


CLASSIC DRIVER

1962 Jaguar E-Type SI

- Lot sold
USD 0
GBP 0 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1962
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Chassis number** 885507
- **Lot number** 328
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- **Drive** RHD
- **Interior colour** Black
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
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- **Exterior colour** Red
- **Car type** Other
- **Engine number** R3669-9
- **Exterior brand colour** Red
- **Interior brand colour** Black
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Description

Introduced in May 1961, the Jaguar E-type 3.8 FHC was a sensation with classic good looks and performance unrivalled at the price. Often heralded as the most beautiful car of all time Jaguar, not surprisingly, made no significant changes until the introduction of the 4.2 engine in October 1964. Additionally, they incorporated an all-synchromesh gearbox, increased legroom and better torque from the new capacity engine. This resulted in the best driving E-type and now a Grand Tourer to match the best being produced by its rivals. The E-type still continued to hammer the opposition on pricing.

A Jaguar Heritage certificate show this particular Series I 3.8 Fixed Head Coupe was manufactured on 18th January 1962 and was destined for the US market in left-hand drive form and delivered to its first owner by Jaguar Cars New York in Carmen Red with a Black leather interior. The coveted 'flat-floor' model E-Types finished their left-hand drive production run with chassis #885504, making this car intriguing as it was manufactured only 3 cars later, being chassis #885507, and probably on the same day as the body type change. This could mean that it's one of the earliest 'non flat-floor' cars to roll off the production line.

First registered in the UK on 1st August 1984 but later changing registration numbers to the current 'WVS 980', this car was sold to a Mr D. Adams of Hertford in 2005 by the respected specialists, The E-Type Centre, who at the time carried out the necessary work and converted the car to right-hand drive. At the same time, a Lumination electronic ignition system was fitted, along with a Kenlowe fan to improve cooling. Later in 2005, further improvements were made to the car with the addition of Coopercraft front and rear brake callipers, an uprated fuel pump, new rear subframe mounts and a professional respray.

The next traceable owner was a Mr Snow of Derby, who in July 2011 sent 'WVS 980' to classic Jaguar specialist, Michael Cannon of Derby for a full checkup. At that time the engine mounts were replaced, new exhaust manifolds were fitted on both sides, the braking system was given a full overhaul, the carburettors were cleaned, reset & tuned and some wiring was replaced where necessary. An invoice totalling £11,000 for this work is included in the history file. In April '12, the car was again taken to Michael Cannon where it was fitted with a new Elite Racing Transmissions Tremec 5-speed gearbox.

A serial E-type owner for almost 40 years, our vendor purchased chassis #885507 in 2013 continuing his enthusiasm for the model. This car has been enjoyed in his ownership, covering around 1,000 miles over the last three years, however other projects now take precedence and this car is available for sale. Supplied with an MoT until 7th June 2016, a UK V5c and a folder of invoices, this is a 'cracking' E-Type awaiting a new owner.

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