

1984 Jaguar XJS 3.6 with Five Speed Getrag Transmission

This is one of 24 experimental XJS model that were built by Jaguar and sent to the United States for marketing information to see if Americans would accept the six cylinder AJ6 engine and hardy five speed Getrag transmission in the XJS. These cars were given to the Jaguar executives for their use. They were then stored for years.

Because they were experimental most of the parts were actually made for the V12. The cooling system including the radiator and oil cooler to name two. The cars have a racing rear end and a straight exhaust.

The car was put into top running condition from the air conditioning to the exhaust. Koni Shocks give it the best handling performance ride and the fiberglass tips on the exhaust give it a throaty growl. (A complete list of work is available)

The XJS stands out as perhaps the most graceful body design ever. The goal was to update the appearance of the car to make it timeless. The items that dated the car were the bumpers, mirrors, black air vents, exhaust tips, grill and taillights.

New bumpers, sills and plinth for the trunk were the first step. A grill was designed to make the front end more aggressive and a tail light housing was created with dual taillights. To tie in the exhaust tips were also done in a double circle. Rear view mirrors were chosen to blend with the lines of the body. A special spoiler was designed for the trunk to compliment the lines of the body and give additional weight to the racing rear end. The final touch was elegant and refined eleven spoke wheels.

The next step was a paint that would be outstanding yet rich. The maroon that was chosen has rich depth in the shadows and a dazzling fire when the light shines on it. The black vinyl vents were stripped and painted to match.

The interior in the car was given as much thought as the exterior. A new wood look steering wheel and new wood was a must. Shades of maroon were used for the headliner and carpets. The entire interior was upholstered in maroon leather with seat insets and piping in a snake texture. The snake was carried through to the door panels. The result is a very rich interior with interesting contrasts in texture. An interior that surrounds you with the feeling of luxury.

The result is not just a car that is one of 24 ever made; it is a truly unique one of a kind that is elegant, performs like only a Jaguar can and is fun to drive.