



You have to take your hat off to them – not only have Classic Motor Cars reintroduced a roof you can take off – the E-type glassfibre hardtop, meticulously reproduced as new – but they have also invented a steering wheel you can take off.

Lift-off Hardtop

The E-type roadster has always looked great with a hardtop fitted but relatively few were made and they are now highly sought after. Restoring one to as-new condition can be a very expensive process, as CMC MD Nick Goldthorp explains: "Original hardtops are very difficult to find now, and when you do find one the glassfibre is usually suffering and various chrome trims are missing. By the time you have refurbished an original, it is cheaper to buy one of our brand new, exact reproductions."

The CMC hardtops fit Series I and Series II roadsters. They are an exact reproduction of the original ones produced by Jaguar, including double skin glassfibre, Perspex rear window, chrome-plated brass trims, cant rail and body seals. They are supplied complete and ready for painting and fitting, for £2500 +VAT.

Lift-off Steering Wheel

Let's face it, how many thieves carry E-type steering wheels? Take off the wheel and take it with you, and your E-type is unlikely to be stolen. It's also a great deal easier to get in and out with the steering wheel out of the way, never one of the easiest actions for an E-type driver, especially one of advanced years, height or girth. And it makes access to dashboard instruments and all the wiring behind them a doddle.

What CMC actually supply is the steering wheel boss, to which you bolt your original E-type steering wheel and horn push. Looking virtually identical to

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the original boss and engineered to a very high standard, this new product from Classic Motor Cars retails at £298 +VAT and is currently available for Series I and II E-types. Removal is incredibly easy, but the wheel is absolutely secure when in use: you can see it in action on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=cvBoRU3L6aQ&feature=email.

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