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BMW 1938 R12 750CC 2 CYL SV



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

BMW 1938 R 12 745 cc transverse side valve twin with "Stoye" sidecar frame # P15482 engine # 15216

It's difficult to find any logic in the vintage BMW model designations but here is a rare exception: the R 12 was the successor of the R11, produced between 1929 and 1934.

It had a pressed steel frame and leaf sprung front suspension.

In 1935 the R 12 was introduced with many novel features, the most important was the new hydraulic damped telescopic front forks.

Setright remarks about the new front forks: " Compared with the old trailing bottom-link arrangement with its multiplicity of small bushes and large leverages, the new forks were practically maintenance-free and had an incomparably longer life, as well as being much less liable to distortion.(...) The R12 and R 17 earned praise for their straight-line stability and generally better steering, as well as for the much improved durability that the new fork construction promised."

Other new features were the 4 speed gearbox (still with hand change though) and the fully interchangeable wheels.

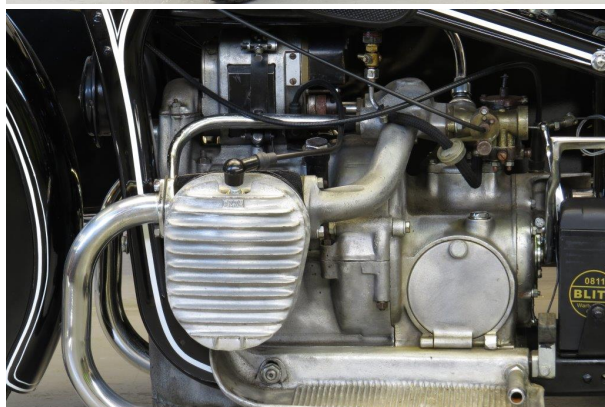
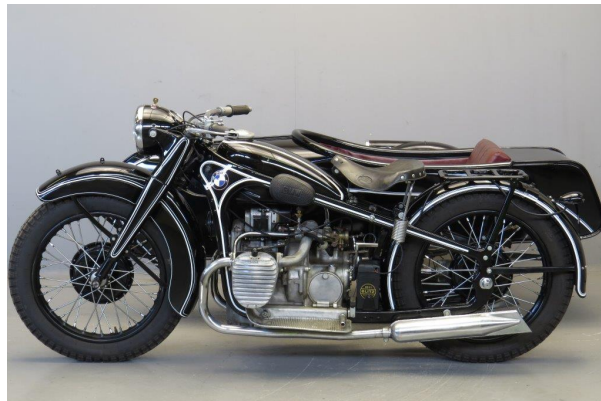
The R 12 could be had with single or twin carburetors.

This older restoration has the single Sum carburetor.

The combination is in fine condition throughout.



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