

# Trimming

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A competent, knowledgeable trimmer can help lift your classic car from a standard restoration to a car that wins trophies. He or she may know about authentic materials for your particular model and where to find them. Vinyl roofs, soft tops and roof linings present special problems to restorers that often require an expert. Special finishes, dashboards and appropriate knobs, handles and steering wheels are as basic to the originality

of your interior as the upholstery, so when in doubt or at a loss for special fabrics, leather, rubber, carpets, wood and trim, consult this list. Several specialise in European or American cars, or vehicles of a single marque, and can connect you with little-known sources for just what you need. You'll find long-established family businesses here too, run by enthusiasts who will pay attention to your requirements.

## A CLASS METAL FINISHERS

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Brothers Greg, Phil and Rod Wood started this business with their combined experience in metal polishing, plating, chrome plating and restoration for bikes and cars. Built on a strong philosophy of service and quality for the customer, A Class has gone from strength to strength and is servicing an increasing number of customers from across Australia. If you are into serious restoration A Class is certainly the place to go for quality chrome restoration. The company also provides a wide range of plating, polishing and painting services to commercial and industrial customers.



## ANNVID AUTO UPHOLSTERERS

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Dave and Anne Britton and their 7 employees specialise in upholstery repair, restoration and custom interiors including leather in new cars. Established in 1977, the business now has a large network of suppliers in Australia, NZ and the US to source original vinyls, leather and cloth. They specialise in American cars and hot rods, and can work from photos. An on-site metal folder allows them to produce all shapes, custom or original. British and European sports cars, utes, muscle cars or sedans – your car can look original or unique, as you like. At the 2009 Summernats they entered a 57 Chev in the Elite Class and made the Top 10. Open from 6am, 6 days.

## AWARD TRIMMING

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Craig Wells originally started in the industry with an interest in trimming old and vintage cars, but after nearly 20 years has expanded his skills to include every make and model, boat canopies and upholstery, PVC clear blinds and golf cart enclosures. Craig maintains that quality, service and reputation are his trademark.



## BLACKNEEDLE AUTOMOTIVE UPHOLSTERY & TRIMMING

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Mark Attard specialises in motor trimming for vintage, classic and custom vehicles. Established in the 80's - Blackneedle is the new identity for their 15 year old company. The focus has always been on restoration but they now also offer custom design work. From small repairs to complete re-trims to custom creations, the staff will help you with the design, theme and materials required for your vehicle, including carpets, hood linings, door trims, seat covers and soft tops.

## CAR INTERIOR WOODWORK REFURBISHERS

21 Chippewa Ave, Donvale VIC 3111

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John Nicholls has been restoring car and guitar woodwork for 35 years. John Nicholls specialises in veneering on any surface – wood, metal, plastic and others – to match original panels, with a lustrous, high build gloss or satin finish to Rolls-Royce standard. He can also produce wood graining on metal and other surfaces to suit all American, European and British cars. Jaguar, Mercedes-Benz and Rover and US vintage models are a speciality.





## CARWOOD REFURBISHING SERVICES

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Rob Brewer trained as a carpenter from age 16, but his love of cars brought him to veneering and polishing woodwork for cars of all makes and models. He'll also add woodwork as a custom feature to models without wood. He was a house builder before suffering a severe accident while foreman on a building site, injuring his arm. Although he continued later as a builder for a while, after the economic slump of the 1980s he was able to buy Carwood and devote himself to car woodwork refurbishment. He also happens to have been on the Jaguar Club's concours committee for seven years. Rob maintains that although woodworking takes time, you can't rush perfection.

## CLASSIC AND EUROPEAN

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Classic and European specialize in supplying high quality, original trim materials to restorers of classic and collectible cars. Included in our range are carpets, seat vinyls, hoods and hooding materials, draught excluders, leathers, and seat cloths. Emphasis is placed on ensuring customer satisfaction and authenticity. We benefit from having direct access to industry professionals whom in some cases have over 60 years of experience. In recent times our range has expanded to include materials for hot rodders, custom builders and late model soft tops. We also take pride in sourcing hard to find trim materials.



## CLASSIC & SPORTS AUTO INTERIORS

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Tony McConnell's motor trimming service offers interesting specialties including Cobra, clubman and other ADR approved seats and interiors. Seats are also manufactured for Elfin Clubman MS8 and Type 3, and Streamliner MS8. Their retro look suits them as well to older sports car like Triumphs and MGs. The shop deals with most other aspects of sports and clubman car trimming and makes hoods, tonneau covers and side curtains.

## CLASSIC CAR INTERIORS

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Classic Car Interiors cater for the upholstery requirements of all classics and specialise in interiors and soft tops. It has been operating for 15 years; with Mark Wood at the controls for the last eight years. Wherever possible, he will use original materials but if these are not available, he uses only quality leathers and vinyls. If enough information can be supplied, interiors are restored exactly to factory specifications.



## COVERCRAFT PACIFIC

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Michael Penn's business makes and sells custom car covers to suit just about any car, with access to over 55,000 patterns in 12 different fabrics. All patterns are drawn on a computer aided design system and produced on a Gerber cutting machine, ensuring design consistency. If a special pattern for your car is required, measurements are taken at 40 different points on the vehicle. Recently, covers have been made for a '27 Buick Pickup, a '69 Camaro and a 1960 Ferrari 250GT. New cars are Ferrari 212 Spider, D type Jaguar with fin and XC Cobra. The company has ISO9001/QS9000 certification.

## FABRE AUSTRALIA

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Fabre has been an importer and wholesaler of automotive parts and accessories for 32 years and wants restorers to know about a major new product line, Renovo, ideal for trimming applications. The range of six specialised products cares for vinyls, fabrics and soft plastic windows. Soft Top Reviver re-colours and reconditions, while Ultra Proofer weatherproofs fabrics. There are two vinyl products, to clean and weatherproof, and the Plastic Window Polish prevents scratching.



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## GARRY BLACKMAN TRIMMING

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Garry Blackman learned the automotive upholstery trade from his father and started his own shop 18 years ago working mainly on classic and sports cars. The staff offer specialities in convertible hood and rear window replacements and recovering and repairing steering wheels, though their work may range from repairs and restorations to trimming new cars. Garry belongs to the Maserati, WRX and Healey clubs and enters rallies and hillclimbs.

## GREG TUNSTALL MECHANICAL

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Whether it's just a simple dashmat for your Mk11 sedan, a reskinned dash for your Stag with or without refurbished woodwork, or a new carpet set or crash pads for your TR, Tunstall's are your Triumph spares, repairs and restoration specialists. Should you want something out of the ordinary, like velour inserts, a new soft top and the frame repaired and repainted, the team will take it in their stride. Most of their customers prefer the original look, colours and materials, but individual tastes can be catered for.



## HARDIMAN AUTO SUPPLIES

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Mark and Deborah Hardiman are performance auto parts wholesalers and also agents for 303 Products in Australia. 303 Protectant is a 100% UV screen and restores lost colour and lustre to vinyl, plastic and rubber, leather and Gelcoat fibreglass, without silicon oils. 303 Hightech protects fabrics from dirt, grease, water and oil. 303 also make specialised kits for convertible soft tops and tonneau covers, and produce carpet and fabric cleaners and windshield washer tablets. 303 products are unique and will not harm most materials.

## LEATHERIQUE AUSTRALIA/ PERMANENT PAINTED COATINGS

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Leatherique specialises in treatments that condition, clean and recolour leather interiors. When used to clean leather trim and upholstery, their products restore its soft feel and smell, and may also be used to maintain and detail seats. These products have had a large following in the American prestige classic car market since 1968, and been available here for 5 years. Their Australian distributor, Permanent Painted Coatings (PPC), is currently distributing Leatherique products to their 70 dealers on a demand basis.



## H LEFFLER & SON

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After 75 years, experience and good service speak for themselves. The company supplies premium grade leather for all transport purposes - air craft, marine, trains and automotive. Their leathers comply with all standards in this very technical market, even the most stringent Boeing and Airbus certification. Leffler's carry a large stock of Connolly Leather that suits many classic vehicles and also stock Andrew Muirhead Fine Scottish Leather as used in TVR and Aston Martin. Top marques and rare vehicles are their speciality, although they will accommodate and advise all customers' needs.

## MODERN PLATING

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James Filipou has been in the electroplating business for almost forty years, repairing, polishing and replating car parts, with vintage restoration a speciality. He is expert at bumpers, grilles and says his work on die cast parts is excellent. He is now setting up to do chrome on ABS plastic as well. With competitive prices and quality workmanship they have attracted work on fire engines for the Fire Museum.



## NEIL LITCHFIELD TRIMMING

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Jaguar enthusiast Neil Litchfield has run his trimming business for 25 years, and 90% of his work is trimming Jaguars. He estimates that there isn't a Jaguar model he hasn't trimmed, though his specialities are Mk2s and E-types and he guarantees his authenticity on these two models. His expertise extends to carrying out full restorations on these cars as well. Furthermore, countless numbers of the cars he has worked on have won concours prizes. In the process of moving, please ring mobile.



## RESTORERS HOTLINE AND RARE SPARES (ADELAIDE)

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Andrew and Pat Heywood have been in the spare part supply business for over eighteen years and now proudly say that they offer a unique and comprehensive service to customers. They can assist in taking their customers restoration projects from a basket case to a show winner. From mechanical parts to rubber components to trim pieces, including carpet kits, headlinings, etc all can be supplied by the Restorers Hotline. Andrew and Pat are also the Rare Spares outlet for Adelaide. For model collectors, Andrew and Pat carry a wide range of collectable models including Biante, AutoArt, Minichamps, Exoto, Ertl, Hot Wheels etc.

## SCOTT'S OLD AUTO RUBBER

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Scott and Enza have 21 years of experience specializing in automotive rubber parts for door and screen seals on all vehicles. They got started by pulling cars apart in their own back garden. As well as rubber parts, they offer a large variety of general hardware. Find catalogues on their website of the complete range of goods. The website is in fact a mine of general car, Club and product information that every enthusiast will value. A current project of interest is a 1970 Rover P6B estate, the only one in Australia, which took Scott 10 years to locate.



## SPECTRUM RUBBER AND PANELS

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Spectrum manufacture and supply rubber and sheet metal parts for vehicles vintage to modern, including seals for doors and boots, weatherstrips and suspension parts. They currently cater for more than 800 makes and models and now carry a wide range of Rare Spares parts. If your part isn't among their listing of over 8,000, contact them. They have 30 years of experience behind them and have reproduced panels and parts for the original HRG racing car. Most employees are members of clubs and enthusiasts themselves and so are ready to assist.

## WAYNE'S WOODGRAINING & STEERING WHEEL RESTORATIONS

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Anyone who has ever attempted artificial woodgraining on metal will recognise the skill it requires. Wayne Devonshire has a keen eye for detail and can suggest ideas to enhance and restore the woodgrain appearance to dashboard and garnish moulds. Wayne can also produce a 'pearl finish' if required. Starting in the building trade, he has worked extensively with wood and learned to duplicate its appearance. His polishing and spray painting skills and artistic ability combine to give a professional and unique result. Wayne works with customers to achieve the desired effect and is a classic car fan, too.

