

It is OK to touch this car. Really! ...Just be careful.

It is a 1965 E-type – by Jaguar of Coventry, England.

It is also known here in the U.S. as an “XKE.” The E-type was the ultimate successor to the Jaguar XK-120 which when introduced was the fastest production car in the world. This one has a 4.2 liter straight-six XK engine. The XK engine produces tremendous power for its size, and made an ideal racing engine. The beautiful competition C-type & D-type Jaguar XK’s won a string of victories and top positions at the 24 hours at Le Mans throughout the 1950s. The E-type was produced from 1961 through 1974, with the final 3 years being with 5.5 liter V-12 engines. The E-type had many “Firsts” for a production car: 4-wheel disc brakes, independent rear suspension, and unibody/tube frame construction. The body was designed by aeronautical engineer Malcolm Sayer, and is considered to be one of the timeless classics of automotive design. A Jaguar E-type is one of only two automobiles on permanent display at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

This car was lovingly restored from a junker in the mid-1990s. It is a “Driver” and we have run it in many Vintage Car Rallies. We’ve enjoyed top-five finishes in many 1000-mile rallies. This car also ran the 1999 Cannonball Classic from New York to Los Angeles, and lead most of the way, but finished on a flatbed after it broke down (alternator failure) in the Mojave Desert, 116 miles from the finish. Being a “cat”, it seems to have nine lives and always lands on its feet. It has had two “mini-restorations” since its full restoration in 1996/7: It was damaged in transit after the 1999 Cannonball (bent frame rails) and was trapped in a flood (Tropical storm “Allison” in Houston, Texas, 2001) where it spent some time under three feet of muddy water! Yes. Grown men cried... but we learned to not worry too much about small stuff, like admirers running their hands over the lovely curves.

We are more than happy to take you for a ride, or show you what lies under the shapely “bonnet.” Hang out here if you want, we’ll be back.

In the mean time, remember it is OK to touch, just be nice.

This cat won’t scratch you, but please be gentle. Thank You!