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## 1973 Jaguar E-Type SIII

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Lot sold	<b>USD 110 399 - 137 999</b> GBP 80 000 - 100 000 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1973	Condition	Used
Gearbox	Manual	Location	
Chassis number	1S1697	Fuel type	Petrol
Number of seats	2	Exterior colour	Other
Drivetrain	2wd	Car type	Other
Lot number	422	Engine number	7S9712SA
		Exterior brand colour	British Racing Green
		Interior brand colour	Cream Leather

### Description

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Guide price: ??80000 - ??100000.

- UK-supplied, right-hand drive V12 from long-term (22-years) ownership
- Superbly presented in British Racing Green with magnolia textured leather piped in BRG
- Original Engine (7S). Upgraded brakes and clutch. Chrome wires. Mohair soft top
- Four-year restoration commenced in 2000 by the well-respected specialists, CMC in Bridgnorth
- Lightly used since with periods on SORN. Took part in the London to Brighton Classic in 2016
- Some older MOTs. Jaguar Heritage Certificate. Freshly MOT'd just prior to the sale

A decade after the Jaguar E-Type arrived, the design progressively matured through various developments until 1971 when the Series 3 was introduced. Designed to showcase the new smooth and torquey 5.3-litre engine, originally developed for Le Mans, the Series 3 cars were available as a 'Roadster' (convertible) or a '2+2' Coupé. These later cars are easily distinguished from their six-cylinder predecessors by the large cross-slatted front grille, flared wheel arches, wider tyres, a pronounced bonnet bulge, updated bumpers, four exhaust tips and a badge on the rear that proclaims it to be a V12. It also featured uprated brakes, power steering as standard and a large horizontal scoop added to the underside of the bonnet to assist with cooling. The interior was entirely

new in the V12, with more comfortable seating, stylish new door panels and a smaller, dished and leather-rimmed steering wheel. Being slightly larger and altogether much softer in nature, the E-Type in Series 3 form had lost the wildness of its youth but gained the long-legged touring profile, to which it was arguably better suited. Approximately 7,990 Series 3 Roadsters were sold worldwide before production ceased in 1975. We are pleased to offer this original right-hand drive, UK-supplied 1973 E-type Series 3 Open two-seater. According to its Jaguar Heritage Certificate, it was built on 12th January 1973, finished in British Racing Green with Cinnamon Trim, and despatched to Birch White Garage on 19th of March to be subsequently registered as FRW 300L. This registration was issued in Coventry which may be explained by the information on the Heritage Certificate which states that it was originally a "Jaguar Cars Ltd. press car". Purchased by our vendor and his wife in 1997, the E-Type was committed to a full restoration in 2000 and the long-established and hugely-respected firm of Classic Motor Cars (CMC) in Bridgnorth were entrusted with the car's rejuvenation. The process was to take around four years and the quality of the restoration can be judged by the way the car presents today, some fourteen years later. The clutch and brakes were upgraded at the same time and there are invoices and copy invoices for all this work in the car's history file. Although the car retains its original engine, the gearbox has been changed at some point in the past, possibly by the factory when it was part of the press fleet. Also in the Owner's File are MOTs from 1997 until 2005 when it was put on SORN where it remained until 2011 when it was returned to the road and MOT'd. It was subsequently used lightly and took part in the 2016 London to Brighton Classic Car Rally before being SORN'd once again. It will be MOT tested just prior to the auction. In some colours, the Series 3 can appear rather 'substantial' however darker colours slim the car considerably and, in this rare combination of BRG with a Cream interior, chrome wires and a matching green mohair hood, this is a remarkably pretty car.

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