

Jaguar XJ-S V12

How to get your big cat purring sweetly in 31 simple-to-follow steps



KIM'S TECH TIPS

Service intervals are every 3000 miles or annually, whichever comes first. Variations relating to specific components are identified in the steps.

The V12 engine used in the top-spec Jaguar XJ-S is a masterpiece – it packs a powerful, smooth, multi-cylinder 5.3-litre unit into a relatively small space. The downside is that there is little spare room in the under-bonnet area. Consequently many operations require patience and time.

The same goes for access to the rear subframe that houses brakes, suspension and differential. The overall result is that routine maintenance may often have been neglected once the car left the warranted

confines of the dealer network. Yet most aspects of maintenance on these fabulous Jaguars are time-consuming rather than difficult, and an enthusiastic owner is capable of servicing most systems at home.

This also applies to:

Most non-engine aspects also apply to the six-cylinder XJ-S. Jaguar's V12 was also installed in the E-type and in XJ12 saloons, and maintenance requirements on these are similar. Aspects of the running gear are shared with XJ saloons.

YOU WILL NEED...

EQUIPMENT AF spanners and sockets, screwdrivers, grease gun, jack and axle stands, test lamp, feeler gauges, oil pan.

TIME (HRS) **8**

MONEY £ **80**

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