

CLASSIC DRIVER

1966 Jaguar E-Type SI

- Lot sold
USD 0
GBP 0 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1966
- **Mileage** 42 000 mi / 67 593 km
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Lot number** TBA
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- **Drive** RHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Other
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Description

"The Jaguar E-Type is not only one of motoring's all time greats but also a car that is coveted by almost every red blooded male. This has led to the Series I E-Type becoming ever more sought after and has given rise to fabulous recreations and spectacular restorations that are without doubt a higher standard than when the car was first produced. More than 70,000 E-Types were sold during its lifespan; around 60,000 of these were left hand drive mainly destined for the USA. When the Series I was introduced it was initially for export only with the domestic market launch coming four months later. The cars at this time used the triple SU carburettor, 3.8 litre, six-cylinder XK engine and non-synchromesh gearbox from the XK150S plus some very pretty but upright and uncompromising seats. The 4.2 litre cars were introduced in October 1964 with the same power and top speed of 150mph, but with more torque from the larger engine, a brand new all synchromesh gearbox, some very comfortable seats and brakes more in keeping with the advertised top speed. The 4.2 litre was a far better product and much easier to live with on a daily basis.

Supplied new to Jaguar Cars of New York where it was to remain until imported to the UK by our vendor in 2017, this fabulously nut and bolt restored E-Type is presented in its original and rare colour combination of black with a contrasting red interior and matching soft top all verified by accompanying Heritage Certificate. Over the past 12 months, the car has been subject to a professional restoration with no expense spared by specialists in E-Type restorations. The body has been taken back to bare metal and professionally resprayed to a very high standard with all panel gaps neat and level with

a new factory soft top. The engine - which is not numbers matching but the correct type - was stripped, checked and parts replaced where necessary which included replacing the pistons and honing the cylinders, replacing all shells to the crankshaft, oil pump and timing chains, tensioners and guides before overhauling the cylinder head which has been pressure tested. The gearbox and rear differential have also been fully stripped and overhauled whilst new brake calipers and discs have been fitted together with new shock absorbers, a new stainless exhaust, and the suspension has been stripped and rebuilt whilst new wire wheels with new correct tyres have also been fitted. The Roadster was converted to right hand drive during the restoration and this example is now a perfect example of the Series I Roadster with the more powerful 4.2 litre engine and synchromesh gearbox.

Within the history file is a copy of all invoices relating to the parts used in the comprehensive restoration and MoT certificate and a photo album of the process, offered at an absolute fraction of what it would cost you to buy and restore to this standard today. This is a stunning and desirable Series I Roadster that would be the envy of any collector or enthusiast and with only 30 miles covered since this restoration was complete the new owner can rest assured they are getting the finished article in beautiful condition throughout."

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