

Low Volume Jaguar Prototypes & Concepts (In Monthly Episodes). Part 6

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XK150S Hartin Fastback (1961)



Although this is not a factory modification it does represent a unique conversion to create a four passenger XK150. The car was the result of one man's obsession to create a 200 mph four seat Jaguar coupe. Several modifications were made to make a standard XK150S go faster whilst providing more interior room for rear seat passengers. The modifications also included the installation of a 200mph speedometer but there was little hope that any upgrades to an XK150 would be sufficient to produce any major gains in outright speed. The fastback body was created by Hartin Bros whose rear styling blends the older XK bodywork with the stylish fastback design similar to the E Type fixed head coupe which was released in 1961. Whilst the car is not perhaps the most attractive of coupes, it still survives and has been restored in its modified form rather than being returned to an original XK150 fixed head.

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