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1951 Jaguar MK V

- Lot sold
USD 52 705 - 73 787
EUR 50 000 - 70 000 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1951
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Convertible / Roadster
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Description

1951 JAGUAR MK V CONVERTIBLE
Chassis n° 647505 - Engine n° Z3992 of 3.5 L
Body : Convertible n° SH 9249
Fiscal power : 20 hp - French registration

Presented at the 1948 Earl Court show alongside the revolutionary XK 120, the Mark V is the first Jaguar to be available in left-hand drive to seduce American customers. While its elegant bodywork remained traditional, this large convertible innovated thanks to engineer Heynes with its independent suspension, its very rigid chassis and its hydraulically controlled braking. Offered at a much lower price than the equivalent Bentleys, the Mark V is true to Sir Lyons' wishes: the brand's customers must get their money's worth. Its three-position soft top

The three-position soft top allows the car to be driven in an open configuration, milord for concours d'élégance, or closed for interior driving. The Mark V carries its passengers in remarkable comfort, with top-notch handling for its time and British refinement. While not a sporty convertible, the proven 3.5L engine born in 1937 provides sufficient performance to keep up with the pace of vintage rallies without worry.

The upholstery and bodywork have been redone in the Lecoq body shop, synonymous with excellence. The radiator and carpets are new and the mechanics, brakes and clutch have been rebuilt.

The various instruments on the walnut dashboard are all fully functional.

The car has kept its original tools, which is rare enough to be noticed and a nice DESMO mascot is also provided with the car.

Also note that the original sales catalog and a rare vintage parts binder will be provided with the car. Only 2 owners have succeeded each other since 1986. Let yourself be tempted by the English luxury of the fifties, which mixes sportiness and art of living.

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