

öiS.S. 90 First Production Car 1935 Chassis Nr. 249478 Historical Data

**The first Production Sports Car ever sold by SS Cars Ltd ---
Hence the “Great Grandfather” of all Jaguar Production Sports Cars**

Date	Year	Event / Owner	Loc	Remarks
May	1935	Production at S.S. Cars Ltd.	GB	Exact date not available
29 May	1935	Dispatched by S.S. Cars Ltd, Coventry, UK		Registration AVC 318
1 June	1935	First registered to Capt. [Sir] John Black, Chairman Standard Motor Comp.		This is the first sports car made by William Lyons' SS Cars Ltd to be registered for the road (Skilleter) – sold it again in the end of June 1935
2 April	1937	Purchased by A.G. Douglas Clease, “THE AUTOCAR”		A.G. Douglas Clease was a great enthusiast of William Lyons' products well known for his writings and his rallying SS Cars. Owned it until 12 Dec 1937
1 Jan	1938 - 1947	Little knowledge of whereabouts		At this time we have no knowledge of the car's history during the war and the 15 years thereafter, certainly unknown when Martin A. Tarney bought the car, last licence 7 December 1947
	1947	Martin A. Tarney, Birmingham		Probably last owner in the Coventry – Birmingham area. Address: 10 Priory Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, discontinued registration AVC 318 due to fire causing some damage to the interior
	1948	Martin A. Tarney, Birmingham		Engine 249256 rebuilt, interior repaired, 3 damaged fenders replaced by steel fenders, electrical system rebuilt with non-stock components, after re-building car is re-registered JOF 777
	1948 – 1959	Little knowledge of whereabouts		
	1960	Raymond Saunders, Tangmere, Chichester, Sussex		Letter by Jaguar Cars Ltd, written to Saunders by A.C. Macdonald, Service Manager
	1961	Ian Pikethly, London		Last owner before car is shipped to the USA
	1961	Shipped to the USA	US	Richard T. Trenk Sr. purchases car from Ian Pikethly and ships it to the US, US Reg. YPS 129
	1962-1963	Richard T. Trenk Sr. Largo, Florida USA		Trenk, RPM Services, is the founder of the Classic Jaguar Association (CJA); Trenk provided the author with a drawing of the S.S. 90 Prototype

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	1963-1985	Ernest "Ben" Pate, Vacaville, California, USA	US	Pate drove car 2400 miles from Denver to California. There were some shortcomings. Apparently there followed a complete restoration; car was not driven much afterwards
	1981	Ernest "Ben" Pate, Vacaville, California, USA		Car was brought to the East Coast and there further work was attempted by Cambridge Restoration Services, Cambridge, MA
	1985-1987	Richard D. Losee, North Provo, Utah		Car remained in restoration at Cambridge Restoration Services, Cambridge, MA
24 December	1987	Sold to Bob Heppell, Worcester, UK	GB	Imported into U.K. by Bob Heppell, Harvington Garage, Harvington, Worcester, UK (Registered still JOF 777)
May - October	1988	Attempt to finish restoration by Harvington Garage		Heppell, Harvington Garage, Harvington, Worcester, UK, attempted to finish unfinished restoration begun by Cambridge Restoration (did not get very far)
18 October	1988	Sold to known enthusiast Dr. Hugh Palmer, Wayfield Acres, Rutland, Leics		Harvington Garage Ltd Harvington UK sells unfinished car to Palmer, change of Registration from JOF 777 back to AVC 318 with helb JDC
Throughout	1989 - 1991	Restoration for Hugh Palmer		Thorough, professional restoration incl. engine overhaul by Fullbridge Carriage Company, Ltd Waldon, Essex
September	1991	Viewed at Hugh Palmer by Walter Hill		Walter Hill visits England and views the car at his friend Hugh Palmer, purchase agreement
21 Nov.	1991	Shipped to Walter Hill	US	Shipped through Chuck Stevens, Palm City, as Import Broker for Walter Hill, Payment Nov 30, 1991, Custom Clearance on Dec. 26, 1991
	1992	Re-restoration of engine		Pistons installed by Fullbridge Carriage Company to be of sub-standard quality had caused severe engine damage (see Web-site of Walter Hill Collection). But once more wrong pistons were installed at this time. See Switzerland
September	1993	Chuck Stevens, Palm City, Stuart, Florida, USA		Appraisal of 249478 for Walter Hill, resulting in an estimated value of \$200'000
December	1991 - 2006	Walter Hill, Stuart, Florida, USA		Part of the Walter Hill Collection, Stuart, Florida (see autopuzzles.com: The Walter Hill Collection)
30 Sept.	1995	Walter Hill Concours JCNA		Jaguar Club of Florida: 99.94 Points
Beginning	2006	The Walter Hill Collection is partly dismantled due to advance age of Walter		SS 90 is put up for sale by Morris & Welford

May	2006	Sold but not shipped to a Mr. Peter Rae, Hampshire, UK	Rae did not take delivery of the car, refused payment – hence, the car stayed in California with Morris & Welford, Costa Mesa, California
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August	2006	Sold to Christian J. Jenny	US	Car exhibited at Quail Lodge during Monterey – Pebble Beach Weekend were the author discovered the well-presented S.S. 90, impressed by documentation going with the car
Sept. 13	2006	Shipped to Switzerland	CH	Shipped by maritime container from Morris & Welford, Costa Mesa, CA, to Safenwil, Switzerland
May 14	2007	Inspected and Registered at Road Traffic Office Canton Zurich		Adaptations required by Swiss road laws and a large number of other mechanical work was needed after extended standstill
	2007 - 2008	Further restoration		A large number of details have to be restored for proper road use, including fuel tank to be completely redone by GB Classic Cars, Roggliswil
April 26 - 27	2008	Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este		Exhibited at Villa d'Este on the Lake of Como, Northern Italy
June 16	2008	Engine failure due to pistons of wrong size		Car had been laid off at Walter Hill Coll. for 15+ years since change of pistons in 1992. At first test drive two pistons seized with severe damage
May 19	2009	Successful test of car		After rebuilding of engine and surrounding equipment car is again ready for extended use as a "Drivers' Car"
July 10 - 12	2009	British Classic Car Meeting, St. Moritz, 2009		Extensive Rallye over three Alpine Passes, 1 st Prize in Concours d'Elégance for best pre-war Jaguar presented
8 – 9 October	2011	Michaelskreuz Hillclimb		'Max Etmüller-Gedenkfahrt', a demonstration drive Hillclimb with an emphasis on pre-war sports cars
27 – 29 Sept	2013	11 th Internationales Klausenrennen 2013		Regularity hillclimb over 21 km and 1,000 meters in altitude difference, 3 rd in class

Location of Car	
	United Kingdom
	United States
	Switzerland