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CLEVELAND 1920 225 CC TS



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Cleveland 1920 "A2 de Luxe" 221 cc two stroke single frame#831

The Cleveland Motorcycle manufacturing Company of Ohio built motorcycles between 1915 and 1929.

It all started with a simple, light two stroke which was mounted transversely in the frame.

The machine became popular because of its light weight, its practical nature and of course its modest price.

Clevelands set several endurance records and were often winners in the light weight class of races.

The engine was coupled to a two speed gearbox and the magneto was positioned at the end of the very long engine shaft, past the rear down tube.

In 1920 the frame was strengthened; an extra tube was added under the petrol/oil tank and the cylindrical tank of the earlier models was changed for a tapered type.

Footboards were also added and the mudguards became wider.

In 1921 more weight was added and consequently the engine power was raised by bringing the capacity to 270 cc. In 1923 a version was offered with battery and electric lights. In 1925 two stroke production was discontinued and the company marketed a 350 cc four stroke.

This was not a success, and the step was taken to design a four cylinder machine.

But that's another story...

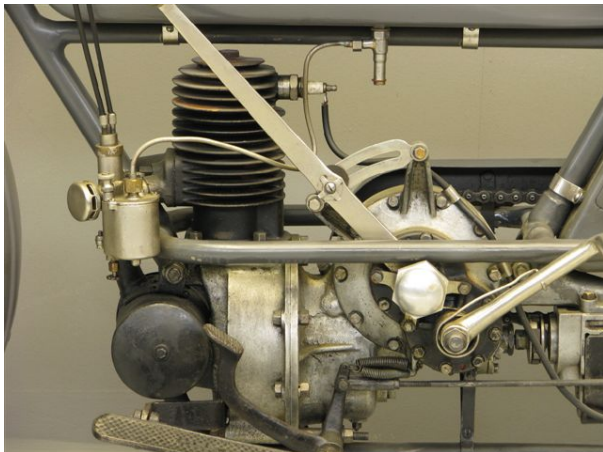
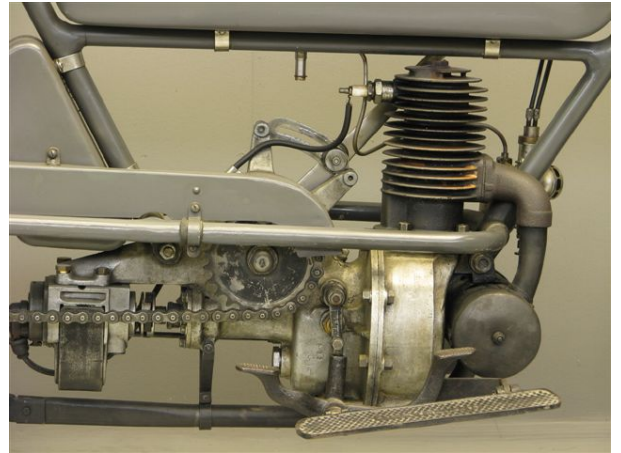
Note the big handle on the left of the machine: this does not control the gears, but the clutch.

For changing gear one must use the small foot pedal on the right.

This charming, practical machine has been restored with care.



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