
1961 Jaguar E-Type SI - E-Type Series 1 3.8-Litre Roadster

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Lot sold	USD 0 GBP 0 (listed)	Condition	Used
Year of manufacture	1961	Location	
Lot number	123	Exterior colour	Other
		Car type	Other

Description

Estimate:

£145,000 - £185,000 GBP

- Desirable early “flat floor” example made in the first year of E-Type production
- Numbers-matching 3.8-litre inline six-cylinder engine
- Finished in its original colour combination of Gunmetal over a Red interior with Black hood
- First exported to the U.S.A. via Max Hoffman, returning to the U.K. in the 1980s
- Recommissioned over 2013 and 2014 with invoices exceeding £20,000

Considered to be one of the most beautiful and important cars ever made, the Jaguar E-Type survives with a legacy of being extremely sought after by collector car enthusiasts. Surviving a production run of 14 years, the earliest Series 1 cars arguably attract the greatest interest while those in the roadster configuration are coveted for their style and open-top driving experience. Known to embrace the boldest engineering methods of its time, the Series 1 sports independent suspension with torsion bars up front, and coil-over springs at the rear. Dunlop disc brakes were fitted all round, with the rears mounted inboard. Early versions are powered by a 3.8-litre inline six-cylinder engine and a four-speed manual transmission, while displacement increased to 4.2 litres in 1964.

This example was constructed within the first year of E-Type production, recorded as completed by the factory on 8 December 1961. The Jaguar was completed in Gunmetal over a Red leather interior and with a Black convertible hood, the same colour configuration that the car is finished in today.

First delivered to a customer in the United States, the E-Type was brought into the country through the renowned importer, Max Hoffman of New York, and the car stayed in the U.S.A. until it returned to the United Kingdom in the 1980s, at which point it was converted to right-hand drive and is believed to have been restored in 1991.

Over 2013 and 2014, the Jaguar was subject to recommissioning work by marque specialists GTC Engineering, BPA Engineering, and Paul Lanzante Ltd. Workshop bills on file add up to over £20,000, with work including a strip-down of the engine, cylinder head overhaul, rebuild of the gearbox, refresh of the front and rear suspension, strip and clean the brake cylinder, fit a new clutch master cylinder, overhaul of the carburettors, and uprating the engine sump. Regularly maintained through the years, the car's engine block and cylinder head are original. To view this car and others currently consigned to this auction, please visit the RM website at rmsothebys.com/en/auctions/lf21.

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