

# Jensen Esperando

First registered : September, 1964

Owner : P. A. Adams

Reg. No. : FVW 875B Chassis No. : 1042232 Engine No. : 233/4V

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This unique car which, at first glance, looks so like the Lamborghini Espada was originally made in 1964 by Jensen, West Bromwich as a C-V8 MkII with an all fibreglass body.



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In 1968 the then owner specially commissioned a firm to re-body the car to a "Bertone" design entirely out of aluminium. To do this the existing fibreglass body was completely lifted off the chassis and the new re-styled aluminium body built as can be seen today.

This work was done with the blessing of the Jensen factory who have to this day records of this re-styling exercise.

The restyled car retains the total interior of a C-V8 together, of course, with the chassis and transmission of same. The car was completed in 1969 and was then used as everyday transport by the owner for two to three years until 1972. It was then stored in an old barn on a farm in Essex until 1978 when Peter Adams purchased it.

Since 1978 the car has undergone extensive restoration, having been completely resprayed and refurbished on the inside, together with a totally overhauled engine, transmission and new stainless steel exhaust pipes.

By some strange coincidence, the Jensen factory, just before they went into liquidation in 1976, were preparing to launch a special-bodied Jensen Interceptor which in shape was almost identical to this car and which had the code name "Esperando."

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