

The Owen Sedanca Jaguar

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The Owen Sedanca de Ville was commissioned by Gerald Ronson, owner of the Rolls Royce, Bentley and Jaguar distributor based in London in the early 1970's. It was based on the luxury Jaguar XJ 6 chassis. The body was said to be influenced by the Lamborghini Espada. It is perhaps ironic that after Jaguar showed little interest in the one off Jaguar Pirana, that Lamborghini used it to develop the Espada.

The Sedanca's body is a hand built aluminium structure along exotic lines. It however has only 2 doors, very different than the XJ 6. They are so wide that the rear seat passengers can climb into their seats without moving the front seats.

The standard vehicle has the Jaguar 4.2 litre straight 6 cylinder engine and was priced at £8,500, more than twice the price of the vehicle that it was based on. A V12 Jaguar engine was offered but none was made.

80 orders were taken but the 1973 oil crisis resulted in most being cancelled and to all intents the project was shelved in 1978. However a Mr Farid ordered 2 cars which were produced. The first was used on the grounds of his Oxfordshire estate in 1978 for his



son and another car was ordered in 1983. They were both sold when the family left Britain in the late 1980s. In December 2005 the 1978 car was put on sale on E-Bay. The 2 cars still exist.

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