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On TV - The Sweeney, Series 3

The third season of *The*



Sweeney continued with the original theme music and introduction with the background drawings that include the 'S'-type (DWD606C). The Internet movie/

TV sites list only episode seven as containing an 'S'-type. But your Editor, after watching the complete Series 3, found 'S'-types in six episodes.

GJE177E, the Warwick Grey 'S'-type crashed in episode 2 of season 2, was repaired and appears in bit parts in the first two episodes of season 3, and finally meets its end in episode 3, Visiting Fireman. As 10 -year old 'S'-types were expendable in films and on TV, it is replaced by another Warwick Grey 'S'-type (JRY387E) which is used by two Flying Squad officers in episode 7, May, and then destroyed while being driven by villains in the car chase of episode 8, Sweet Smell of Succession. This was the last major role for an 'S'-type in *The Sweeney*, however a fleeting glimpse of one parked on the street is seen in episode 12 of season 3.

Episode 1, Selected Target, was first broadcast September 6,

1976. Two cell-mates, Titus Oates and Colly Kibber, plan to carry out an International bank swindle when they are released. The Sweeney stake out Kibber's house and put a watch on it from a flat in Redrose House tower block. Kibber sends three hard boys, in an 'S'-type, to

rough up the watchers. The stake-out car goes to their aid; Kibber and Oates switch identities and



get away with \$2,000,000 from a US bank.

See full episode at https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x6mo6tx

Episode 2, In from the Cold, broadcast September 13, 1976. Some years earlier Billy Medhurst shot and crippled a police sergeant and fled. Now back in London, Carter and Regan arrest him. He is put in an identification parade in the police yard where an



'S'-type is seen in the background. A crooked barrister gets Medhurst released. He

fakes his death and steals a lorry load of Scottish beef, but Regan and Carter get him in the end. Newsletter Editors & Publishers: David & Patricia Reilly Email:

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Episode 3, Visiting Fireman, broadcast September 20, 1976. A Turkish policeman, and old friend of Regan's, arrives in England to track down a goldsmuggling ring. Regan thinks his flat is being



watched. He blocks the 'watcher's' car, it reverses down the street, with Regan chasing, until it smashes into a Warwick Grey 'S'-type (GJE177E). After plenty of rough stuff and departmental politics, their joint investigation uncovers secret plutonium shipments and the robbery of a main post office.

See full episode at https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x6my0v6

Episode 7, May, broadcast October 25, 1976. An elderly moneylender is beaten and robbed. Detectives Feast and Cree arrive at a house in a Opalescent Bronze 'S'type (JRY387E), find £500 cash hidden under the seat of a Norton 850 Commando and arrest Davey Holmes, son of a dead exconvict. He breaks away as they are putting him into the 'S'-type's back seat. One detective pursues him on foot and the other follows in the 'S'-type. They chase him, for over a minute and a half, through streets, alleys and across waste land until the car high-centres on a slag heap letting Davey get



away.

May, Davey's mother, asks her old friend Jack Regan to intervene. As Regan starts his investigation at White City Speedway Stadium, Shepherd's Bush, there



some good scenes of period Speedway bikes in action.

Regan and Carter, following one of Davey's friends, pass a row of parked cars, a grey 'S'-type is in the foreground and a blue Mk 2 in the background. They arrive at a derelict tower block in Springfield Estate, Battersea where Davey is hiding and take him to the station. Feast and Cree take him away, discover the money was a legitimate loan and that Davey is innocent of robbery, But he is involved with a

convict's wife and is badly beaten and delivered to May's front door.

See full episode at https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x6nzev5

Episode 8, Sweet Smell of Succession, first broadcast November 8, 1976. London gang boss Joe Castle dies, leaving his ill-gotten gains to a long-lost, and unknown, son Steven, who has been away at University. Rival factions begin vying for his father's 'businesses'. Regan watches while Steven cannily plays them against each other and the gangs continue

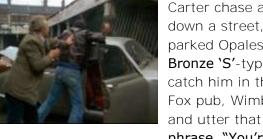




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fighting among themselves. Steven baits them each with £100,000 of stolen jewels.

The first gang arrives at an old warehouse to steal them, the other



gang arrives in 'S'-type, JRY387E, and start shooting, The Sweeney have been watching and a oneminute-plus car chase leads through warehouses and wasteland to the old Brentford Market where the 'S'-type crunches into a wall and Reagan and Carter capture the villains.

See full episode at https://www.dailymotion.com/ video/x6nzfmg

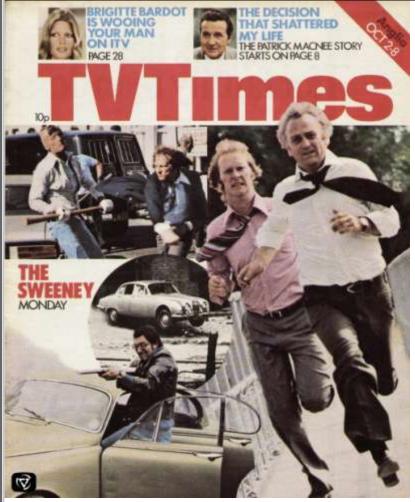
Episode 12, Lady Luck, first broadcast December 13, 1976. In the opening scene, Regan and Carter chase a villain down a street, passing a parked Opalescent Bronze 'S'-type. They catch him in the Dog and Fox pub, Wimbledon, and utter that famous phrase, "You're nicked."



Later a bored middle-class housewife arranges to meet Regan in a pub and, in exchange for sex, chops (informs on) her husband and his gang for the recent robbery of a bookmaker. Despite technical and personal problems, Regan is able to break the case.

See full episode at https://

www.dailymotion.com/search/The%20Sweeney%20% 20Lady%20Luck/videos



The Anglia TV Times for the week of October 2 - 8, 1976 featured The Sweeney. The two photos of the 'S'-type, and the heist, are from Season 3 Episode 8, Sweet Smell of Succession.