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1954 HWM JAGUAR

- One of the initial three two-seat Jaguar-engined sports racers produced by HWM, the Walton-on-Thames outfit run by gentleman racer George Abecassis and self-taught engineer John Heath.
- XPA 748 was originally delivered to enthusiast Mr. Geoff Mansell of Birmingham, who competed in it at the Prescott Hill Climb, and used it as a very fast road car.
- Latterly a succession of interesting private owners including Lord Lilford, Sir Jeremy Boles, and eighteen seasons in historic racing with Dr Spike Milligan.
- Superb recent restoration work including return to its period colour scheme.
- A regular frontrunner at historic motoring events, recently won the 2022 Woodcote trophy at Silverstone Classic at the hands of Gregor Fisken and Martin Stretton
- Goodwood Revival and *Mille Miglia* eligible, complete with HTP papers and continuous history

Very well-known and highly-successful in today's historic racing, this is one of the three first-series Jaguar-engined sports racing cars constructed by HWM, the pioneering racing team and the first to fly the flag for Britain in 50s continental racing. XPA 748 is a beautiful, capable and highly individualistic sports racing car, epitomizing the post-war British ideal of resourceful private constructors of slender means taking on the world's best factory teams.

Founded by bomber pilot George Abecassis and engineer John Heath, HWM was a dealership for "serious cars" that also constructed a run of sports and true single-seater racing cars and campaigned them all over Europe. Giving a start to famous drivers including Stirling Moss and Peter Collins, HWM's is an incredibly romantic story of independent racing accomplishment, sustained by the determination, ingenuity and sacrifices of the team – and of course the starting and prize money offered by race organizers.

As HWM's Alta-engined effort in Formula 2 faltered, a Jaguar-powered sports car pointed the way ahead. With the Le Mans-winning 3.4 litre XK sporting triple Webers and mated to a converted twin-tube F2 chassis, the original works car HWM1 was beautiful and fast, and enjoyed an outstanding first season. Two further cars were prepared, including XPA 748 for enthusiast Geoff Mansell of Birmingham, who would hillclimb it at Prescott and use it as a very fast car for the road.

Resold by HWM to Bob Bodle in period, XPA 748 enjoys a beautifully complete chain of ownership, including late-sixties racing with Tony Statham, and an "aristocratic period" with George Vernon Powys, seventh Baron Lilford, and Sir Jeremy John Fortescue Boles, Bart. Later with French collector Philippe Renault, she returned to the UK in 1992, starting an extensive career in historic racing with Michael Lester, Richard Wills, Dr Michael "Spike" Milligan, and the present owner.

Outstandingly restored in recent years by specialist David Brazell, XPA 748 again wears her historic period colourscheme. This HWM has continued her racing ways, winning the 2022 Woodcote trophy for pre- 1956 sports-racers at the Silverstone Classic, piloted by Gregor Fisken and Martin Stretton.

Last sold by Fiskens in 2017, we know this lovely car well. Eligible for the Mille Miglia, XPA 748 is offered with HTP papers and will provide a front-running entry for all the best historic motoring events.

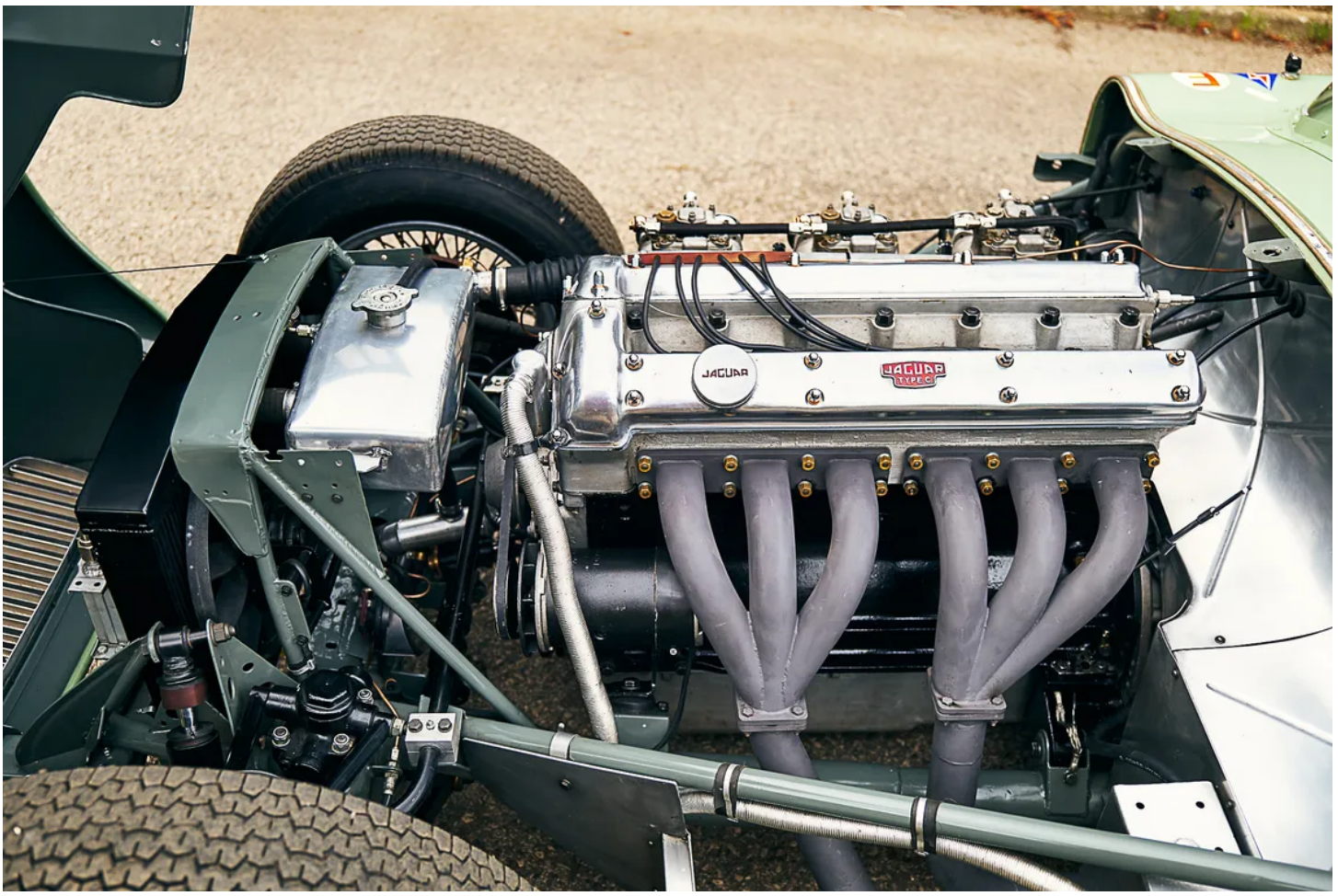
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