

1963 E-Type FHC
 Car Number 888055
 Engine Number R9655-9
 Body Number V4955
 Build Date Jan 2nd, 1963
 (See Ref. 1)

References:

1. Heritage Certificate
2. JCNA Concours d'Elegance Rule Book 2025
3. JCNA Series 1 E-Type Judges Guide 7th Revision
4. Spare Parts Catalogue J.30 Issued August 1961 reprinted June 1963
5. Jaguar E-Type Six-Cylinder Originality Guide Haddock/Mueller
6. Original Jaguar E-Type Restorers and Enthusiasts guide to 3.8, 4.2 and V-12, Malcom McKay, June 2021.

EXTERIOR

Description	Reference
HEADLIGHT RIM FIXING 3.8 - Slotted screws Part No. BD 19013/3 & BD 22780/4 (J30 – Pg. 177) 3.8 - Changed to Phillips Part No. BD 26675/4 from: 890251 (888055)	Ref. 3 pg. 14
Note: Although Jaguar offered wing mirrors (Part No. C 16114 & C 19909) as an option, period after market mirrors have been traditionally accepted	Ref. 3, pg. 16 Also see SB A.13
FYI- Ref. 6, pg. 111 shows 944 cars in Opalescent Golden Sand from 11/62 to 8/64. 399 has Light Tan interiors.	Ref. 6, pg. 111

INTERIOR

Description	Reference
Cross hatch pattern for aluminum dash components	Ref. 3. Pg. 16. Cross hatch used from 887132 to 888984. (888055) About October, 1962 Ref. 5, pg. 480 Also see Ref. 6, pg. 54, for extensive discussion.
Boot lid prop and its bracket were changed. Starting at 887317 (888055)	About December, 1962 Ref. 5, pg. 480 Ref. 6, pg. 59 contains better photos
About February 1963, the interior mirror assembly was changed. Starting at 888067 (888055)	Ref. 5, pg. 480 Also see SPB P.73 HFerris- although not stated, it is assumed this is the mirror with adjustable stem with a chrome plated locknut, as stated in Ref. 6, pg. 61.

<p>About August 1963, the trim panel for the shut pillar, the casing assembly at the side of the luggage compartment floor, and the hinged extension assembly for the luggage compartment floor were changed.</p> <p>The catch operating the quarter lights was changed.</p> <p>The casing assembly below the quarter lights and the quarter-light catches were changed.</p> <p>888301 (888055)</p>	<p>Ref. 5, pg. 480</p> <p>HFerris comment- the hinged extension assembly was restored using parts as shown in Ref. 4, plate 49, generally items 40-44. Referring to page 264, the second version of Hinged Extension Assembly for Luggage Compartment Floor was used, as car no. 888055 fit into the range of parts 886093 to 888301.</p> <p>HFerris comment- regarding the casing assembly and catches at the quarter light, the original pieces that came with the car were in agreement with photos in Ref. 6, pg. 61 for the "simplified trim" i.e no casing under the quarter-light and short arms on the catches.</p>
<p>Grab Handle- Updated in April 1963 to have chrome plated mounting brackets at both ends.</p>	<p>Ref. 6, pg. 55 Photo shows early style (used on this car) and later style.</p>
<p>In May 1963, trim at inner front face of the door. Starting at 888658 (888055)</p>	<p>Ref. 6, pg. 55 See text. Photo shows early style (used on this car) with no trim and extra drain hole.</p>
<p>ASH TRAY</p> <p>3.8 cars had three variations:</p> <p>1st - Chrome plated oval ashtray with chrome plated oval surround</p> <p>2nd - Chrome plated oval ash tray with chrome plated oval surround with wings at top from 888513 (888055)</p>	<p>Ref. 3, pg. 17</p>
<p>HINGE & LOCK COVERS</p> <p>3.8 FHC - Moquette covered from: 888659 (888055)</p>	<p>Ref. 3, pg. 18</p>
<p>TRUNK MAT</p> <p>4.2 – FHC Changed from 1-piece to trimmed panels from above numbers (J37 – Pgs. 239 & 240)</p> <p>3.8 - FHC Changed from 2-piece to 1-piece from: 888257 (888055)</p>	<p>Ref. 3, pg.18</p>
<p>BULKHEAD - BEHIND SEAT</p> <p>3.8 - OTS Moquette from: 877356 (888055)</p>	<p>Ref. 3, pg. 19</p>
<p>DOOR PANELS</p> <p>Vinyl - lower chrome piece is common to both OTS & FHC (Part No. BD20503) (J30 – Pgs. 197 & 250) (J37 –Pgs. 178 & 228)</p> <p>3.8 - Chrome beading on upper front edge added from: 889787 (888055)</p>	<p>Ref. 3, Pg. 19</p> <p>See Ref. 6, pg. 56 for before and after photos. Text says starting in Jan 1964</p>
<p>ARM RESTS</p> <p>3.8 - Gray plastic bottom with matching interior covered padded top - chrome beading separates two parts</p> <p>3.8 - Added from: 888698 (888055)</p>	<p>Ref. 3, pg. 19</p>

SPEAKER GRILLS (should remain as supplied with car) 3.8 - 1st style Chrome ring around silver metal mesh grill - vinyl covered 2nd style - Silver mesh grill set into black vinyl covered formed panel from: 889504 (888055)	Ref. 3, pg. 19
CARPET HOLD DOWN STUDS 3.8 - 2-plastic studs at front, 2 at back at: 889347 (888055)	Ref. 3, pg. 20
Heel wheels – Added at 885504 (888055)	Ref. 3, pg. 21
Sunvisors- Ref. 6, pg. 61 has some photos, including the ones that I used.	Ref. 6, pg. 61

ENGINE COMPARTMENT

Description	Reference
3.8 Engine	Ref. 3, Pg. 3. R-0001 to R-9999 (R-9655)
Clutch & brake cylinders have a natural cast iron finish with a metal or rubber band on brake cylinder	Ref. 3, Pg. 4
Rack Bellows- Retained to rack with hose clamp on right side, tie wire on left	Ref. 3, Pg. 5
BRAKE AND CLUTCH BOTTLES - 3rd style Metal & white plastic lids on rectangular plastic bottles from 886283 (888055) 4th style same as above with gray rubber cover from 889687	Ref. 3, Pg. 5. Ref. 4, Pg. 134 Service bulletin L.30 & Spares bulletin K.70 both introduce the rubber cover as part number C.23627 at the above 4th style
FIREWALL Gloss body color - plate behind washer bottle 3.8 & early 4.2 - black	Ref. 3, pg. 4
Heater Hoses - Black with molded white stripe (note all cars may not be so equipped)	Ref. 3, pg. 6
HOSE FROM HEADER TANK INLET TO ENGINE Changed from convoluted with 3 rings to formed hose from 888241 (888055)	Ref. 3, pg. 7
PRESSURE CAP 3.8 - 4 lbs. to 9 lbs. from above numbers (J30 – Pg. 148) 888241 (888055)	Ref. 3, pg. 7 Also see SB D.8
CYLINDER HEAD COLOR Pumpkin colored through at LEAST engine number R-2518-9 (see footnote C) (R-9655-9)	Ref. 3, pg. 7
LIFTING BRACKETS 2 fitted at RA7324 (SB A.146) (R-9655-9)	Ref. 3, pg. 7

CARBURETORS 3-SU HD8s - 3-sheet metal tags under overflow bolt that read: AUC946 F, C, and R. These tags changed to read AUD112 sometime between engine # RA3577 & RA4269. It's very possible that this change took place at RA4116 as mentioned in SB B.24, but at this time, 7/09, we are not certain. Damper nut changed from cadmium plated brass hex to round, black, scalloped plastic - engine number change points unknown	Ref. 3, pg. 7 The cap on the dampeners was changed from copper to black plastic around 1963. Ref. 5, pg. 180. Ref. 6, pg. 123 states around Dec. 1962.
FUEL FILTER AC - die cast aluminum - glass bowl (J30 – Pg. 38 & J37 – Pg. 32) Mount - gray, black, or cad plated	Ref. 3, pg 8 See inset diagram on Ref. 4, pg. 34 that shows a flat gauze filter versus the later pleated paper type.
FILTER HOUSING PLENUM 3.8 - ungrooved - many '64s have 4.2 type plenums FILTER CANISTER Black on 3.8s FILTER MOUNT & SIDE BRACKET Both black	Ref. 3, pg 8
SPARK PLUG CAPS 1st style - Cap with circular "Champion" lettering on top and a dot in center 2nd style - Cap with "Champion" in an oval on the top 3rd style - The familiar "Bow Tie" Champion cars (H – Pgs. 112 - 113) 1st style is on the earliest cars, 2nd & 3rd used on later 3.8 & 4.2 cars	Ref. 3 pg. 10 From the UKetype 3.8 Factory Fit forum: From about October 1961 onwards the Champion WC548 'Oval' plug cap was fitted. This (photo) is the January 1963 blue FHC from the start of this thread. From mid 1964 Champion issued the WCX600 plug caps with their 'bow-tie' logo, still produced by Champion and readily available today.
Coil - Note: 3.8 DID NOT have rubber boot on high-tension coil wire	Ref. 3, pg. 10
Rubber seals on RH mudshield continuous	Ref. 3, Pg. 4.