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## [Lazy in Red: Jaguar XJS Convertible](#)

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The whole world likes an open Jaguar, so when the British company introduced a full convertible version of its flagship XJS model it soon became one of the most popular cars in the range...

While market reaction to the new 'XJ-S' (as it was named, at launch) in 1975 was one of surprise, as the much-beloved E-type's lines had been replaced with more angular, truly '1970s' styling, it soon developed into an understated GT coupé, a favourite of company directors worldwide.

Its big V12 wasn't easy at the pumps but it did provide lazy, silky-smooth performance, perfect for long-distance driving in total comfort.

A targa-type, partially open-roofed version, the XJ-SC was introduced in 1983. This was carefully timed to coincide with a new, six-cylinder engine in an effort to compensate for the V12's legendary thirst. The then-3.6-litre six was initially only available as a manual.

In 1991 the car gained improved, much more harmonious styling and a new name: 'XJS'. By then, the AJ6 six-cylinder had grown to four litres and all convertibles boasted a totally clear deck when roof-down. As an option, a 2+2 version of the convertible was available and the preferred choice of transmission was ZF's electronic ZF 4HP24.

This car, available from Classic Driver dealer Car Classics Cologne GmbH, is an automatic 2+2 4.0-litre in the attractive combination of Flamenco Red with cream hide. Since registration in June 1994, it claims to have covered just 66,183 kilometres.

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