



Donnington Priory (127)

Wed, 8th Aug 2012, Donnington Priory

Lot 1

1971 Jaguar E-Type V12 Coupe

Registration No: CUA833J

Chassis No: 1S50013

Mot Expiry: None

By 1971, Jaguar's jaw-dropping E-Type had been in production for a decade. Despite continual improvements, new emissions legislation in the all-important American market threatened to strangle the big cat's performance. Jaguar responded by giving it fresh claws in the shape of a 5343cc V12 engine developed from the stillborn XJ13 Le Mans car. The new engine was both effortlessly powerful and eerily refined. With some 272bhp and 304lbft on tap, the E-Type once again had 150mph in its sights. A revised wheelbase yielded better cabin space and, together with a wider track front and rear, new anti-dive front suspension geometry and fatter tyres gave improved road holding. Imbued with a more muscular stance, thanks to its flared wheelarches, re-profiled wings and larger grille, it also benefited from vented disc brakes and a restyled interior.

This right-hand drive home market V12 Fixed Head Coupe sports dark red coloured bodywork teamed with Black leather upholstery. According to the accompanying V5C Registration Document it was first registered on May 13th 1971 and has had five former keepers; the last of whom being a Robert Lowdsdale of Norton, Stockton-on-Tees, who purchased it during June 1978. The Jaguar then passed to the vendor's late husband, Charles Heywood, in January 1980, who retained it for use on high days and holidays. The E-Type is equipped with the preferred manual transmission and rides on the standard issue steel wheels. Though the current odometer reading of 70,468 miles is unwarranted, it is commensurate with the oldest of 18 previous MOT certificates on file that dates back to February 1978, and shows a recorded mileage of 20,350. The certificate concerned also suggests 'CUA 833J' was a resident of Bournemouth during this period. This venerable-looking Jaguar is now being sold complete with MOT and tax valid into July 2013 and at No Reserve.

PLEASE NOTE: Contrary to the vendor's intention this lot does not possess a current MOT certificate or historic class (free) road fund licence. The car was submitted for a recent MOT test and failed on (i) the nearside and offside windscreen washers providing insufficient washer liquid, (ii) nearside front suspension has excessive play in an upper suspension ball joint, (iii) offside front (lower) suspension arm ball joint dust cover excessively damaged so that it no longer prevents the ingress of dirt and (iv) offside front exhaust has a major leak of exhaust gases.