
1995 Jaguar XJ220

Lot sold	USD 448 496 - 517 496 GBP 325 000 - 375 000 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1995	Condition	Used
Chassis number	SAJJEAX7AX220649	Location	
Number of seats	2	Fuel type	Petrol
Drivetrain	2wd	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	429	Car type	Other

Description

Guide price: ??325000 - ??375000.

- Finished in Le Mans Blue with a Smoke Grey interior, right-hand drive and showing just over 700 miles from new
- Discovered by our vendor in a private collection in Malaysia in 2015. Offered on a NOVA with UK taxes paid
- £25,000 spent with Don Law in 2015 including a 24-month service and replacement fuel tank
- A set of newly developed, model-specific, Pirelli tyres will be fitted by Jaguar Classic Works prior to the sale
- With 0-60mph acceleration in a brutal 3.5 seconds, the XJ220 was indisputably the fastest road car on the planet

It was at the 1988 British Motor Show in Birmingham, appropriately, that the sensational Jaguar XJ220 concept prototype was first revealed to the public and, as expected, orders and the required £50,000 deposits flooded in from all corners of the world. The original concept was for a V12 engined car with a six-speed gearbox and four-wheel drive priced at just under £300,000 however, some four years later when production commenced, the XJ220 had become a two-wheel drive, twin turbo V6 with a five-speed box on offer at £470,000. Predictably many of the 1,500 option holders tried to cancel their purchase blaming the massive change in the specification but the collapse in values of collectable supercars at the time was probably more of a factor. Eventually, the car found 275 buyers and the others don't know what they missed. Producing an impressive 549bhp at 7,000rpm and

473lb.ft at 4,500rpm and now slightly shorter by some 10 inches courtesy of the smaller dimensions of the V6 engine against the bulky V12, but still, with a not inconsiderable girth of six feet and six inches, the XJ220 proved more than capable of reaching its target maximum speed. In 1992 at the Italian Nardo test track Formula One and sportscar ace, Martin Brundle, recorded 212.3mph around the banking in standard trim and 217.1mph with the catalytic converters disconnected, the latter speed equivalent to 223mph on a straight road. With 0-60mph acceleration in a brutal 3.5 seconds, the XJ220 was indisputably the fastest road car on the planet at that time and, thanks to racing developed inboard wishbone suspension and huge ventilated disc brakes with four-piston callipers, it held the road beautifully and stopped equally as well. Production of the car began the following year in a purpose-built factory at Bloxham in Oxfordshire with the first cars delivered in July to, amongst other well-known names, Elton John, Baron Hamer of Alford and the Sultan of Brunei. On the circuits, the Jaguar also proved highly effective. In the competition version, the XJ220C, another sports car ace, Win Percy, took victory on the car's race debut in the BRDC National Sports GT Challenge. In the 1993 Le Mans 24 Hours John Nielsen, David Brabham and David Coulthard finished first in the GT class, though only for their XJ220C to be subsequently disqualified over a spurious technical infringement. Finished in Le Mans Blue with a Smoke Grey interior this amazing, right-hand drive, XJ220 is showing just over 700 miles from new. Discovered by our vendor within an amazing private collection in Malaysia, '220645' was then bought back to these shores and sent to model expert, Don Law, in December 2015. £25,000 was lavished on the car at this point, including a 24-month service, and replacement of the fuel tank etc. and there are invoices in the history file detailing the work carried out. Prior to the sale, the car will be fitted with a set of model-specific Pirelli tyres, uniquely developed by the manufacturer for the car by the 220 specialist team at its Classic Works facility. As you can imagine with such little use, the history file is modest but does contain the aforementioned Don Law invoices along with Malaysian export documents. Offered on a NOVA with UK taxes paid, this is a landmark model in Jaguar's illustrious history, and to date, the XJ220 is still the company's fastest-ever production car. As such, it remains highly collectable, being sought after by Jaguar aficionados and supercar collectors alike. Offered at a very competitive estimate considering that it's right-hand drive and nominal mileage, this is a fantastic opportunity to acquire one of the most significant supercars of its era.

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