

Jowett Javelin

This car made as great a sensation when in appeared in 1947 as the DS eight years later. Flat four engine, torsion bar suspension, streamlined body with good room within modest overall dimensions (before "packaging" was officially invented), a top speed of over 80 mph and fine roadholding. My father had two Javelins. The first lasted over 80,000 miles, and was so good, despite its reliability problems, that he bought a second, which was almost faultless for over 120,000. This is the car I learnt to drive on. Perhaps it is why I have a sneaking admiration today for the Subaru.

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