anchorages points for Moke.

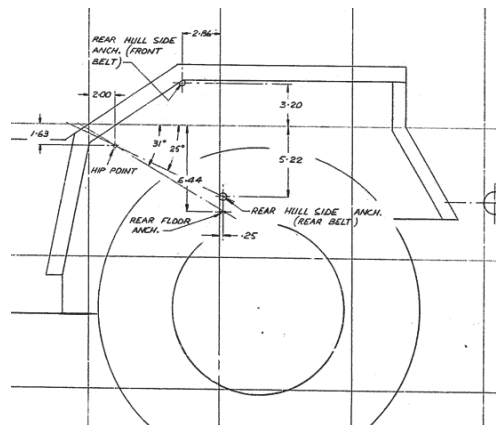


Fig. 5 EXP3174 showing position of rear seat belt anchorages.

Body builders layout HYK2934 dated 1970 shows position of the rear seats.

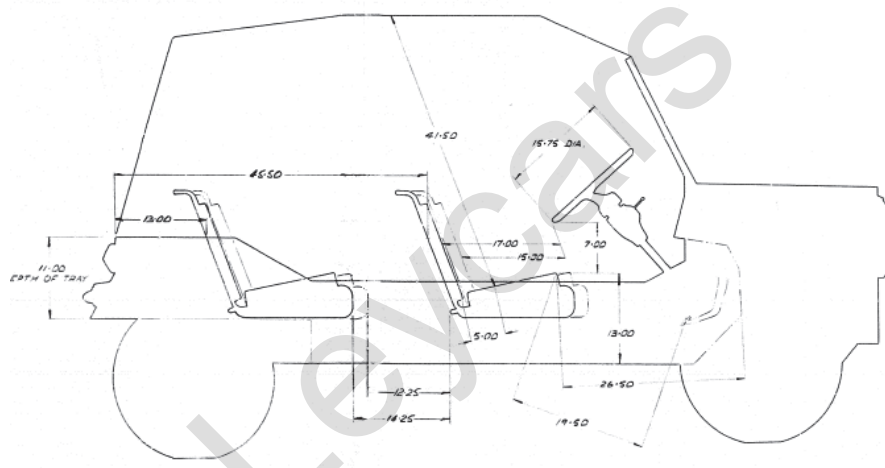


Fig. 6 EXP3174 showing position of rear seat belt anchorages.

An interesting addition to the above is YDO30, the "Export" Moke. This vehicle was designed explicitly with four seats in mind for the USA market.

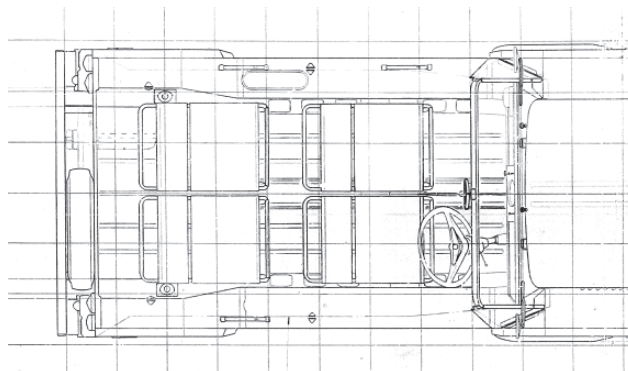


Fig. 7 YDO30 seating arrangement (HYK3128).

### 3. Conclusion

It would appear that a bench seat was not fitted to any Moke vehicle by the factory, but was made available as an option from Parts and Accessories in Denim from 1979 for Facelift Moke.

Rear buckets seats were evidently designed at an early stage (1966) and are listed as an option in Sales Brochures, but it would seem that due to Compliance Plate catagorisation, Moke was only fitted with two front seats (Seating Capacity 2) and the optional rear seats mentioned in the sales brochure for the period were most likely dealer fitments. There is no mention of rear seats in the Service Parts books, but there is a line drawing showing the two rear seats but no part number.

Moke was reclassified as a Passenger Vehicle in 1979 (Facelift Moke) and had a Seating Capacity of 4, and could be factory fitted with four buckets seats.

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