

# XJ-S Trans-Am Race Winning Car for Sale (USA)

This Jaguar dominated the American 1978 Trans-Am season, and now it's ready to add racing history to someone's collection.

A vintage racecar is always an easy way to spruce up a collection, but finding such a car with race-winning provenance is a bigger challenge. That's exactly where cars like this 1978 Jaguar XJ-S in Trans-Am racing spec come into play offering the opportunity for continued competition whether that be in vintage racing or concours car shows, and this

car has a history of being a winner!

Jaguar approached the Virginia-based Group 44 racing team with the intention of making the XJ-S a winning machine. The private race team obliged and Jaguar was paid back in spades, with Bob Tullius and the XJ-S race car winning the Driver's Championship in Trans-Am Category 1 class in 1977.

That Trans-Am car began the evolution from the first XJ-S Trans-Am racer that led to this menacing 1978 championship winning Jaguar.

The season started with a ninth-place class finish at Sears Point, but all other races had this car on the podium including seven straight victories to finish the season.

Despite such a dominating performance, this Jaguar XJ-S was retired after the 1978 season and it was parked until it was sold to a collector in 2007.

Under the hood this XJ-S racecar uses a 5.3-liter V12 topped with six Weber carbs and tuned to 580 horsepower, more than twice the hp output that the XJ-S had in stock configuration. Those fat Goodyear tyres are beautifully tucked under the fenders and massive exhaust pipes poking out of each side, but for the most part, the racecar's body looks as classy as its production counterpart.

Having been registered with the FIVA and mechanically restored back in 2007, this 1978 Jaguar XJ-S is ready to win races or awards!





















The car is being offered for sale through California-based Canepa. Their asking price is US \$595,000 (\$892,500 Aus).

[1978 Jaguar XJS Group 44 Trans-Am](#)

To watch the documentary on Bob Tullius go to: [Group 44 XJ-S](#).

If you would like to watch a very good video on how Canepa prepares their cars for sale go to: [Canepa Difference](#) ■

## 1978 Trans-Am Series

Round	Date	Circuit	Winning driver (TA1)	Winning vehicle (TA1)
1	May-21	 Sears Point	 <a href="#">Gene Bothello</a>	<a href="#">Chevrolet Corvette</a>
2	Jun-04	 Westwood	 <a href="#">Nick Engels</a>	<a href="#">Chevrolet Corvette</a>
3	Jun-11	 Portland	 <a href="#">Bob Matkowitch</a>	<a href="#">Chevrolet Corvette</a>
4	Jun-25	 Mont-Tremblant	 <a href="#">Bob Tullius</a>	<a href="#">Jaguar XJS</a>
5	Jul-08	 Watkins Glen‡	 <a href="#">Brian Fuerstenau</a>  <a href="#">Bob Tullius</a>	<a href="#">Jaguar XJS</a>
6	Aug-13	 Brainerd	 <a href="#">Bob Tullius</a>	<a href="#">Jaguar XJS</a>
7	Aug-19	 Mosport	 <a href="#">Bob Tullius</a>	<a href="#">Jaguar XJS</a>
8	Sep-04	 Road America	 <a href="#">Bob Tullius</a>	<a href="#">Jaguar XJS</a>
9	Oct-08	 Laguna Seca	 <a href="#">Bob Tullius</a>	<a href="#">Jaguar XJS</a>
10	Nov-05	 Mexico City	 <a href="#">Bob Tullius</a>	<a href="#">Jaguar XJS</a>



*Winner of both the 1978 Trans-Am Category 1 Drivers and Manufacturers Championship, campaigned by legend Bob Tullius and his Group 44 team.*



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*This historic Jaguar XJ-S racing car has been superably prepared for sale. If you would like to see how Canepa prepares their cars for sale go to [Canepa Difference](#)*



*Despite being heavier and having less engine displacement than most of its competitors, Bob Tullius and the Jaguar saw the checkered flag 7 times in a row tying Mark Donohue for the most consecutive Trans-Am wins. The program was aimed to boost the corporate image of British Leyland, not the Jaguar marque as such, but Jaguars 1978 Manufacturers win over Chevrolet was sweet.*



*For more photographs go to [1978 Jaguar XJS Group 44 Trans-Am](#)*

