



# 1972 Jaguar E Type Series 3 Coupe Coupe

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### Overview

Mileage	57,000 miles
Fuel Type	Petrol
Engine Size	5.3 l
Bodystyle	2+2 COUPE
Transmission	Automatic
Exterior Colour	Cotswold Blue
Previous Owners	8
Registration	FKC1L



### Description

The 1972 Jaguar E-Type Series 3 V12 Coupe represents a significant and dramatic evolution of one of the most iconic sports cars in automotive history. Here's the story and history behind this classic model:

#### Background: The Jaguar E-Type Legacy

Introduced in 1961, the Jaguar E-Type (or XK-E in North America) stunned the automotive world with its blend of performance, aesthetics, and price. Enzo Ferrari reportedly called it "the most beautiful car ever made." It combined race-bred technology from the Jaguar D-Type with road-going comfort and sophistication.

The Series 1 (1961–1968) and Series 2 (1968–1971) models had progressively evolved, but by the early 1970s, tightening U.S. emissions and safety regulations, as well as growing customer demands for power and refinement, prompted Jaguar to take a new direction.

#### The Introduction of the Series 3 (1971–1974)

##### Key Features:

**Engine:** The headline feature of the Series 3 was the 5.3-liter V12 engine, derived from a design originally intended for Le Mans racing.

**Performance:** This new V12 produced around 272 bhp, offering smoothness and effortless power, especially suited to the U.S. market.

##### Body Style Changes:

The Series 3 was offered only in 2+2 coupe and roadster forms — the standard two-seater coupe body from previous generations was discontinued.

The body was lengthened and widened, and a larger cross-slatted front grille, flared wheel arches, and quad exhaust pipes gave it a more muscular look.

Brakes & Steering: Power steering and improved brakes were now standard.

Interior: More luxurious appointments were included to appeal to grand touring buyers.

The 1972 Jaguar E-Type Series 3 Coupe

The 1972 model year is often considered one of the best examples of the Series 3 — early enough to retain some of the E-Type’s purity but with the benefit of the V12 engine and improved refinement.

Significance:

V12 Engine Heritage: This was the first time Jaguar offered a V12 in a production road car. The engine later powered other Jaguars, including the XJ12 and XJS.

Shift in Identity: The Series 3 E-Type marked a transition from a pure sports car to a grand tourer. It was faster in a straight line but more comfortable and less sharp than earlier E-Types.

End of an Era: The Series 3 was the final E-Type. Production ended in 1974, and Jaguar wouldn’t produce another sports car until the XJ-S in 1975, which had a very different character.

Cultural and Collector Value

Today, the Series 3 V12 Coupe is appreciated for its unique place in the E-Type lineage.

While early Series 1 cars often fetch higher values due to their purity and styling, the V12 models offer better drivability, reliability, and comfort, making them desirable for collectors and drivers alike.

Location

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