

## 1964 Jaguar E-Type Series 1 Roadster

Introduced by Jaguar in March 1961, the Series 1 E-Type (an XK-E designation was/is used mainly/only in North America) was available as an open two-seater and as a two-seater fixed-head coupe. Around 99 cars were built from March to the end of May 1961 with proper series production commencing in June. Enzo Ferrari is quoted as describing it as “the most beautiful car ever made”. A total of 15,490 Series 1 cars were produced between 1961 and 1964. Subsequent production models incorporated the larger 4.2 litre engine.



The 1964 Series 1 E-Type came with a 3.8 litre six-cylinder engine, which is the same unit as that used in the Jaguar XK 150 3.8 S, with a triple SU carburettor, power assisted disc brakes on all four wheels and an independent coil spring rear suspension. The gearbox is a manual Moss 4-speed unit (commonly referred to as a Moss box) without synchromesh in first gear. The bucket seats and interior are trimmed in vinyl and leather

The first open top Series 1 production car to be completed by Jaguar was tested by *The Motor* magazine in 1961 and reportedly reached a top speed of 149.1 mph and accelerated from 0–60 mph in 7.1 seconds. A fuel consumption of 21.3 mpg was claimed by the test team.

The E-Type in the BK Museum is a left-hand drive version and was delivered to its first owner in Washington, USA in mid-1964. It was acquired by the Museum in 2003 and an extensive restoration project by Chris Jones of Dereham, which included returning the bodywork to its original Carmen Red colour, was completed in March 2011.