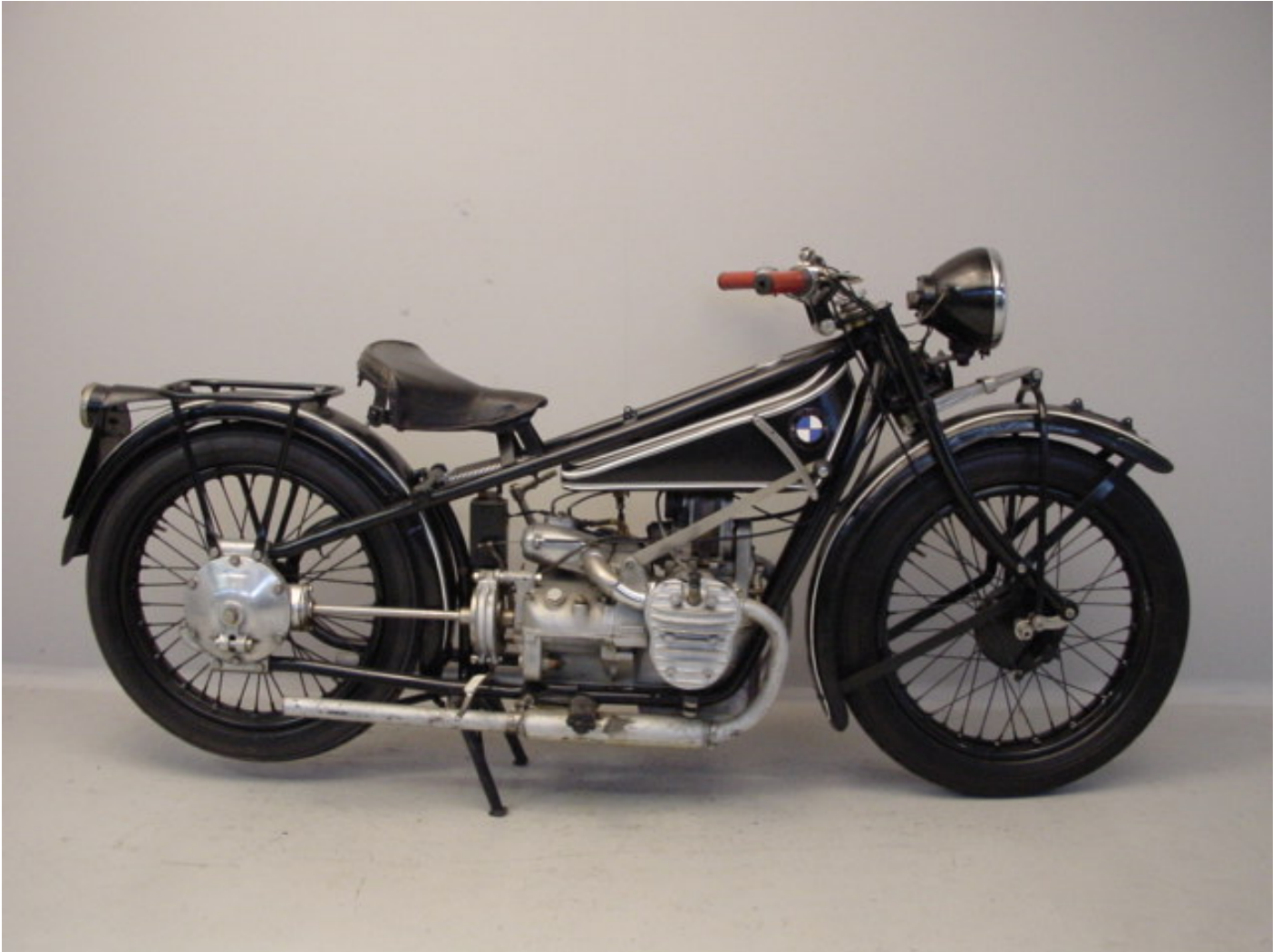




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BMW 1926 R42 500CC 2 CYL SV



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

BMW 1926 R 42 494 cc side valve transverse twin frame#11943 engine# 41777

The first BMW, the 500 cc side valve R 32, was marketed in 1923. 3100 machines were built.

Two years later an OHV version was brought out, the R 37.

This machine had the smallest production run of all commercially produced models in the company's motorcycling history: only 175 were produced.

In 1926 the R 42 saw the light: it was based on the R 32 but some modifications had made it faster and more practical: the brakes were improved and the engine got light alloy removable cylinder head.

Power was still modest at 12 HP @ 3400 RPM.

The machine was relatively light with 126 KG and the maximum speed was about 95 Km/h.

The R 42 had a production run of three years and some 6900 machines were built.

This rare flat tank BMW is an older restoration.



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