

My Jaguar 3.8 S 1965



This car (Jaguar 3.8S 1965) was purchased by my late mother, Adrienne Quilter in February of 1966 for \$4500, 25% off of the list price when new a year earlier. It was a fairly rare model with disc wheels and a manual plus Laycock overdrive. Most 3.8S models in the USA were automatics and with wire wheels. The car was my mother's daily driver for 8 years until her passing in 1974 at which point my father took on the car and used it as his longer distance car when his Morris Minor was unsuitable.

In 1975 I went to work for the regional zone office of British Leyland Motor Corporation in Brisbane California. This afforded me employee pricing on all Jaguar and Leyland parts so the car was kept in pristine condition by me until my father's death in 2000. At this point I became the sole steward of this machine and it remains in my personal collection of British cars. Always garaged and properly maintained as needed, it is a fine driver but not a ground up restoration car suitable for concours shows. I prefer to drive and enjoy the cars not keep them as garage artifacts. The car was resprayed in about 1986 and the black interior is mostly original as is the chrome plating. Now at 160,000 miles it is a fine car for local trips and non concours cars shows. Having been connected with this car for 43 years I am intimately familiar with its technical features and its service, repair, and mechanical history.

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