



Cooler Cat roars back to life

THE world's oldest Jaguar E-Type has been restored to its former glory after languishing for more than 20 years in a barn. The car was the first prototype E-Type which made a famous dash from the Midlands to make its debut at the Geneva Motor Show in 1961, where it caused a sensation. Pre-launch testing included high-speed runs on the newly opened M1 and the car was the only 150mph E-Type. It was rescued from a Worcestershire barn by its new owner Philip Porter.

Now, leading Jag restoration firm CMC of Bridgnorth, Shropshire, has brought the car back to life and plans to recreate the record-breaking run on a test track. Nick Goldthrope of CMC told us: "The car was very rusty and it took us 10 months to restore, including rebuilding the 3.8-litre engine. We tried to keep as many of the original parts as possible, including a lot of the interior and the seats, as this is the only prototype left."