

CLASSIC DRIVER

1966 Jaguar E-Type SI

- Lot sold
USD 0
GBP 0 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1966
- **Mileage** 107 435 mi / 172 900 km
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Lot number** 182
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- **Drive** RHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Other
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Description

"Famously launched at the 1961 Geneva Motor Show, the Jaguar E-Type created a furore. Its combination of supercar performance, superb styling and a low price tag left rivals reeling and customers clamouring. Built as a monocoque with a front sub-frame to cradle the engine, the model's combination of all-round independent suspension (torsion-bar front/coil-sprung rear) rack and pinion steering and four-wheel disc brakes gave it excellent roadholding and handling capabilities. Fed by triple SU HD8 carburettors and topped with a 'straight port' DOHC cylinder head, its indomitable 3,781cc straight-six engine was quoted as developing some 265bhp and 260lbft of torque. Allied to a four-speed Moss gearbox, it reputedly enabled the low-slung two-seater to sprint from 0-60mph in 6.9 seconds and onto 150mph. While any E-Type Roadster is desirable, the lithesome free-revving 3.8 litre cars enjoy a particularly exalted status; however, the later Series I, 4.2 litre was considered a better engine. Benefitting from an all synchromesh gearbox and more comfortable seats together with improved 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.

First registered on 13th October 1966, this Jaguar was fully restored in 1994 and is in lovely condition. It is presented in Gunmetal Grey with black leather trim and has the essential full-length Webasto sunroof. During the restoration, which is documented with photos that are contained within the history file, the mechanics were seen to by J.D.R. Motors. Prior to the restoration, a manual gearbox was fitted to exact Jaguar E-Type specification to fully enhance the driving experience. A significant history file accompanies this E-Type confirming it has been a very well maintained and a much-loved car. A

2018 valuation by F.J. Footman (in the history file) states a value of £75,000. A new set of stainless wire wheels were fitted in 2016 and a stainless steel exhaust system was fitted in July 2015. The cylinder head has been converted to run on unleaded fuel and our vendor has obtained a recent MoT test certificate (regardless of the car being exempt) which this Series I easily passed with no advisories. Described as a beautifully genuine example in thoroughly useable condition, this 2+2 fixedhead coupé is a British style icon and an enjoyable investment."

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