



2002 Daimler Super V8 Saloon

Used by HM Queen from 2002 to 2004

Last of the X308 Jaguar & Daimler saloons

The car displayed was used by HM The Queen for her private motoring for two years, until returned to Jaguar for preservation by the Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust in 2004. As well as having seen Royal use, this particular car is also of historic interest as being the very last of the Jaguar and Daimler X308 range, built in July 2002.

No other British car has such a long and distinguished heritage as Daimler. Since the first Daimler cars were made in Coventry in 1896, the marque has established an enviable reputation for superior quality and luxury. When Daimler became part of Jaguar in 1960, the distinction of the marque was not only preserved but enhanced. The unrivalled Daimler coachbuilding tradition was revitalised by Jaguar design flair. A Daimler car offers a remarkable blend of technology, refinement and class-leading performance.

The Super V8 saloon was introduced in 1997 as part of the revised X308 range, where the new AJ-V8 4-litre engine replaced the previous six-cylinder and V12 engines. There were two versions of Daimler available: the V8, and the Super V8 with a supercharged engine, both shared the same long wheelbase four-door saloon body, and both were equipped to a very high standard of luxury.

One of the proudest traditions in Daimler history was that since 1900, when the then Prince of Wales, later HM King Edward VII, purchased his first Daimler car, Daimlers were used by British Kings and Queens, as well as other members of the Royal family, for official occasions, and for private motoring. More than 100 Daimlers were made for British Monarchs, ranging from state cars to saloons for private motoring, and even a few utility vehicles such as shooting brakes.

Over 126,000 cars of the X308 family were made between 1997 and 2002, when this model was replaced by the new X350 aluminium-bodied XJ.

Registration mark:	BK52 DLO (12.9.2002)	Engine:	3,996 cc, AJ-V8
Chassis number:	SAJAC25N72MF59525	Inventory no:	134/D.44
Owner:	The Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust		