



PLEASE READ BEFORE DRIVING

Jaguar XJS V12 Coupe

STARTING PROCEDURE

1. The XJS is fuel injected with an automatic choke
2. The car must be in 'P' (PARK) to start
3. Do not press the accelerator when turning the key
4. To start the car, turn the key fully and keep it turned until the engine fires
5. Once fired, blip the throttle to clear the injectors

Due to the size of the engine it may be necessary to keep the ignition key turned longer than you might expect. If the car does not fire immediately, keep the key turned. DO NOT TURN THE IGNITION OFF AND RESTART – THIS WILL FLOOD THE CAR

BEFORE DRIVING YOU MUST ENSURE THE HANDBRAKE IS OFF – CHECK THE RED WARNING LIGHT ON THE DASHBOARD. IF YOU DRIVE WITH THE HANDBRAKE ON YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF REPAIR.

HANDBRAKE

1. The XJS handbrake is located to the right of the driver's seat
2. The handbrake is always in the lowered position, whether on or off
3. To engage:
 - a. Start engine
 - b. Press button and lift lever fully
 - c. You will hear the ratch as the handbrake engages
 - d. Check red light on dashboard is on
 - e. Lower handbrake
4. To disengage:
 - a. Start engine
 - b. Press button and lift lever fully
 - c. Pull the lever slightly beyond its top point and you will hear the ratchet disengage
 - d. Check red light on dashboard goes out
 - e. Lower handbrake
 - f. If light does not go out, raise handbrake again – check that you are raising it sufficiently to hear the ratchet sound

For simplicity, we recommend you avoid using the handbrake to minimise the risk of damage to the car. When the gearbox is in 'P' for PARK the handbrake operates anyway.

IF THE RED HANDBRAKE WARNING LIGHT SHOWS ON THE DASHBOARD, DO NOT DRIVE THE CAR.

GEARBOX

1. Three speed auto with option to hold the car in 1st or 2nd gears
2. Arrangement: P (PARK), R (REVERSE) N (NEUTRAL), D (DRIVE), 2 (2ND GEAR), 1 (1ST GEAR)
3. To operate the gears nudge the T-bar to the right and back
4. 1 and 2 are intended to hold the car in gear when ascending or descending hills
5. Always put your foot on the brake when engaging gear from stationary or when stationary with the engine running

BRAKES

1. XJS has discs on the front and back. There is no ABS
2. The car will stop appropriately for the time when it was built. But this will not be as quickly or abruptly as in a modern car
3. Please test the brakes before heading out onto the main road

FUEL

The car runs on minimum 95 RON Unleaded petrol. It will run better on 98 RON Super Unleaded fuel. The car does around 14 mpg. To avoid running out of fuel and damage to the car, please do not let the car run below ¼ tank of fuel. The fuel gauge shows '3/4' when full.

Locking fuel cap is on passenger side.

DRIVING

1. The XJS has a long bonnet and you sit low – please take care at junctions
2. The XJS is a heavy car – it will tend to roll and feel a little vague on the road at first
3. Please note the comments above about brakes
4. The car develops around 285 bhp and has rear wheel drive – with no ABS, traction control or other driver aids, you are responsible for what the car does
5. The weight, rear drive wheels and power mean the car has relative low levels of traction
6. The car is very low geared – please expect this when driving at 60mph or above

CONTROLS

1. Lights:
 - a. Large switch to left of steering column for fog lights, sidelights and dipped beam
 - b. Main beam operates on the left hand column stalk (blue warning light appears on dashboard display)
2. Indicators: on left hand column stalk
3. Lumber and heated seat switches on side of transmission tunnel
4. Wipers and screen wash on right hand column stalk
5. Heating controls in centre of car
6. Electric window switches on centre console
7. Boot release: under 'Jaguar' badge on rear edge of boot (lockable with key)
8. Doors lock centrally on the key (although the system may be temperamental due to age)