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1966 Jaguar E-Type SI - E-Type Series 1 4.2-Litre Roadster

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Lot sold	USD 0	Condition	Used
Year of manufacture	1966	Location	
Lot number	128	Exterior colour	Other
		Car type	Other

Description

- Masterfully restored to superb cosmetic and mechanical condition
- Opalescent Dark Blue over beige
- Matching-numbers 265-hp, 4.2-liter I-6 engine
- Four-speed manual gearbox
- 1 of 5,888 produced
- 3:07 ratio rear end and upgraded wheels improve high-speed touring capability
- Accompanied by JDHT certificate

Please note that this lot is titled as a 1967.

Introduced in 1961 at the Geneva Motor Show, the Jaguar E-Type's striking presence dazzled crowds and upended the automotive world. The British car was handsomely designed by a team led by the imaginative Malcom Sayer with the blessing of Jaguar founder Sir William Lyons. The Series 1—arguably the most iconic and valuable of the E-Types—was available for export in March 1961.

The car was refined over the years, and in 1965 it received a robust triple-SU carbureted 4.2-liter six-cylinder engine yielding 265 horsepower and a top speed of 150 mph. This 4.2-liter engine offered the same horsepower as the earlier 3.8, but torque was increased for better control. Other changes included a full synchromesh gearbox and new brake booster.

This beautiful E-Type is fresh from a 2,500-hour restoration by a noted marque expert who aptly describes it as “as new an E-Type that can be put together today.” Simply put, everything down to

the last nut and bolt has been touched during the restoration of this exceptional example.

The 4.2-liter engine, the matching-numbers engine and head per the accompanying Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust certificate, has been rebuilt using all-new parts, including re-sleeving of the cylinders and a dynamic balancing, assuring smooth, vibration-free operation. A new master cylinder, hoses, lines, and wheel slave cylinders are fitted, and the brake-system has been rebuilt to ensure safe, smooth stopping power. A new wiring harness has been installed, along with a complete update of the electric system. The numbers-matching gearbox has been rebuilt, including new synchros and layshaft.

Interestingly, this chassis was originally completed on Independence Day, 1966; at that time, it was clad in Pale Primrose Yellow over black. During its restoration, its monocoque shell was stripped to bare metal and finished in a stunning Opalescent Dark Blue by Deluxe Customs of Tempe, Arizona. An all-new beige leather interior has been fitted to the highest of standards; against the deep blue exterior paint it makes for striking combination indeed.

Further, all chrome has been re-plated professionally to echo the mirror finish of the exterior paint. Even new glass has been installed. The chrome wire wheels have been upgraded from 5.5-inch to 6-inch widths in order to accommodate 205-series Michelin blackwall tires, improving both ride and handling. In addition, a 3:07 rear-end gear has been installed for better highway cruising and improved acceleration.

Presented as a "better-than-factory" restoration, this exquisite Series 1 E-Type is an alluring candidate for long-distance rallying and thorough enjoyment. To view this car and others currently consigned to this auction, please visit the RM website at rmsothebys.com/en/auctions/mo20.

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