
1960 Jaguar XK 150

Lot sold	USD 0 GBP 0 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1960	Condition	Used
Chassis number	s838745bw	Location	
Lot number	711	Exterior colour	Blue
		Car type	Other
		Engine number	va1673-8
		Exterior brand colour	blue
		Interior brand colour	leather

Description

The XK120 was launched in 1948 and was an international sensation, finally putting Jaguar on the world stage and their competition successes would see the beginning of a hugely positive period for the company. The XK150 was the final incarnation of the XK line and appeared in May 1957. A more refined and capable machine than its predecessors, the 150 was easily identifiable by its higher scuttle and door line, wider grille and improved interior space. However, the XK150 retained much of the mechanical layout of the XK140 including the same 3.4-litre DOHC Jaguar straight-six, which developed 180bhp at 5,750rpm. As before with the XK range, standard (with steel wheels) and special equipment models were available, but a bewildering range of models was to evolve. Firstly, in 1958, the 'S' model was announced, equipped to 'special equipment' specification and with a more powerful engine although still of 3.4-litre capacity. Late in 1959 further options were offered with the introduction of the 3.8-litre engine and the XK150 was available not only in 3.4-litre versions but two versions (Normal and "S") of the 3.8 variety. A total of 2,200 XK150 Drophead Coupé models were made, making them an extremely desirable and rare open top British sports car, especially those with the later 3.8 engine.

This original 3.8 litre XK150 Drophead Coupé was subject to a complete body off restoration approximately 15 years ago by respected marque specialists XK Engineering. Finished in its original

colour combination of Cotswold Blue with matching Dark Blue interior and blue hood, the car has been used sparingly since its restoration and presents very well with good shut lines and, whilst there are some minor blemishes in the paintwork, we feel the car is eminently useable in its current form and would make an ideal touring companion.

Manufactured on 8th March 1960, this example was sold new by Jaguar Cars New York and was subsequently repatriated to the UK prior to restoration. Sensible modern upgrades include a 5-speed gearbox and Kenlowe fan. Whilst being photographed, the car started up without fault and maintained healthy oil pressure. Fitted with chrome wire wheels and radial tyres, this XK150 certainly looks the part and is accompanied by a lovely history file. A large number of bills and receipts are present along with a Heritage Certificate, some photos of the restoration and its UK V5C.

We believe that XK Roadsters and Dropheads offer classic British open-top motoring for a very reasonable outlay and also represent a most sensible investment opportunity. This car is a fine example of the model and would take pride of place in any Jaguar collection. We welcome pre-sale inspections and buyers are encouraged to contact the office for further information.

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