

Bob & Daphne Charman - 2004 Modern S-Type (V8)

Bob & Daphne's 2004 'S' Type V8

When Bob decided to retire from the Metropolitan Fire Service, (because of his dedicated performance to the Brigade of over 34 years), it was decided to add a little bonus to his Superannuation.

The 420G, 'Big Red" had been fully restored and was sitting comfortably in the garage. I had always liked the look of the new S-Type from when it was released and I thought I might put some of the bonus money to good use.

We had S.A. Jag Day down at North Haven, and it was my job to pick up our guest, Kevin Goult (Managing Director of Jaguar Australia at the time), from the airport and bring him down to the event. Whilst transporting him, I told him that I was thinking about the new S-Type. He informed me that when he was working for Jaguar in England, he actually designed the sub frame of that car. He went on to say that, if possible, buy the V8.

With this in mind, Daphne and I flew to Melbourne where we had arranged to look at four cars. The 4th car was a Jaguar S-Type V8 garaged at Flinkier Motors at St Kilda. We took it for a test run and we were only about 50 metres from the show room and our minds were made up. We made the necessary financial arrangements and drove it home that night.

Kevin was right, the V8 was a completely different car to the others we had tested. We have now owned this car since 2010, and it is still a delight to drive. We are about to have the paintwork looked at as we live by the sea, but apart from that, it is as good today as it was when we drove out of Flinkier Motors.

Bob & Daphne

Editor: I have said it before - but we can always count on Bob & Daff for a good story. Thank you.

