

## From Dream to Reality - Part 4

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*Don is giving us regular, costed updates as he builds his Southern GT. Here's his latest instalment.*

So, during my trip to Mick's at Southern GT in Southampton I picked up a pair of seats, a dashboard and various bits and pieces as well as the clutch. When I got home I was then able to sit in the seats and judge where the pedal box should be.



Once done I noticed that the pedals had no covering and my feet would slip off them. On speaking to Mick, he told me that he puts a bit of sandpaper on the pedals for the IVA test, but I thought there had to be a better answer. The solution came in a visit to a kitchenware shop with my good lady.



While wandering around I spotted a silicone trivet that sits under a hot pan to stop the work surfaces getting burned. This cost of this was the grand sum of £3.95! The only problem remaining was how was

I going to stick it to the pedals? I've since found that not much sticks silicone down and I mentioned this



to my brother, who told me about Dow Corning, who produce lots of silicone products. After talking to them, I got a cartridge of Dow Corning 7091 that will stick silicone to the level of 190psi. So for £7.95 this did the trick.



Around this time, Mark Sibley had returned my new ECU to run my engine, a smart looking unit with leads to attach a laptop for programming, also a CD to load the program into the laptop and a document detailing what every wire does. I would love to give it a go, but having sold my headers, I don't think my neighbours would be very impressed by my efforts to run the engine, not to mention the fire risk. Mark has also suggested that I take off the injectors and send them down to him. For £80 he will change the rubber tubes that take the petrol to the injectors to -6 Aeroquip unions. That way it will be safer than a possible breakdown of the hoses causing petrol to spray over the hot exhaust.

I had mentioned that I had an ECU sent from Canada through Sean Hyland Motorsport, but without the necessary wiring. I have been trying to resolve