

## **JAW-DROPPING JAGUAR: E-TYPE UK CREATES BESPOKE SPEEDSTER**

- **E-Type UK completes overhaul of 1961 Jaguar E-type Roadster**
- **Car restored and upgraded with stunning results to create bespoke ‘speedster’**
- **Restoration of car, deemed the prettiest car in the world by Enzo Ferrari, took over 3,500 hours**
- **Revised with a bespoke specification, with optimised and overhauled mechanicals beneath refined bodywork**
- **E-Type UK is known as one of world’s leading Jaguar experts**
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**Kent, UK, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024:** E-Type UK, the world-leading expert on the definitive classic sports car, has completed a painstaking 3,500 hour restoration and bespoke upgrade programme on a Jaguar E-type Series 1 Roadster, producing a refined and optimised British speedster.

Famously described by none other than Enzo Ferrari as the most beautiful car in the world, thanks to the Hadlow, Kent based E-Type UK, this gleaming E-type now delivers a ‘fast road’ driving experience to match the stunning looks.

### **An Icon Revitalised**

The subject of the restoration and upgrade works, a 1961 left-hand drive model, was first delivered new to Puerto Rico. After many years overseas, the car returned to the UK, being bought by the current owner as the basis for creating his ultimate open top E-type.

He tasked E-Type UK – recognised marque experts, and specialists in custom Jaguar builds – with further refining the car’s elegant 1960s bodywork to create something more purposeful, with elevated modern performance to match. The customer – who intends to use the car exclusively in warmer climates – instructed the team to remove the soft top entirely, to create a true E-type speedster.

### **Meticulous Restoration Process, Inside and Out**

E-Type UK’s expert team have since lavished over 3,500 hours on the car, focusing on every detail down to the very last bolt. As with all the firm’s restoration projects, the process began with a full strip down of the shell, and removing all components. The team then undertook a comprehensive assessment of the body panels to ensure structural integrity, before carefully blasting them to remove half a century of material build-up.

During the team’s analysis of the car, it was discovered that significant repairs to the shell were needed, with multiple panels badly corroded or rotted from years of exposure to the elements. E-Type UK seized this opportunity to further refine the bodywork and enhance that iconic 1960s design, with a de-seamed bonnet and tailgate, including further rounding of bodywork edges across the car.

The de-seaming process also allowed the specialists to remove exterior chrome work for a cleaner look, including the exterior door handles – replaced with a subtle internal electronic release. The new aesthetic was capped off by custom headlight covers and – with no need to accommodate a soft top – all finishing edges have been beautifully rounded.

With the metalwork complete, the iconic silhouette of the E-Type emerged anew and then was surfaced and finally treated with a coat of Opalescent Gunmetal for a rich, lustrous finish. The painting process took over 400 hours in all, using the highest quality products to achieve a show stopping depth and shine.

### **An interior to match**

The same attention to detail has been paid to the interior, with the E-Type UK team creating a custom, totally transformed cabin. Realising the client's vision, a custom finish was applied to the seats, sills and carpets – which are now adorned in Red diamond quilted leather. This is offset by a gleaming, period correct aluminium centre console and dash, housing the iconic original lineup of Smiths gauges.

The team have also fabricated a bespoke storage area across the rear bulkhead, making use of this space, which is now beautifully trimmed in matching leather and pattern. This bespoke storage space also doubles up as a useful seating area for furry friends, ensuring the families beloved pets can tag along for the ride. E-Type UK has supplied a removable padded section for added pet friendly comfort.

### **Pursuit of Mechanical Perfection**

The team have spent hundreds more hours on work beneath the car's skin, with entirely refreshed and overhauled mechanical components. While the car was in paint, the team had been hard at work preparing and enhancing the car's vital elements, such as its beating heart: the fully rebuilt, 3.8-litre straight six engine, now finished to a 'fast road' specification.

The motor has been overhauled from top to bottom in the E-type UK workshops. After being fully stripped down, the block was honed and bored, with high-lift cams and new bearings fitted, along with bronze valve guides, uprated valves, a ported head and a balanced crank. It is now fed by fully rebuilt triple SU carbs, with an increased compression ratio and new lighter flywheel. The car now also benefits from electronic ignition, sport ignition coil, high-torque starter motor and lightweight alternator. These changes are complemented by an uprated, performance cooling system and larger fan, for dramatically improved air-flow – ideal for enthusiastic drives in the warmer climes where this car will reside.

These changes have created a powerplant that now revs with a newfound urgency, emitting an addictive straight six roar in the process – now all the more enveloping thanks to the new 'speedster' layout. The motor drives through a brand-new, beautifully mechanical, 5-speed manual gearbox, and the enhanced performance is kept in check thanks to upgraded adjustable suspension and sports performance brakes.

### **A gleaming masterpiece**

E-Type UK's creation of this stunning, highly bespoke E-type Speedster stands as a testament to the company's commitment to excellence in classic automotive space, with a unique ability to blend originality and with carefully selected, transformative enhancements. It also acts as a fine reminder of

the E-type's timeless allure, a true British design icon that now delivers truly modern performance to match the stunning looks.

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### **Editor's Notes**

Founded in 2008, E-Type UK is one of the leading authorities for sales, restoration, maintenance and upgrades for the iconic Jaguar E-Type, earning a stellar reputation for the attention to detail and precision of its work as well as the approachable and professional nature of its team.

E-Type UK was born out of passion for a truly iconic car that it wanted to see return to its former glory. Thanks to its knowledgeable, skilled and committed workforce, the company has moved from strength to strength and now prides itself on providing the ultimate E-Type experience.

Under the control of father and son duo Dominic and Marcus Holland, E-Type UK has single-model expertise – all of E-Type UK's work is performed on the E-Type alone, allowing it to be innovative and push the boundaries.

The company specialises in E-Type upgrades, including pioneering V12 and XK fuel-injection systems, as well as five-speed gearboxes. These are just two ways E-Type UK is able to add something extra special and completely unique to the driving experience while retaining originality and remaining true to the marque.

Through its bespoke car division, Unleashed, E-Type UK reimagines models from the iconic marque, starting with the E-type Series 3 models. It enhances cars with modern performance and creature comforts. The current Unleashed models are built around a fuel-injected 400bhp 6.1-litre V12, as well as a bespoke chassis, steering and suspension set-up, taking E-type performance to a whole new level.

Thanks to E-Type UK's outstanding reputation, it's been able to build strong global connections all centered around its main priority: the customer. Its 15-strong team is made up of personable and approachable individuals, with the exemplary levels of dedication, knowledge and professionalism you'd expect from E-Type.

Staff members have won countless awards for their restoration work – including at Salon Privé and Villa d'Este concours events – owned the legendary E-Type themselves and are truly passionate about all classic cars. Between them, the team has decades upon decades of experience at the highest level of classic restoration and maintenance.

E-Type UK offers immaculately restored cars with the perfectionist touch the company has become famous for. It's also among the digital leaders in the classic car world, adding modern content to a vintage world with a series of engaging videos on its cars and processes.