



Jaguar Car Mascot In Chrome On Marble Base

Sold



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Height: 8.5 cm (3.3")

Width: 20.5 cm (8.1")

Depth: 7.5 cm (3")

Description

1950's - 60's Jaguar Car Mascot Paperweight.

A desk top chrome plated paperweight in the form of a Jaguar car mascot, Jaguar 7½" long, nose to tail. The original chrome Jaguar bonnet-fitted car mascot in excellent condition mounted onto a marble base. The snarling mouth, ears tight against the head, the right front paw slightly ahead of the left, leaping through the air with rear legs outstretched, a very evocative image and one everybody knows. The original Jaguar mascot was designed expressly for SS Cars Ltd - manufacturers of the Jaguar car - by the eminent artist and sculptor, Frederick Gordon Crosby. It was available to purchase in 1938 for two guineas and was fitted to the radiator cap. This Jaguar model lasted until 1951 when the Mk V saloon went out of production. A new Jaguar mascot came about in 1955 with the 'Mark 1' saloon, it was offered as an optional extra on the standard model and eventually as standard on all other models. The mascot changed slightly with the base changing for bonnet-fitting rather than for a radiator cap and the rear legs became outstretched with the Jaguar leaping rather than about to leap.

The manufacturer Wilmot Breeden was known to have cast the mascot that spanned 14 years of Jaguar models (Mk 1, Mk 2, Mk VIII, Mk IX, S-type, 240, 340 and XK 150) all bonnet-fitted with two securing bolts.