

Jaguar XJ Major Repair & Safety Issues  
Information gathered from relevant forum posts and other internet websites

Jaguar XJ8 & XJR model Series

Major Repairs & Safety Issues at a Glance

Engine Issues

XJ8 and XJR Models

Issues Description	Model Years/Vin Range Effected	Buttons to Summary Information
Engine - Secondary Timing Chain Tensioners	1998-2002 MY V8 XJ Series Vin Range 812256-F41862	<a href="#">XJ Tensioners</a>
Engine - Throttle Body	1998-2002 MY V8 XJ Series Vin Range 812256-F41862	<a href="#">XJ Throttle Body</a>

Transmission Issues ZF 5hp24

XJ8 Models

Transmission - Fractured "Forward Drum"	1998-2002 MY V8 XJ8 Series Vin Range 812256-F41862	<a href="#">XJ8 Forward Drum</a>
Transmission - Valve Body	1998-2002 MY V8 XJ8 Series Vin Range 812256-F41862	<a href="#">XJ8 Valve Body</a>
Transmission - TCM (Transmission Control Module)	1998-2002 MY V8 XJ8 Series Vin Range 812256-F41862	<a href="#">XJ8 TCM</a>

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XJR Models

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Engine- Secondary Tensioners

1998-2002 MY V8 XJ Series Vin Range 812256-F41862

Reference information on Issue

Safety Issue	Car goes into Restricted Performance called Limp Mode - One owner said "car has stalled at highway speeds and I was in fear of a major accident"
Repair Costs Range	Low Range - \$600 for both top Secondary Tensioners High Range - \$10000 or more for new engine
Brief Summary Statement	Excerpt from Jags-lovers.org on this issue: "The weak link is the upper chain tensioners"; "plastic used breaks down after a period of time"; "One tooth skipped and engine will run roughly, two teeth and engine will self-destruct, with valves and pistons coming together."
Trouble Message Displayed	"Restricted Performance"

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Safety Issue

Car goes into Limp Mode

Repair Costs Range

Low Range - \$???? High Range - \$????

Brief Summary Statement

Excerpt from Poster on townhall-talk.edmunds.com forum. I have a '99 XJ8 and the throttle stuck as I tried to break at the first traffic light Didn't want to stop but after hitting the brakes hard and steady, it slowed, shuddered, stopped and stalled. If I hadn't reacted quickly enough, I would probably have plowed into a vehicle at the light.

Trouble Message Displayed

"Restricted Performance"

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Transmission - Fractured "Forward Drum

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Reference information on Issue

Safety Issue	Car goes into Limp Mode
Repair Costs Range	Low Range - \$600 for Forward Disk with R&I High Range -\$3000 to \$6000 for a rebuild or rebuilt Transmission
Brief Summary Statement	The Forward Clutch Drum is a known problem with this transmission .It is located near the torque convertor. New design forward drum is available and drum has been reinforced. Also may have problem with the valve body located in tranny pan or the TCM (Transmission Control Module).
Trouble Message Displayed	"Gearbox Fault"

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Reference information on Issue

Safety Issue	Car goes into Limp Mode
Repair Costs Range	\$??? for Valve Body replacement High Range -\$3000 to \$6000 for a rebuild or rebuilt Transmission
Brief Summary Statement	May have a problem with the valve body located in transmission pan. Also the forward drum should be replaced with New design forward drum that has been reinforced.
Trouble Message Displayed	"Gearbox Fault"

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Reference information on Issue

Safety Issue

Car gets stuck in 2nd Gear

Repair Costs Range

Low Range - \$??? High Range - \$????

Brief Summary Statement

Excerpt from Jaguar Forum - When I'm accelerating from a standstill the car pulls away as normal and seems however if I back off on the throttle before it gets into 3rd gear then it stays in second and the engine gives me braking as if i was holding it in 2nd gear manually.

Trouble Message Displayed

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