



## Imperial War Museum Duxford (163)

Wed, 29th Mar 2017

### Lot 25

**Estimate:** £20000 - £24000 + Fees

**1963 Jaguar MK II 3.8 Litre**

**Registration No:** APG401B

**Chassis No:** 231579DN

**Mot Expiry:** April 2018

Featuring notably slimmer roof pillars than its MKI forebear, the immortal Jaguar MKII was as airy on the inside as it was elegant on the outside. Its monocoque bodyshell was equipped with independent coil-sprung front suspension and a well located live rear axle, 12-inch disc brakes all round and recirculating ball steering. The model could be specified with a 2.4, 3.4 or 3.8-litre version of Jaguar's race-proved, DOHC inline, six-cylinder XK engine. The interior was quintessentially British with its sumptuous leather-covered seats, polished wood facia and door cappings, comprehensive instrumentation and impressive row of auxiliary toggle switches. The attention to detail and build quality of the MKII were remarkable for the price. Equipped with the 220bhp 3.8-litre engine, the Jaguar was reputedly capable of sprinting to 60mph in 8.5 seconds and on to a top speed of 125mph. Some 30,141 3.8s were produced between 1959 and 1967.

Finished in Dark Green with Tan leather upholstery, this particular example boasts a manual overdrive gearbox and chrome wire wheels. Purchased by the current keeper in 2012, it was the subject of a extensive restoration between 1997 and 2001. This included: a bare metal respray during which the colour was changed from the original Golden Sand; the engine was refurbished to standard specification; the original manual gearbox was replaced by a later all-synchromesh unit; the suspension was lowered and rebushed; power steering was added; the bumpers and rear lights were rechromed; the headlining, carpets, facia, wheels, tyres, spinners and radio were all renewed. More recently a Kenlowe fan, electronic ignition, new starter motor and custom header tank have been fitted. The vendor not surprisingly now regards the bodywork, paintwork, interior trim, engine and gearbox as all being in "very good order" and 'APG 401B' is offered with a fresh MOT certificate. A fine looking example of a great motorcar.