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# Jaguar News & Views

## and New Products & Services

### Wheels within Wheels

Moto-Lita is well known as producers of steering wheels and many Jaguar owners have them fitted. Surprisingly the company was started in the late 1950s, by Simon Green who has previously worked for HWM and the Cooper Car Company. Moto-Lita now have a new website at [www.moto-lita.co.uk](http://www.moto-lita.co.uk) which provides some valuable information on restorations, how the wheels are made and the complete list of cars they cater for.

The site now also sells the Irvin RAF jackets. For more information visit the website.



The new Moto-Lita website.

### Stamping Authority

Sven Maaloe from Norway has kindly send in an example of a new stamp issued by the Danish postal service. There are four different stamps in total of racing cars. Why they have been produced, he doesn't know but the Jaguar E-type is represented on one of them.

The value of each stamp is 10 kr, almost £1.



Example of a Danish stamp depicting the E-type but Denmark has never made cars!

### Jaguar Radiator Upgrades

Jaguar have been known for problems with overheating, specifically cars like the 1950s XK, E-types and Mark 2s. The main problem many consider was the efficiency of the radiator and fan system, which can usually be remedied by replacing the radiator core with an upgraded one with more tubes and a higher fin pitch (and usually a completely different system of manufacture.)

Aaron Radiator replace and upgrade the radiators on these models with even higher efficiency modern cores than previously available. Now they can also supply the ultimate in cooling - complete replacements in aluminium.

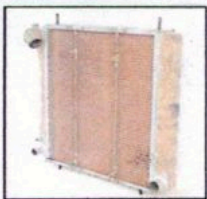
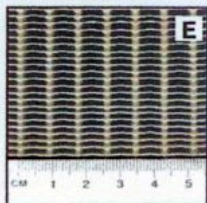
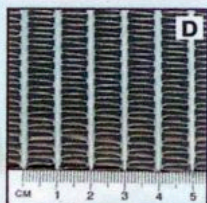
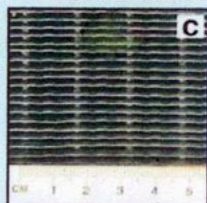
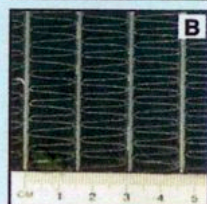
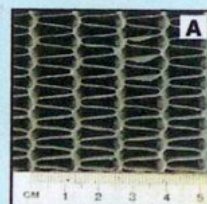
Most earlier Jaguar radiators used a Cellular Film Core (see Picture A). This has the advantage of being very robust and durable (many cars still have the original film cores, even though they may be 30 years or older!) but it is not a particularly efficient design. This led radiator design to favour Packed Construction (see Picture B) or Tube & Fin (see Picture C) cores which were lighter, more efficient and cheaper to make.

Bad design in fans and cowlings (fan shields) meant that many vehicles still overheated. Upgraded electric fans can help remedy this by forcing more air through the core and replacing the fixed fans can increase power lost through driving the fan.

Two types of upgraded radiator core are available from Aaron. An X-type Packed Construction Core (see Picture D) which has more tubes and a higher fin pitch to increase the surface area the cool air flows over. The X-type is the most efficient core in copper and brass and is available in many different numbers of row (thickness). The other is an upgraded Tube & Fin (see Picture E) which, though not quite as efficient as the X-type, is more durable and resistant to vibration.

Aaron say that if a car is having problems with overheating, the core might be corroded and a build-up of deposits inside can restrict water flow. Older types of anti-freeze were not as good at resisting corrosion and sometimes radiators have had an under-spec core fitted in the past. The difference in cost between fitting a replacement core that has the same cooling capacity as the original and upgrading one is not considerable as the only extra cost is the higher price of the core.

For more information on their services and prices for your car, contact Aaron Radiators Ltd., 54, Whitehorse Lane, London. SE25 6RQ. Tel: 0208 653 1144.



### Replacement wood veneer

Wood veneer specialists Myrtle Productions have introduced replacement wood veneer fascia kits for Jaguar XK8/R, XJ6 (X-300) and XJ8 (X-308) models. The kits are available in Elm, Maple and Walnut veneer.

The replacement kits offer owners of these more recent Jaguar models a solution to the common problems of damaged, misty and faded lacquer or to just upgrade to later specification. They are available for right and left hand drive cars.

The new kits complement

Myrtle's well-established range of steering wheels and interior wood veneers for classic and contemporary Jaguar, Range-Rover, Rolls-Royce and Bentley models.

These wood veneer fascia kits are sold on an exchange basis and can be shipped worldwide.

For full information please visit [www.myrtleprod.com](http://www.myrtleprod.com)



Contact Myrtle productions at [sales@myrtleprod.com](mailto:sales@myrtleprod.com) or telephone 01843 844962.

Example of replacement wood sets available from Myrtle Products, in this case for an XK8.