


# CLASSIC DRIVER



## 1970 Jaguar E-Type SII

Lot sold	<b>USD 133 293 - 159 952</b> GBP 100 000 - 120 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1970	Condition	Used
Chassis number	1R1607	Location	
Number of seats	2	Fuel type	Petrol
Drivetrain	2wd	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	377		

### Description

1970 Jaguar E-Type Series 2 Roadster  
Registration no. OCL 300H  
Chassis no. 1R1607

Introduced in 3.8-litre form in 1961, the Jaguar E-Type caused a sensation when it appeared, with instantly classic lines and 150mph top speed. Its design owed much to that of the racing D-Type: a monocoque tub forming the main structure while a tubular spaceframe extended forwards to support the engine. The latter was the 3.8-litre, triple-carburettor, 'S' unit first offered as an option on the XK150. An optimistic 265bhp was claimed, but whatever the installed horsepower, the E-Type's performance did not disappoint; firstly, because it weighed around 500lb (227kg) less than the XK150 and secondly because aerodynamicist Malcolm Sayer used experience gained with the D-Type to create one of the most elegant and efficient shapes ever to grace a motor car. In 1965 the 4.2-litre version arrived boasting a more user-friendly gearbox with synchromesh on first gear alongside the bigger, torquier engine.

Proposed changes in United States automobile legislation would eventually result in the revised Series 2, announced in October 1968, though modifications began to be phased in during 1967. Externally, the Series 2 was readily identifiable by its larger sidelights, raised bumpers, deleted headlight covers, twin reversing lights, and square rear number plate, while the interior was revised with rocker-type dashboard switches, new seats, and a collapsible steering column. Beneath the skin,

Ad-West power steering, Girling brake callipers, and an up-rated radiator were among the Series 2's many mechanical improvements.

This Series 2 roadster was purchased new by one Lewis Essex of Richmond, Surrey on 23rd June 1970, and some 20 years later, on 1st April 1990, was sold to John Hume of London. Used regularly and well maintained by Mr Hume, it was purchased by the current vendor in December 2014. Before then, in 1991, the E-Type had been restored, both cosmetically and mechanically, by Mill Lane Engineering of Farnham, Surrey (bills on file). In 1999 the engine was rebuilt again, on this occasion by Jaguar specialists W&S Autos of Chobham, Surrey, who have continued to maintain the car ever since. New MWS wire wheels were fitted in 2000.

Further extensive works were carried out by W&S following the vendor's purchase (see bill for circa £20,000 on file) and the E-Type is presented today in beautiful condition, driving very well. The car is offered with its 'Operating, Maintenance and Service' handbook; current MoT; UK V5C Registration Certificate; and the aforementioned restoration and maintenance bills.

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