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AERMACCHI CA 1970 RACER 250CC 1 CYL OHV 2807



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Aermacchi / Harley-Davidson ca. 1970 250 cc OHV racer

Formerly known as Aeronautica Macchi, the company was founded in 1912 by Giulio Macchi at Varese in north-western Lombardy as Nieuport-Macchi, to build Nieuport monoplanes under license for the Italian military.

After World War II, the company began producing utility three-wheelers and motorcycles as a way to fill the post-war need for cheap, efficient transportation.

With the Japanese invasion taking hold, Harley-Davidson needed something competitive in the small bike segment.

The options: further development of their 165cc two-stroke single or a completely new design – or buy a turnkey business.

Harley bought a 50 percent share. The original plans called for the introduction of a motorcycle using an engine designed by Aermacchi to be mounted on a Sportster frame.

Eventually, that plan was scrapped and a new design was used the following year for the 1962 250 cc Sprint C model, ushering in the Harley/Aermacchi era.

The speedy 250 quickly became popular in production racing, and was gradually improved over the years. The racer we offer here has been built around a Verlicchi racing frame and is fitted with an eccentric rear axle with oval tubing.

The machine is in excellent shape.



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