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## Jaguar Tomlinson sports racing car

1957

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Gallery

This sports-racing Jaguar represents an exciting discovery by one of my UK friends in a garden in Cornwall in 2001 where it had been hiding for 25 years. This competition car was apparently built in the late 1950's (1957?) by a special builder called Mr Tomlinson. He specialised in building special tubular chassised sports racing cars like Horace Richards and John Griffiths. It looks just like an early HWM-Jaguar because that is the body which Dick Shattock used to take the mould for his shells from. For this model he fitted full XK120 front suspension and a rear axle and suspension bought from the famous racing driver Dick Protheroe who, as you will know, raced XKs and Tojeiros in the 1950s. The body was bought from Dick Shattock who produced the RGS-Atalanta-Jaguar at the same time. It seems to have run with various Jaguar XK engines but lost the C-type headed engine and twin 2" SU's or triple Webers in the late 1960s, which luckily my UK friend succeeded to obtain again, so that at the rebuild this Jaguar could run again in original configuration. The car is complete and even running but she needs a major overhaul before it can be raced again. The rebuild could be very straightforward because body and chassis reveal to be very sound. This Jaguar sports-racing car was listed in the old Jaguar magazines (see black & white photo as 1 example of the many racing events attended) as being used at the following venues: Curborough, Silverstone, Church Lawford, Turnhill, Thruxton Weston Speed Trials, & Greenham Common. The list of owners recorded in the magazine is as follows: M.R.Tomlinson, G.Phipps, J.Harper, D.Harris, J.Davenport, L.Smith D.Beere. There is no doubt about the historic significance of this sports-racing car and, although it needs work before being race-ready, I am sure it would be acceptable at numerous historic race events around the world. I also believe it would fair well, performance-wise when compared with heavier and less nimble C-type Jaguars, or HWMs.

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| Brand    | Jaguar                      |
| Model    | Tomlinson sports racing car |
| Year     | 1957                        |
| Steering | Left (LHD)                  |