

Ex Colin Sutton XJ13 Replica

Editor- The problem when you start a story is where to end it. It is hard when covering a story about the XJ13 to simply glance over the Replica XJ13 that was owned by the then JDCSA club member Colin Sutton. His car has sold several times and is for sale again for \$1.4 million.

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The Replica was built using Jaguar's original plans by John Wilson (Vehicle Engineer in Canberra/Sydney region) and first registered in the ACT in 1986.

Not so much a replication but a re-creation of the original, even down to the identical wheels (the only set surviving from the original casting). Brakes and suspension are all Jaguar.

The body panels use the identical grade of alloy rivets used in the original XJ13. It also uses identical glass for the screens, Plexiglas side and rear.

The 7.0 litre V12 engine features four camshafts, as in the original, plus the ZF transaxle gearbox is mounted upside down (as was the original). The engine has been Dyno Tuned and measured at 700bhp.

When the car was in Adelaide in 2018 it won Best Vehicle out of 900 at the All British Day (Feb 2018), and was voted Joint Winner of the National Jaguar Rally at Birdwood National Motor Museum, SA, April 2018.

Norman Dewis drove the car in July 2004 and commented on how close it drove to the original.



The XJ13 has been involved in many events including Targa Tasmania, The Dutton Rally, Geelong to Adelaide Rally, 1990 Aust F1 Grand Prix, 2012 Melbourne F1 Grand prix, Classic Adelaide Rally (twice), the Shannons Classic Car Demonstration, The Pebble Beach rally and numerous North American Jaguar meets.

Further development of the car apparently took 15 years to complete with around \$200k U.S. spent on the engine alone.

The car can be road registered and has travelled 25,827 miles. The car is for sale at John Conroy Classic Cars, Moorooka, Brisbane. ■

Editor- Colin Sutton still lives in Adelaide, but is confined to a nursing home. We sincerely wish Colin all the best for the difficult months ahead.

