

# IAN CALLUM'S MARK II JAGUAR

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In 2014 this is how the Jaguar Mark II should have looked according to Ian Callum. This re-engineered Jaguar is the result of an 18 month joint venture between Jaguar's design director Ian Callum and Classic Cars Bridgnorth. It was for Callum's personal use. Modifications were extensive, leading to a car with even more exciting shape and performance. Over 70 alterations were made, both in engineering, body and interior.



The engine is a 4.3 litre 6-cylinder XK producing 190 KWs. It was repositioned in the chassis to improve lubrication, cooling and fuel distribution. An aluminium radiator was used with a built in oil heat exchanger and electric fan. A stainless steel steering system with electric power assistance included. The suspension was updated with adjustable dampers. The braking system was by disc brakes with 17 inch wire wheels and much wider tyres.



The bumper was replaced and louvres cut into the front guards to remove hot air from the engine. Also new remodelled door handles were used. Electronic ignition was incorporated, heated front and rear windscreens, halogen headlights and daylights.



The interior was completely redesigned to Callum's desire. Pleated leather, sound deadening and modified heating and ventilation. A Clarion single DIN multi-media station with flip out touch screen with multi lingual navigation audio and Bluetooth. Also 6 Clarion speakers with 350 watts output and a roof aerial and a rear-view digital camera. Ian Callum has also added several embellishments that include badges and instruments.

"The Mark II by Callum will retain the integrity of the original, a form and presence that I have always admired. It will possess an intuitive driving experience, because not only does it have to look exciting, it also has to be exciting to drive", said Ian Callum.

Classic Motor Cars says the overwhelming reaction to the car when it was revealed to the public convinced it to produce a limited edition run of this special car, which Callum created for his personal use. Prices range from \$NZ 572,000 to \$NZ 613,000. One would imagine, at this price, Mr Callum need not worry about a copy of his creation passing him any time soon.

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