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BMW 1957 R50 500CC 2 CYL OHV 2805



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

BMW 1957 R 50 2 cyl ohv Frame # 558065 Engine # 558065

Bayerische Motoren-Werke is known in English as the Bavarian Motor Works, or more simply as BMW. The firm created its first horizontally opposed twin engine in 1920, and has stood by this style of engine layout ever since.

The opposed design offers riders buttery smooth performance as the engine has inherently good balance. In 1955 BMW created its R50, R60, and R69 models. The new models had a similar engine and the same shaft-drive as earlier models,

but were fitted with modern swinging fork rear suspension for the first time.

But it abandoned modern telescopic forks at the front in favour of the swinging or "Earles Fork" system. The cycleparts was painted in BMW's signature black scheme set off

by white pin striping.

The models had plenty of power to pull an optional BMW Spezial Steib sidecar.

BMW has always built expensive motorcycles, but you got what you paid for.

They have gained an enviable reputation for

long-lasting reliability -even the quality of the black paint is well known!

BMW set the standard for its day, and continues to build some of the most famous motorcycles in the world .

This example is an R50 from 1957. It is an older, still very presentable restoration and is finished in the traditional

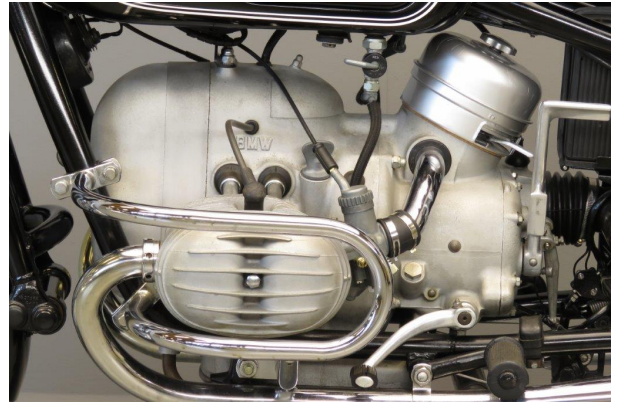
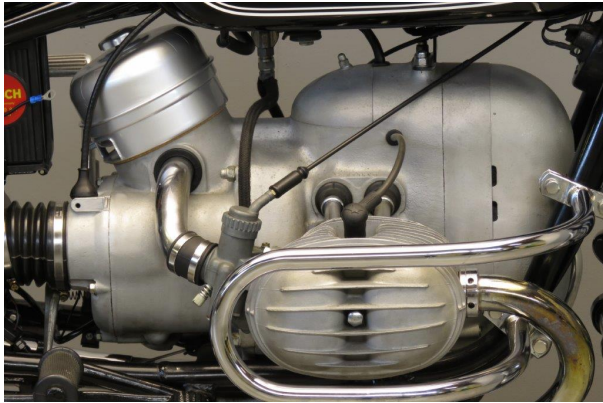
BMW black with white pin striping. It has all the typical features that abound on BMWs – a well sprung solo seat,

the key that inserts into the headlight, the sidewinder kick starter, the Earles fork and the well known reliability.

This R50 will provide the new owner with years of low maintenance riding, and R50s are among the most collectible of post-war BMWs.



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