


CLASSIC DRIVER

1955 Jaguar XK 140 - SE Fixed Head Coupe

SE Fixed Head Coupe

- Lot sold
USD 67 483 - 79 752
GBP 55 000 - 65 000 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1955
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Chassis number** S814633DN
- **Number of seats** 2
- **Number of doors** 2
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
- **Lot number** 53340
- **Drive** RHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Other
- **Engine number** A6131-7
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Description

- A Special Equipment model supplied new to the USA but later resident in Australia
- Extensively restored / upgraded in 2010 including conversion to right-hand drive, power assisted steering, four-wheel disc brakes
- Further benefiting from five-speed manual transmission, wider wheels / radial tyres and air-conditioning etc

Launched at the 1954 Motor Show, the XK140 boasted the same bewitching styling as its forebear but allied it to a host of mechanical improvements. Chief among these was the adoption of rack and pinion steering. Though, the fitment of telescopic shock absorbers (in place of the XK120's antiquated lever arm dampers) also had a noticeably beneficial effect on handling / roadholding. With its engine and bulkhead repositioned three inches further forward, the new model enjoyed a notably roomier cabin (the fixed and drophead coupe variants gaining occasional rear seats as a result). Available in 'standard', 'special equipment' or 'special equipment plus C-type cylinder head' guises, power and torque outputs ranged from a quoted 190bhp/210lbft to 210bhp/213lbft. Distinguished by its one-piece bumpers and simpler, more imposing radiator grille, the XK140 was among the fastest cars of its generation. Reputedly capable of over 130mph, it focused public consciousness on Jaguar's continued success at Le Mans (the Coventry marque winning the endurance classic in 1951, 1953, 1955, 1956 and 1957).

Supplied new to America as a Special Equipment model, chassis S814633DN subsequently relocated to Australia where, in 2010, it was extensively refurbished and upgraded. As well as being converted to right-hand drive, the 2+2-seater was fitted with an uprated cooling system, electric boot release, wider wheels shod with radial tyres, four-wheel disc brakes, five-speed manual transmission, power assisted steering and air-conditioning. Starting readily upon inspection, its twin SU carburettor-fed 3.4 litre DOHC XK engine allies a MKVII block to a MKI cylinder head. Feeling discernibly modern on a recent brief test drive with an impressive turn of speed, this handsome XK140 SE Fixed Head Coupe has completed several long distance tours in the vendor's hands reportedly 'proving a reliable and enjoyable companion on each one'. Offered for sale with UK V5C Registration Document and Heritage Certificate.

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