



Newsletter

On TV—*The Sweeney*, Series 2



The Sweeney's second season kept Series 1's theme music and introduction with the background drawings that include the 'S'-type (DWD606C). All series 2 episodes were shot in 1975 and broadcast on

ITV, Mondays at 9:00 pm.

The police are then using Rover 2000 Patrol Cars and Austin 1100 Panda Cars, but our beloved 'S'-type is still being driven by **villains in three episodes, by a villain's victim in one and in the background of another.**

This series also shows the changing British crime scene. In Series 1, the criminals being chased and subdued by *The Sweeney* were unarmed and the detectives also without weapons. Now criminals are carrying pistols and sawed-off shotguns, Regan and Carter are armed with revolvers and, at a bank robbery hostage situation, there are police sharpshooters on the roof tops.

Episode 1, Chalk and Cheese, first broadcast September 1, 1975, opens with a two ski-masked yobs (loutish, uncultured person) in a mustard-yellow Porsche 911 (stolen) robbing a couple in a Rolls Royce on a lonely country lane. They continue hijacking and robbing

rich people. Regan and Carter start looking for them. Using a white MGB-GT (stolen), the pair try to block the road in front of an Opalescent **Blue 'S'-type (RDY3)**, it swerves around the MG, striking one of the villains. He falls, firing his shotgun through the **Jaguar's windscreen. The driver is killed and the car crashes.** Regan and Carter catch them.



See full episode at <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x3o9uol>

Episode 2, Faces, first broadcast September 8, 1975, opens with a masked gang blagging (robbing) a security van. As Regan and Carter investigate two further blaggings, they suspect that the gang is a German-based anarchist group carrying out robberies to **raise funds. When 'The German' steals an opalescent bronze disk wheeled 'S'-type**

(GJE177E) to use as a get away car for the next planned heist, Regan



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is told to back off because British security services **have a 'man inside'**. Regan, however, goes ahead with **his plan when the 'S'-type** arrives at a wages delivery and the gang strikes. For 4½ minutes three police cars chase the 'S'-type, through what looks like the same chemical plant as used in Season 1, Episode 7, The Placer, eventually trapping the gang and a typical *The Sweeney* fight ends in the arrest of 'The German' and his gang.

See full episode at [https://](https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x3o9ukkk)



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Episode 4, Big Brother, was broadcast September 22, 1975. A blagging suspect collapses while Regan is interviewing him, his injuries appear to be from a beating and Regan is suspected of giving the lad a 'good kicking'. A muck-raking journalist crucifies Regan in the tabloid press and the villain's older brother hires a Scottish hit man to get Regan. Regan and Carter must find the thug who really did it before it is too late. As they pursue the mystery, **the classic unmistakable iconic front of an 'S'-type** is seen in the foreground of one scene.

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Episode 7, Golden Fleece, was broadcast October 13, 1975. An 'Aussie mob' using a shotgun has carried out eleven house robberies netting over £10,000 each time. The Australian villains work at a sports club and one drives an **interesting silver 'S'-type** that is seen in five scenes. The car, GJE177E, from episode 2, **now has "MEXICO" decals** on the back doors and an Australian flag transfer on the bonnet.



Investigations discover that Kruger Rands, purchased from the same firm, were stolen in all cases. Regan traces the Kruger Rand connection and **finds that the firm's** managing director's secretary was leaking the names and addresses of **coin's purchasers to the Australians. As Regan and The Sweeney close in, the secretary escapes in an MGB, the Aussie villains catch a flight to Rio de Janeiro and the 'S'-type is left behind.**



See full episode at <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x3o9uhb>

The Australian villains return to London in episode 10, Trojan Bus, and steal a Goya painting. **They do not have their 'S'-type** and, after a river chase and a shoot-out with The Sweeney, it is the end of the line for the boys from Down Under.

See full episode at <https://www.dailymotion.com/search/Trojan%20Bus/videos>

Episode 8, Poppy, first broadcast October 20, 1975, opens with a villain in a Corvette (*Ed: Unusual in London in 1975!*) and a market woman with a cigarette in her mouth calling Regan. Vic Labbett, a violent bank robber who fled England has now returned to recover his hidden loot. An ex-gang member visits his bird (*girlfriend*) in an 'S'-type. Vic's plan is to convert the cash into diamonds and fly out of the country again. He is **picked up in the 'S'-type** and Regan is close behind. *The Sweeney* chase the 'S'-type for three minutes across the airfield and through muddy lanes before it crashes and Vic is captured.



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