

First chassis numbers by year Jaguar XJ-S

Jaguar XJ-S V12 coupe books 68, 64

Engine prefix 8S (early V12 pre-HE) Body prefix 5W (V12 coupe)

	5.3 cpe rhd	5.3 cpe lhd
from	1975/01	1975/01
1975	2W/1001	2W/50001
1976	2W/1319	2W/51409
1977	2W/2639	2W/53329
1978	2W/4338	2W/55273
last	2W/5000	2W/55915
in	1978/05*	1978/05*

NB On US models note extra prefix letters in front of prefix: U = US specification followed by model year letter:
 F 1975
 G 1976
 H 1977
 J 1978
 *then VIN until introduction of VIN in May 1978

VIN system, RHD/LHD mixed: book 77

VIN number prefix: First three letters SAJ from March 1981 only
 Fourth letter J Jaguar
 Fifth letter N standard model
 S XJR-S
 T XJS special edition

from	1978/05	
1978	100001	
1979	101835	
1980	104250	
1981	104917	SAJ code from March 1981; approx 105000?
	105048	First HE, 1981/02
1982	106450	
	108026	First 3.6 cabriolet, 1982/06
1983	109919	
1983/03	111000	End of manual records

Following numbers based on "Glass's Guide", Skilleter's "Collector's Guide", John Bleasdale's and own research:

1983/10	112253	First 3.6 coupe	1990/09	176921	Le Mans ltd edn intro
1983/10	112314	First 3.6 convertible	1990/12	178707	Le Mans ltd edn disc
1983/09	113085	First V12 cabriolet? - for USA	1991/01	178781	
1984/01	114671		1991/03	179733	V12HE discontinued, last pre facelift
1984/05	116880	Second V12 cabriolet? - for CH	1991/03	179734	First facelift XJS 4.0 plus few earlier
1985/01	121281		1991/03	179735	First facelift XJS 5.3 plus few earlier
1985/06	125021	Claimed first V12 cab, was 160th!	1991/03	179737	Facelift XJR-S 6.0 intro???
1986/01	129079	On microfilm	1992/01	183501	
1987/01	138031	On microfilm	1992/04	184574	4.0 convertible intro
1987	139052	Sportspack on 3.6	1993/01	187159	
1987	140952	First convertible JDHT car	1993/05		XJR-S 6.0 disc, std model intro
1987/09	144591	Last 3.6 cabriolet; Or 148594?	1993/09	190528	Start of 1994 model year
1988/01			1994/01		
1988??	147269	First V12 convertible	1994/05		Start of AJ16 engine 3 May 1994
1988/02	148594	Last V12 cabriolet	1995/01		
1988/08		XJR-S intro	1995/02	199999	VIN series jumps
1988/12	157118	Start of 1989 model year	1995/02	221001	VIN series jumps
1989/01			1995/05	221855	4.0 designated Celebration
1989/09	165791	XJR-S 6.0 intro?	1996/01		
1990/01	169530	"millionth" 168769 1 Dec 1989?	1996/04	226644	Last 4.0 convertible
1990/09	176103	1991 model year; catalyst in UK	1996/04	226645	Last 6.0 V12 coupe