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**AJS 1931 S2 996CC 2 CYL SV**



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### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

**AJS 1931 model "S 2" 996 cc side valve V-twin frame# S 69083 engine # 69083 S**

By the end of the twenties the financial situation of AJS was by no means positive: sales were continually falling and in 1929 for the third year in a row the company failed to declare a dividend to its shareholders.

In 1930 a 10% reduction in pay was made throughout the works in an attempt to reduce running costs.

Optimistically as ever, the company added 5 new models to the existing range for the 1931 catalogue.

The 'S' series were extremely good value for money, and were offered at very attractive prices. The range consisted of 9 basic models, ranging from a 248 cc OHV single to a 996 cc V-twin machine intended for sidecar use or fast and comfortable touring.

The company made good motorcycles but 1930 had showed a big loss again and in the autumn of 1931 the company went into voluntary liquidation.

Matchless Motorcycles Limited of Plumstead, London, purchased the A.J.S. name, manufacturing rights, and good will for £20,000.

BSA also put in a bid, which being lower was not accepted; consequently the 1931 AJS models were the last Wolverhampton AJS machines. The S2 had bore x stroke of 84x90 mm, a 3 speed gearbox with foot-operated clutch and detachable aluminum cylinder heads.

The weight was 375 lb.

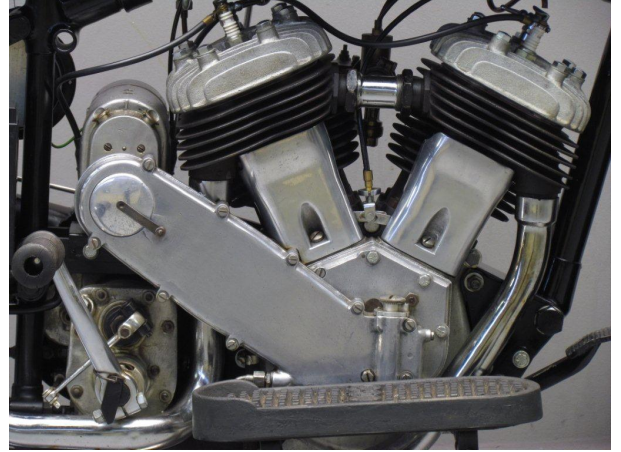
This particular machine was sold new in The Netherlands in 1931 and was equipped with optional extras such as sports handlebars, Bosch electrics and Smiths speedometer built in petrol tank.

This particular model was made for one year only due to the Matchless take-over and has been restored with great care.





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