



This car Chassis No. 5417R/3284319 Body No. 5246 was originally purchased in mid 1957 by a British Sports car racer who immigrated in late 1957 to the United States. He brought this Jensen with him and used it as his primary transportation until early 1967. At that time he took this vehicle to Najarian Auto Sports on Commonwealth Blvd in Boston, Mass. He commissioned them to install a 1967 Chevrolet 375hp 327 fuel injected small block. A muncie four speed transmission. A brand new engine #5117782-f042thn and transmission #195705631-p9r17 (there ia some question as to whether this was actually the transmission installed in 1967). Najarians fabricated custom 4 into 2 headers and a new drive-shaft. The bill for this work was over \$10,000 at a time that a new Cobra could be purchased for considerably less. I purchased this car in 1977 for the sum of \$1200 and proceed to win back my purchase price that evening, roadracing on the street. In the following eight months I won in excess of \$12000. streetracing this vehicle. I retired this car in early 1978 after tearing out a rear spring mount at excess of 150 mph, and teaching my self religion. I stored the car until 1989 when I started a complete restoration on it .

In 1977, shortly after I purchased this vehicle, I visited Najarian Auto Sports, in Boston. The owners Son vividly remembered "That nasty Jensen" and related this story; Shortly after completion of the Jensen two mechanics "borrowed" it and a 427 Competition Corvette and staged an impromptu road race up Charles River Drive. The Jensen held its own on the straights and trounced the Corvette in the corners. Both mechanics were fired over this episode. The last time I raced the Jensen was in 1978 against an early Porsche 930 Turbo. The course was a fifteen mile triangle starting and finishing at a friends house in Storres, Connecticut. At the finish I was so far ahead that I had time to walk in the house and get a beer. I was sitting on the hood of the Jensen drinking it when the Porsche finished. The Porsche driver was so mad he tossed \$1000. in loose bills out the window, without stopping, leaving me chasing bills across the lawn.



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