


CLASSIC DRIVER

1988 Jaguar XJS

- Lot sold
USD 0
GBP 0 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1988
- **Lot number** 351
- **Drive** LHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Other
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Description

The XJS Convertible, which first appeared in 1988 at a price of £36,000, was considerably more than merely a coupé with the roof removed. The earlier 'T'-top cabriolet paved the way as the first open Jaguar since the demise of the E-Type in 1975, but this was to be the first full convertible and a strengthened sub-frame was employed in order to alleviate scuttle shake. It looked superb and elegant with the hood erect or folded and finally met demands of the highly valued North American market. Retaining the roomy cockpit space of the coupé, the new convertible boasted a useful shelf for excess luggage and all the expected Jaguar refinements as standard. It made for a very fine open top grand touring car, exceeding the specification of home grown machinery and being much cheaper than the equivalent and high profile Mercedes SL. Today, this model is very much establishing itself as a most worthy latter day classic, good examples being eagerly sought by connoisseurs of the marque.

Presented arguably in the best colour combination of Metallic Blue with gorgeous Cream leather interior, this particular 1988 XJS V12 Convertible automatic was first registered on the 1st of June 1988.

Described by the vendor as in superb original condition, with everything working as it should be, this car must be of serious consideration. The car is showing a mileage of just 27,600 miles, which is believed to be genuine, with a total of 20 MoT certificates in hand and showing just three previous owners on the V5C.

There is a cover for the roof when folded down, which looks as though it is unused. The original toolkit is present, as are the original handbooks and service books showing eight service stamps to 23,375 miles. We are told the car drives silky smooth with excellent oil pressure, the bodywork and wheels look unmarked and the original registration plates are present as are the original rear window decor from the original supplying dealer, Doves Jaguar of Croydon. The parchment leather is in good condition throughout and is complemented beautifully by walnut veneer that has retained its colour well.

The vendor informs us that on the twist of the ignition key the 5.3-litre V12 fires instantly. Press the accelerator and the engine pulls smoothly through the rev range. Acceleration is described as brisk, with a wave of torque available to thrust the car forward and the automatic gearbox described as a pleasure to experience.

If the Eighties styling of the XJS Convertible ticks your box and you want a classic that combines a stylish driving experience with the ability to deliver you to your destination unflustered, this car maybe the one for you. Sold with an MoT expiry date of 13/08/15, this is a car of massive capability, which is just as happy to waft through town as it is to pulverise the greatest of highways.

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