

Low Volume Jaguar Prototypes & Concepts (Final Monthly Episode). Part 10

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XJ6 Series 2 Pick Up (1976)



Sir William Lyons would never have approved of this vehicle. Converted from a short wheel base XJ6 saloon, this pickup offers luxury motoring with utility benefits. Many Series 2 cars were modified in the 1980s and 1990s when the residual value was very low. Often cars written off in accidents were modified to suit a further need rather than restored to their original condition because of cost. The modifying of XJ6 and XJ12 saloons created many business opportunities in the UK and the US with coupes converted to open cabriolets, 4 door saloons modified to cabriolet configuration but with the cant rails and 4 door access remaining and even the XJ-S coupes converted to estate cars or convertibles. Several one off pick-ups were converted by individual owners from saloons to suit their individual tastes but this car would appear the most sympathetic to the overall Jaguar style. The utility area provided offers more space than a standard home trailer making for a practical conversion as well. It is believed that the car was converted in Germany although the date of the conversion is not known.

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