

Another interesting XK120

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This 1951 Jaguar XK 120 roadster was modified as a race car in the late 1980's and was reportedly retained by Jim Foust in his remarkable collection for more than 20 years. It was acquired by his present owner in 2019.

Power is supplied by Jaguar's trusty 3.8 litre, inline-six engine. It is equipped with 3 SU carburetors, sending power to the rear wheels through a four-speed manual gearbox. Other modifications are a roll bar, a side-exit exhaust system, a fuel cell, MSD ignition and a sump oil accumulator.



The body is finished in metallic blue with old fashion No. 49 on its flanks. The bumper, headlights and grille have been removed, and a custom wrap-around windscreen replaces the old two-piece windshield. Side vents, and a headrest fairing have been added. It is equipped with Dunlop 16- inch tyres and wire wheels with knock off spinners.

The cabin contains a single bucket seat, a Simpson racing seat and harness, a Cool Suit

Driver-cooling system and a four -spoke steering wheel with a Jaguar Growler in the centre. The customised dash contains an 8000rpm tachometer, as well as other automotive gauges. It not intended to take passengers in this car, as the Oil accumulator and MSD Ignition control box are mounted on the passenger-side footwell.

This not a car for the faint hearted and while mileage and performance have not been stated, I would expect a top speed of around 140MPH (200KPH), not bad for a 70-year-old car.

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