

# 1993 Jaguar XJS Koenig Special

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Only 14 of these Jaguar XJS Koenig Specials were built worldwide. They were designed and built by the famous German race car driver, builder and tuner Willie Koenig, whose custom-built specials are known for their massive performance and raucous sounds which always has the ability to turn heads.

This car was ordered by a gentleman who regularly extracted maximum pleasure from driving along Mulholland Drive between Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley, a task that always brought a smile to his face. Over \$US 100,000 was initially invested in remaking this Jaguar in the Koenig image thanks to the major body, suspension, drivetrain and ECU modifications. The marvellously smooth V 12 engine was greatly up graded from its 290 BHP to around 400BHP.

Major body modifications included adding a bonnet air scoop, front roof and air dams, and most noticeably the wide rear mud guards. These were needed to house the wide 285/50 15- inch tyres, on classic looking BBS wheels, and added nearly 2 feet to the car width. The cars excellent handling was enhanced by the addition of special Koenig springs, redesigned shackles and special Koni shocks.

The interior was up graded with comfortable leather seats, new burled walnut trim and a new custom-made sound system. The original Nardi steering wheel was replaced by an up graded Momo model.

This car looks great and sounds even better and was last year sold in the USA for \$ 28,000.



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