


CLASSIC DRIVER



1960 Jaguar XK 150

Lot sold	USD 167 084 - 208 856 GBP 120 000 - 150 000 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1960	Condition	Used
Gearbox	Manual	Location	
Chassis number	T825184DN	Fuel type	Petrol
Number of seats	2	Exterior colour	Other
Drivetrain	2wd	Car type	Other
Lot number	425	Exterior brand colour	Red

Description

Guide price: ??120000 - ??150000.

- RBN 376 began life on 17/03/60 as a Fixed Head Coupe finished in Pearl Grey with a red interior
- Fully restored in 1990/91 by Peter Thurston, Herne Bay and converted to a Drop Head Coupé (£58,000)
- Sent to Twyford Moors in 2000 for a competition upgrade and modifications to Rally spec (£60,000)
- Further upgraded in 2005/6 with a 'Sigma' competition engine and much more (£58,000)
- Purchased by our vendor in 2008 and fastidiously maintained by Pearsons Engineering since
- Striking, sporting XK with a massive spec and huge history file. Really rather special

In classic car terms the word "original" is normally understood to mean that a car is, as close as possible, composed of exactly the same components that it was wearing when it left the factory. Over time, the word has softened to mean that if those components are replaced, they are replaced with items that match exactly, and the closer a shiny classic looks to the day it left the showroom, the more it is adjudged to be original. The dramatic Jaguar 3.8-litre XK150S on offer here is at the opposite end of the spectrum to the above definition and yet, in concept and execution, it is properly 'original'. With post-war Jaguar concentrating on the manufacture of large comfortable saloons, the

production of a two-seater sports car did not appear a priority, but with their marketing department sensing the future lay in 'performance' with more of an emphasis on 'Pace' rather than 'Grace and Space', the XK120 duly appeared and Jaguar was only going in one direction. All over the world, road-going XK120s were stripped of their windscreens, the spare wheel removed, the tyres blown up, and "let's go racing". The essence of the XK is performance and competition, and they were never intended to become the comfort-driven, 'Boulevard' cars that somehow the XK150 morphed into. So, in our opinion, this seriously quick, stripped and focussed, bright red 150S is absolutely entitled to be called 'original'. According to the register, RBN 376 began life on 17/03/60 as a Fixed Head Coupe finished in Pearl Grey with a red interior before being despatched to Parkers in Bolton. Over the next 55 years, this remarkable car has been entrusted to a number of specialists and the history file is two feet deep so we are going to paraphrase where possible (this file will be available from our documents desk during the Sale). In 1990/91 the car spent some time at Peter Thurston, Classic Jaguar Specialists in Herne Bay for a full restoration and it may have been at this time that it was converted to a Drop Head Coupé. The invoice for circa £58,000 suggests that the work was substantial. Post-1991, the car was maintained by KJC Bell who's invoicing up until November 1999 totalled £22,000. The owner prior to our vendor bought the Jaguar at this point and sent it to Twyford Moors for a competition upgrade and modifications to Rally spec. They had the car up until August 2000 and charged around £60,000. The Jaguar was returned to Twyford in 2005/2006 for further upgrades and the fitting of a 'Sigma' competition engine and this time the bill was £58,000 (all of this is in the file). Our vendor purchased the 150 in August 2008 and it has since been maintained by Pearsons Engineering (Gary Pearson). Basic Specification and Modifications: Sigma competition engine (fast road/rally). Getrag 5-speed gearbox 16x 6.5 D-Type wheels + 15" wires Alloy rad. Kenlowe fan. Competition oil cooler Alternator. Electronic ignition. Battery cutouts Upgraded rear and fog lights Power steering. Poly bushed + Spax all round. Geometry reset Comp pedal box. Split/adj brakes with 4-pot calipers Plumbed-in fire eater. Brantz rally meter. Upgraded heater Alpine sound system. Sat nav. Fitted luggage and tonneau Front and rear tow hitches. Travelling spares. Obviously, there is quite a lot more but space does not permit. This is a striking, sporting XK and appears really well-prepared. If you enjoy motorsport and love classic Jaguars, you will not be able to walk by this amazing car. We welcome any inspection and please feel free to contact the office should you wish to view this car's interesting history in advance of the sale.

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