

from the Morgan Oasis Garage

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The side curtains on Mog #5139 look like they're still in London. Sitting inside you'd think it was the dreaded London fog. I may have seen a worse pair, but I've seen a bunch of British cars. Anyhow, it's so easy to cure the scratched and blurry plastic pieces that only the worst of us would hesitate to replace them.

The plastic pieces just slip out if they're bent enough. Then they make a perfect pattern for the new ones. Front and rear are the same dimensions and the same angles. Exactly. I bought some acrylic at Stoneway Hardware in Seattle. The brand name was Ware's Flex-O-Glaze and it was \$10.49 for a sheet 24"x48"x1/8" thick. The side curtains are 10" high so we cut two 10" strips from the short side giving us two pieces 10x24 inches. The acrylic sheet comes with a protective layer which should be left on 'til all the cutting and sanding are finished. The old pieces laid on the new acrylic will result in perfect copies without slavish rule work. If you have the original piece who needs a yardstick?

Once the two pieces are now four, the only thing left is smoothing the sawn edges and making doubly sure the new pieces are not bigger than the old. These do have to slide, but not too freely cuz then they won't stay closed during Seattle's next balmy winter. Looking through the new side curtains you'd think you were in a sparkling new Morgan. The next task is to replace the rubber on three sides. An ice pick is the perfect tool to convince the rubber out of the slot. I just ordered some welt from Metro Moulded Rubber Products in Minneapolis. This stuff should press right in, perhaps only glued where the top piece joins the end pieces.

