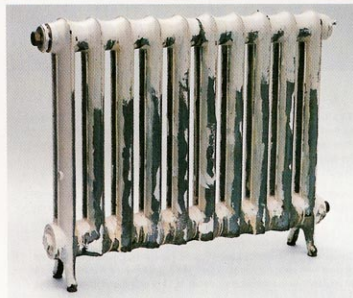




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VITAL STATISTICS

This cast iron radiator (left) cost £55 from Solopark, where you will find a selection of similar designs. If you don't fancy tackling this five-hour renovation job yourself, this company will also sandblast and refinish radiators for you. For further information call 01223 83466 or log on to www.solopark.co.uk. The other parts and materials such as the thermostat, lockshield valves and pipes are all available from DIY stores, and this renovation cost just £31.

HINTS AND TIPS

- Salvaged radiators won't have a specified heat output so it's wise to buy one slightly larger than the equivalent new radiator.
- Don't buy an old radiator which has not been pressure tested - it may be corroded inside and liable to leak.
- You should use a manual valve at the water inlet end of the radiator if there is already a thermostat controlling the room temperature.
- Always leave at least 5mm around any radiator pipes to allow for any expansion of the flooring.