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BSA 1954 RGS REPLICA 500CC 2 CYL OHV 2607



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

BSA 500cc Rocket Gold Star Replica.

Widely recognised as one of the most desirable of all factory built 'café racers', the Rocket Gold Star arrived in 1962 along with the first of BSA's new unitary construction range.

A combination of - mainly - Gold Star cycle parts and the A10 Super Rocket twin-cylinder engine, the newcomer represented the last of the old 'pre-unit' line rather than a new departure and thus was destined for a relatively short life.

The idea of making what was effectively a twin-cylinder Goldie originated with Banbury motorcycle dealer Eddie Dow, who had built up a considerable body of expertise in looking after BSA's high-performance singles.

Dow believed that his hybrid would bridge the gap between the end of Gold Star production and the introduction of new unitary construction sports models, and so it proved.

The Super Rocket engine's compression ratio was raised to 9.25:1 for the RGS, the claimed maximum power increasing to 46bhp.

But for some reason best known to BSA, the RGS frame was unique, although not that different from the production A7/A10 item, as was the wider dual seat.

The model was offered in a number of different forms and with a host of options relating to controls and equipment.

Motor Cycle tested a Rocket Gold Star in November 1962, summing up the new BSA as a 'scintillating high-performance road burner: good brakes, excellent rider comfort and docile traffic manners.'

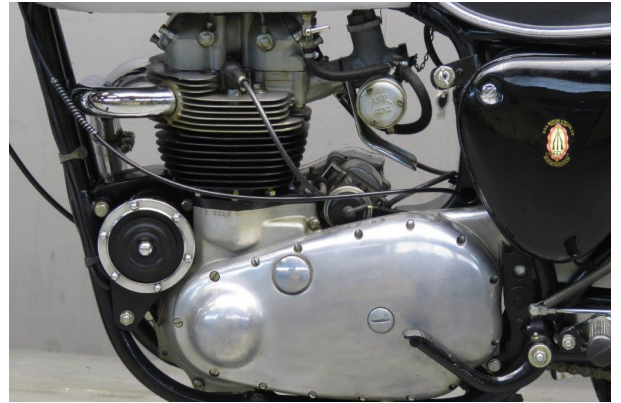
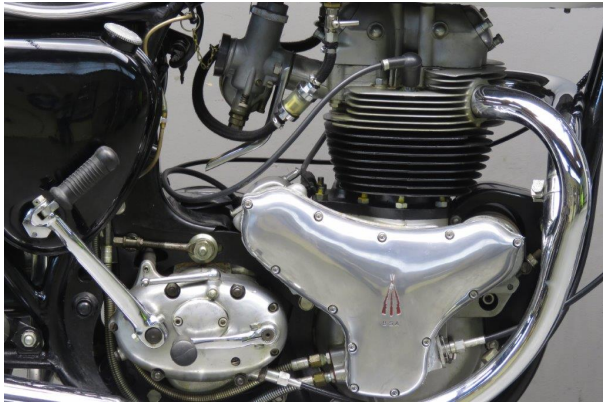
A top speed of 105mph was achieved. Around 1,600 Rocket Gold Stars were made over a two-year period and today genuine examples are highly sought after.

The BSA presented here, is a replica BSA Rocket Gold Star in a combination of an A7 500cc twin engine, clip-on handlebars, chrome plated fuel tank, speedo and rev counter and two-in-one exhaust system. BSA Rocket Gold Stars are considered as the ultimate Café Racers and they were the fastest, best handling bikes of its day.

This 500cc BSA is in a very well presented condition.



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