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COTTON 1937 MODEL 37/600 600 CC 1 CYL OHV



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Cotton 1937 600 cc OHV type "37/600" engine (JAP) # 402/F53426S

The Gloucester-based Cotton factory was one of many small manufacturers that used proprietary engines in the years between the first and second world wars.

But there was something quite special about the Cotton, that made it much more successful than most other small makes: its frame.

The frame that Frank Willoughby Cotton designed around 1914 was of triangulated construction, very light and exceptionally strong.

Cotton was studying law at the time, but after WWI he decided to become a motorcycle manufacturer. In 1922 Cotton entered three machines for the Junior TT; an unknown young Irishman by the name of Stanley Woods rode his Cotton to an impressive 5th place, despite a number of alarming mishaps during the race such as the machine and rider catching fire during refuelling!

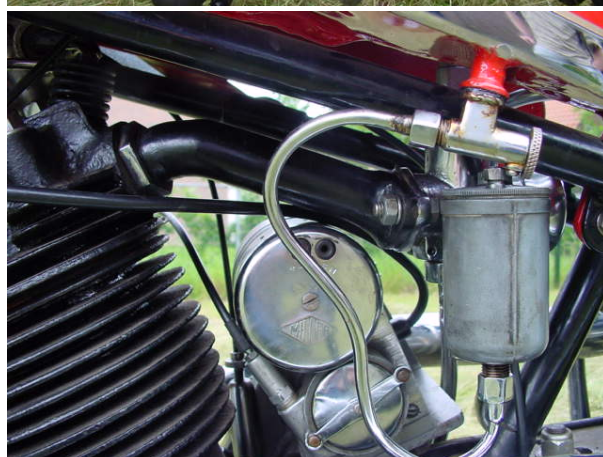
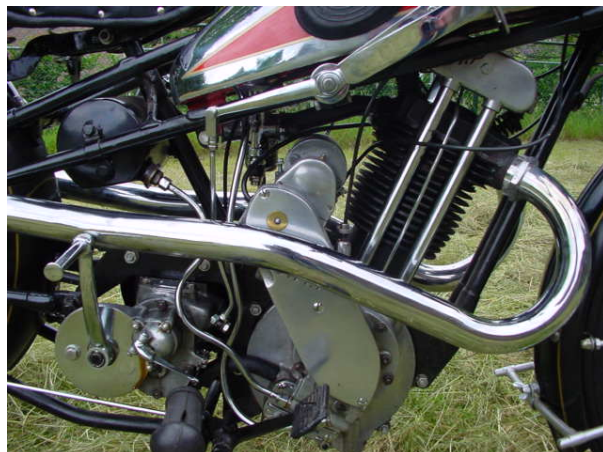
The next year Woods rode again for Cotton and he scored his first of 10 TT victories, being only 19 years old. Cotton had proved the very good roadholding and cornering qualities of his bikes and the make was to win many more races.

In the years after WWII Cotton left the triangulated frame principle and scored successes in moto-cross and road racing.

This handsome 1937 model is excellently restored and runs well.



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