

## The Original Roger Moore TV Saint Car – 71 DXC

General Info:

Reg: No: 71 DXC

Chassis No: 3018

Engine No: 3245

Built at Jensen Motors Ltd; West Bromwich, England. March.1962

### Recent History:

I was contacted by previous owner in January 1991, who stated that he had one of the TV Saint cars and would I be interested – In 1989 I had founded the Volvo Enthusiasts Club in UK while living in Cornwall – hence why he made contact with me. I was sceptical about the car being an actual Saint Car as almost everyone with a white 1800 says it's a 'Saint Car'

In Early May 1991 I visited the farm in North Wales where it had stood outside for many years and confirmed it was 71 DXC but it was in very bad condition.

It then took until January 1997 to get the owner to sell it to me.

The car was then stored until 2007 while I collected together the parts I would require for its restoration.

HTP Solutions selected to produce Website [www.htpsolutions.co.uk](http://www.htpsolutions.co.uk)

The full restoration was started in May 2007 with a complete strip-down of the bodyshell in preparation for rust removal by SPL (Surface Processing Ltd)

End of July 2007 Bodyshell, replacement panels, wheels, front axle etc were delivered to SPL for Rust removal – [www.surfaceprocessing.co.uk](http://www.surfaceprocessing.co.uk)

7<sup>th</sup> August rust free bodyshell and parts were collected from SPL

8<sup>th</sup> August Bodyshell taken to Phoenix Motor Bodies – Dave Gate who undertook the rebuild of the bodyshell between 8<sup>th</sup> August and beginning of November when it was completed (see [www.phoenixmotorbodies.co.uk](http://www.phoenixmotorbodies.co.uk)) for pictures of rebuild.

3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> November completed bare metal bodyshell taken to Bristol Restoration Show and exhibited for first time on Volvo Enthusiasts Club Stand

5<sup>th</sup> November returned to SPL for further derusting and final E.cote (electrolytic Paint process – Shell immersed in electrolytic paint like modern cars). See SPL website

9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Nov displayed on SPL Stand at Classic Motor Show at NEC Birmingham

Stored until early October 2008 when work restarted with painting shell.

October 2008 All parts requiring :

Chrome Plating to S&T Chrome Plating [www.stchrome.co.uk](http://www.stchrome.co.uk)

Powder Coating to Redditch Shotblasting & Powder coating  
[www.redditchshotblasting.co.uk](http://www.redditchshotblasting.co.uk)

Engine for machining/unleaded conversion, balancing etc to Cornwall Engine Company [www.cornwallengine.co.uk](http://www.cornwallengine.co.uk)

Gearbox and Rear Axle to Universal Transmissions - Kidderminster 01562 861651

Overdrive to OD Spares [www.odspares.com](http://www.odspares.com)

Propshaft to Proptech – Hartlebury, Nr Kidderminster. 01299 251247

Upholstery to Richard Felton Specialist Upholstery [www.specialist-upholstery.com](http://www.specialist-upholstery.com)

Seatbelts to [www.quickfitsbs.com](http://www.quickfitsbs.com)

Bodyshell was displayed 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at the Classic Motor Show at NEC Birmingham on Volvo Enthusiasts Club Stand.

Returned to Sprayer for final painting which was completed in Early December 2008

Rustproofing – Dinitrol supplied by Rustbuster [www.rust.co.uk](http://www.rust.co.uk)

Work Started on reassembling 71DXC in December 2008 with a proposed date to finish by May 2009 but due to problems with quality of paintwork and other problems the car was again stored.

November 2011. Car is shown on Volvo Enthusiasts Club Stand at the Classic Motor Show held at the NEC Birmingham, to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Volvo P1800

Engine Collected from Cornwall Engine Company

January 2012 Work restarts on reassembling the car with the obvious need for another respray to resolve problems with paintwork caused by the original Sprayer, This will be undertaken once car is assembled.

March 2012 Servo delivered to J & L Spares Ltd for complete restoration

[www.jls.com](http://www.jls.com)

April 2012 Displayed at the Bristol Classic Car Show on Volvo Enthusiasts Club stand. Engine, Gearbox, brake & fuel pipe work now fitted – Photograph in Classic Car Weekly and Practical Classics

May 2012 Doors refitted; problems with fit, even though they were perfect before being removed for the Painting of shell in October 2008

June 2012 Restored Servo from J & L Spares fitted, Remaining Brake pipework fitted. Clutch and Brake System filled with Silicon Brake Fluid and bleed.

July 2012 New Stainless Steel Exhaust Collected from Double 'S' Exhausts Ltd of Cullompton, Devon. [www.stainlessstelexhausts.co.uk](http://www.stainlessstelexhausts.co.uk)

September 2012. Exhaust fitted with Stainless Steel clamps

September 28<sup>th</sup>, Car taken to Flybe Engineering at Exeter Airport for Bodyshell to have complete external repaint to rectify the problems of poor preparation, silicon contamination (fish eyes), runs etc results from original painting of the shell. Collected from Flybe, Exeter on 17<sup>th</sup> October - External respray completed

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 Car transported to Richard Felton – Specialist Upholstery (Doncaster) for the fitment of complete restored interior to original specification [www.specialist-upholstery.com](http://www.specialist-upholstery.com)

November 2012:

Bristol Restoration Show 2012 – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> November. Car transported from Richard's premises to be exhibited briefly at show on Volvo Enthusiasts Club Stand. During the show the remaining exterior chrome trims, bumpers and other items were fitted by members of the club. Car was then returned to Specialist Upholstery to have remaining interior trim and Front Seats fitted. Featured in - Classic Car Weekly. Classic Motor Monthly

14<sup>th</sup> November 2013. Interior completed - Car collected from Richard Felton of Specialist Upholstery and delivered directly to NEC for exhibition at Classic Motor Show

16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> November 2012 Classic Motor Show held at NEC Birmingham. Car exhibited on Volvo Enthusiasts Club Stand. On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, car was officially unveiled to the public by Malcolm Christopher, Production Manager of the original TV's 'The Saint' Featured in - Practical Classics, Classic Car Weekly, Classic Car Buyer.

December 2012 to April 2013.

Stored and fitting of final parts to 71 DXC

20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> April 2013 – Bristol Classic Car Show. A return trip the car to this event. This time car was in a completed condition. Featured in - Classic Motor Monthly

13<sup>th</sup> August 2013. Petrol in Tank, Engine Started for first time and 71 DXC aka ST 1 moves under its own power for first time in over 40 years

16<sup>th</sup> August 2013. First Road Test (On Trade Plates) Car covered around 3 miles without any problems

12<sup>th</sup> September 2013 - 71 DXC aka ST 1 goes for MOT. **First in over 40 years and passes with flying colours.**

13<sup>th</sup> September 2013 - Road Tax collected from DVLA Local Office in Worcester. 71 DXC aka ST 1 is now legally back on the road following a. Full restoration which started in 2007 is now complete – Thanks to all those who helped in any way.

#### **71 DXC Information Wanted:**

Information, photo's etc always wanted. If you can help please Contact:  
[originalsaintcar@btinternet.com](mailto:originalsaintcar@btinternet.com)

#### **Parts Still Required to complete 71 DXC – New or excellent used wanted:**

Jensen original rear Exhaust Clamp. This clamps around the rear tailpipes and is a single unit unlike the later type as fitted to all other 1800's

Jensen 'VOLVO' Badges from 'C' Post not Repro which I have and are the wrong colours and made with 'plastic' enamel, which has fallen out!

Original Jensen Rubber front Floor Mats – Originally this model did not have carpet on front floor, only on tunnel

#### **Roger Moore on the Volvo 1800**

**Quote:** Roger Moore when asked 'what was his favourite car', Sir Roger replied, "I have a great affection for the Volvo P1800, as, of course, I owned one as well as used one in the series. It's a beautiful car and I still drive a Volvo to this day."