

Targa Tasmania Jensen CV8 #104/2070

Targa Tasmania 2005

Another outstanding success for the CV8 owned and driven by Peter Ullrich.

The car came in 11th out of 237 cars, 1st in Class and 2nd in Division. Competing against a GT40 Ford, a gaggle of Porsches and lots of very sophisticated cars, as usual, the car attracted incredible interest.

The event started with lots of drama with Peter blowing up the gearbox at the Prologue, it was completely destroyed and a mad panic then commenced. Where do you get a manual gearbox for a Jensen?

Surprisingly, a replacement was found and the car did continue in the event, albeit with a significant handicap. It now had a different gearbox, with a smaller input shaft and different number of splines and a different 'inferior' road clutch had to be used, not encouraging for 650bhp. After some 'bush modification', the car was finally finished and road tested at 5am, in time to get it rescrutineered at 6.30am. Road test revealed that it jumped out of 2nd and top gear and required the navigator to hang onto the shift lever and hold it in those gears whilst the driver steered.

Targa Tasmania 2004

The CV8 competed in its maiden targa without drama gaining:

- first in category
- first in class
- 16th overall in a field of 240 competitors

It was an awesome sight. Whilst in the pits one night, a driver of a C3 Porsche came up to Peter and said "That was the most awesome sight I have ever seen of your car coming up on me in the rear vision mirror. I have to have it. How much do you want for it?"

Understandably, the car was not for sale.

(Information based on reports written by crew member/fellow Jensen CV8 owner, Rob Burgess).

Below: The Targa CV8 at the 2005 National Jensen Rally at Windsor, 2005.



Below: The Targa CV8 in action during the 2005 Targa Tasmania event. Photo courtesy of the Official Targa Tasmania website.



What will happen in 2006?