


CLASSIC DRIVER

1988 Jaguar XJS

- Lot sold
USD 15 950 - 22 085
GBP 13 000 - 18 000 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1988
- **Chassis number** SAJJSAEW3BA154271
- **Number of seats** 2
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
- **Lot number** 63
- **Drive** LHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Engine number** 85061960HA
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Description

One owner; Circa 49,000 miles from new
1988 Jaguar XJR-S 5.3-Litre Coupé
Registration no. to be advised
Chassis no. SAJJSAEW3BA154271
Engine no. 85061960HA

Having done Jaguar's international sporting image no end of good by winning the 1984 European Touring Car Championship at the wheel of an XJ-S, Tom Walkinshaw was called upon to give the Coventry manufacturer's road cars a performance makeover. Walkinshaw's JaguarSport company was already producing body and suspension kits for the XJ-S and in 1988 the factory sanctioned an official model incorporating Walkinshaw's enhancements the XJR-S. Priced at £38,500, the latter was launched in August 1988, capitalising on Jaguar's second consecutive World Sports Car Championship and victory at Le Mans that year. Walkinshaw's modifications to the running gear were relatively modest yet the transformation of the XJ-S's road manners was marked.

The following year the XJ-S's 5.3-litre V12 engine was stretched to a full 6.0 litres, gaining close to a hundred horsepower in the process, while reworked suspension incorporating stiffer springs/anti-roll bars and Bilstein gas-filled struts formed part of the package also. A colour-matched body kit, prominent boot spoiler, 16" Speedline alloy wheels and a full leather interior further differentiated the XJR-S from its humbler brethren. A top speed of more than 160mph was claimed for the XJR-S, which at £45,500 in 1989 was by a considerable margin the most expensive Jaguar on offer.

The XJR-S was always a limited production model, with only 837 being made between 1989 and 1993 compared to more than 115,000 XJ-S cars in total. First registered in September 1988, shortly after the model's introduction, this early example is number '39' of the initial batch of 100, of which it is estimated that fewer than 70 are still on the road. An automatic transmission model, the car has had only one owner from new but two registered keepers (the owner and his company) and comes with a substantial quantity of MoT certificates supporting the recorded mileage of 48,738. Also on file are assorted invoices from marque specialists such as Surrey Jaguar Centre and others showing that the car has always been well maintained and regularly serviced. The car is finished in grey with doeskin hide interior, and is described by the private vendor as in generally very good condition. This collectible limited edition Jaguar is offered with the aforementioned service history, current MoT/tax and V5C registration document. It should be noted that the current registration '8977 CR' is being retained by the vendor.

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