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1957 JAGUAR XKSSContinuation

British Racing Green with Black Leather

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Mileage	312 miles	Engine Capacity	3400cc
Body Style	Convertible	Fuel	Petrol
Transmission	Manual	Chassis No.	XKSS 771

The story of the Continuation began in the early evening of February 12th 1957, when a fire broke out at Jaguarâ€™s Browns Lane factory, destroying nine D-Types. Difficult to sell in their current form, Jaguar had planned to convert these nine chassis into the road-going Jaguar XKSS. What many dub as ‘the original supercar’, the XKSS had the same aerodynamic body style as the D-Type, but adopted a few adaptations; the divider between the driver and passenger was removed, a passenger side door was added and a fully chrome surrounded windscreen and side screens on both sides of the car, along with a retractable roof. Jaguar also added chrome bumpers to both the front and rear, and to finish; the iconic luggage rack.

With twenty-five Jaguar XKSSs initially planned for production, the fire meant nine of them were never built. This was until 2016 when Jaguar Classic announced they would build those nine cars to their exact 1957 specification, which included each car being designated their period correct XKSS chassis number.

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The nine cars were immediately snapped up by chosen individuals in all four corners of the globe. The car we present here is the first of those nine, and only the third to be offered for resale privately. We are proud to boast the other two were also sold by ourselves.

Chassis #XKSS771 is finished in Jaguarâ€™s historically renowned colour combination of British Racing Green over a Black Leather interior, matching that of the famous 'Green Rat' owned by Steve McQueen. It has resided in the collection of aÂ well known UK-based property developer, and has only covered 312 miles from new.