

## 1989 Jaguar XJS

Lot sold	<b>USD 34 500 - 41 400</b> GBP 25 000 - 30 000 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1989	Condition	Used
Mileage	25 000 mi / 40 234 km	Location	
Gearbox	Automatic	Fuel type	Petrol
Chassis number	SAJJNADW3DB1570	Exterior colour	Other
Number of seats	2	Car type	Other
Drivetrain	2wd	Engine number	85064149SA
Lot number	414	Exterior brand colour	Solent Blue

### Description

Delivered new on 03/02/1989 and finished in Solent Blue with cream leather. The first owner, prior to our vendor, was around-the-world yachtsman Serge Paris. With so much time away at sea, the car was little used and was sold to our vendor in 2014. Now showing a shade under 24,960 miles (atoc) the car has been diligently maintained. Offered to auction with original book packs, service books and V5c showing two owners. Conceived as a comfortable and long-legged Grand Routier, rather than an out-and-out sports car like the preceding E-Type, the XJ-S made use of the Jaguar XJ6/XJ12 saloon platform and running gear. Shorter in the wheelbase than its saloon siblings, the XJ-S debuted as a V12-powered Coupe, with six-cylinder and soft-top versions following in the 1980's. The introduction of the six-cylinder model in 1983 coincided with that of the Targa-style cabriolet - the first open Jaguar since the E-Type's discontinuation - but it was not until 1988 that a full convertible became available. Jaguar's first response to demands for an open-top XJ-S was somewhat conservative in engineering terms. The XJ-S had not been designed with an open version in mind, so the Targa-style arrangement was adopted, which retained a substantial roll hoop in the interests of maintaining rigidity in the absence of a fixed roof. Essentially an exercise in niche marketing to test public reaction, the Cabriolet's production was entrusted to outside specialist contractors, with bodyshells

being transported back and forth across the Midlands before returning to the Brown's Lane factory prior to final dispatch. Following the Cabriolet's deletion, both the Coupe and conventional Convertible models lasted until the end of XJ-S production in 1996. This smart example was delivered new on 03/02/1989 finished in Solent Blue with Cream leather. The first of just two owners was around-the-world yachtsman Serge Parisand, whilst in his ownership, was maintained by Jason Mann who previously worked for H A Fox Jaguar in Guildford. Mr Paris spent many years away at sea, which explains this car's relatively low mileage, and this is confirmed by a letter on file. Our vendor, now in his 80th year, has used the car sparingly since its purchase in 2014, covering less than a thousand miles, but diligently maintained and correctly stored the XJ. It's offered today from a substantial Jaguar collection complete with the original handbook, service book, V5c document and a fresh MOT.

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