



PLEASE READ BEFORE DRIVING

Jaguar XK8 Coupe

STARTING PROCEDURE

1. The XK8 is fuel injected with an automatic choke
2. Do not press the accelerator when turning the key
3. Put your foot on the brake
4. Move the gear selector to Neutral
5. To start the car, turn the key fully and the car should start instantly
6. Once fired, blip the throttle to clear the injectors

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 XK8 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 ratchet 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. Four speed auto with option to hold the car in 2nd, 3rd or 4th gears using the J-gate
2. P (PARK), R (REVERSE), N (NEUTRAL), D (DRIVE) with individual gear selection on the J-gate
3. To operate the gears press the brake and nudge the gear to the selected position
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. The XK8 has discs on the front and back. It has ABS and traction control
2. The car will stop quickly but it is a very fast car and the brakes may not be the same as your 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 24 mpg. To avoid running out of fuel and damage to the car, please do not let the car run below $\frac{1}{4}$ tank of fuel.

Locking fuel cap is on passenger side.

DRIVING

1. The XK8 has a long bonnet and you sit low – please take care at junctions
2. The XK8 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 290 bhp and has rear wheel drive – even with ABS, traction control and other driver aids, you are responsible for what the car does
5. The weight, rear drive wheels and power mean the car can be lively in the wet
6. This is a very quick car – it will gain speed deceptively fast and feel as if it is going slower than it actually is
7. The car has long front and rear overhangs: take care parking, particularly with kerbs
8. Take care to avoid kerbing the large alloy wheels

CONTROLS

1. Lights:
 - a. Switch on left hand column stalk for sidelights and dipped beam
 - b. Main beam operates on the right hand column stalk (blue warning light appears on dashboard display)
2. Indicators: on right hand column stalk
3. Electric seat operation at front base of each seat
4. Wipers and screen wash on right hand column stalk
5. Heating controls and heated seat functions in centre of car
6. Electric window switches on doors
7. Mirror switches on driver's door
8. Boot and fuel release: in front of driver on right hand side of dashboard
9. Doors lock centrally on key (although the system may be temperamental due to age)