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Jaguar to build the six 'missing' Lightweight E-types after 50 years

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Jaguar has announced plans to build the six elusive Lightweight E-types as brand-new cars, the designated chassis numbers of which have lain dormant since 1963...

As Jaguar's first-ever 'recreation' project, the final cars from the intended series of 18 Lightweight specials will be hand-built to the exact specifications of the race-bred 1960s originals. The twelve finished cars were 114kg lighter than the standard E-type, achieved through not only their all-aluminium bodies and engines (the 3.8-litre straight-six), but also the shedding of interior niceties and exterior chromework - the latter providing a distinctive appearance in the process.

Jaguar's Sanction II





Much like the four <u>'Sanction II'</u> Aston Martin DB4 GT Zagatos, the reborn Lightweights will adopt the unused chassis numbers designated for the limited-run series. However, while the Sanction II Astons were sent to <u>Zagato</u> for completion, the half-dozen Lightweight Jags will be built in-house. With high demand expected as a result, Jaguar has announced that established marque collectors – particularly those with historic racing interests – will be prioritised, although the exact selection process has not yet been detailed. One thing's for sure, the project is likely to be a lucrative one for Jaguar; each of the Sanction II Astons were thought to be sold for sums in excess of £1million.

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