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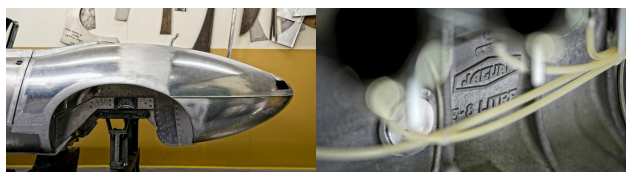
[Jaguar to build the six 'missing' Lightweight E-types after 50 years](#)

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Jaguar has announced plans to build the six elusive Lightweight E-types as brand-new cars, the designated chassis numbers of which have lain dormant since 1963...

As Jaguar's first-ever 'recreation' project, the final cars from the intended series of 18 Lightweight specials will be hand-built to the exact specifications of the race-bred 1960s originals. The twelve finished cars were 114kg lighter than the standard [E-type](#), achieved through not only their all-aluminium bodies and engines (the 3.8-litre straight-six), but also the shedding of interior niceties and exterior chromework – the latter providing a distinctive appearance in the process.

Jaguar's Sanction II



Much like the four '[Sanction II](#)' [Aston Martin DB4 GT Zagatos](#), the reborn Lightweights will adopt the unused chassis numbers designated for the limited-run series. However, while the Sanction II Astons were sent to [Zagato](#) for completion, the half-dozen Lightweight Jags will be built in-house. With high demand expected as a result, Jaguar has announced that established marque collectors – particularly those with historic racing interests – will be prioritised, although the exact selection process has not yet been detailed. One thing's for sure, the project is likely to be a lucrative one for Jaguar; each of the Sanction II Astons were thought to be sold for sums in excess of £1million.

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