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DKW 1929 SUPER-SPORT 500CC 2 CYL TS



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

DKW 1929 494 cc "Super-Sport" two stroke twin frame# 122049 engine # 190081

Jorgen Skafte Rasmussen, a Dane by birth, established his first company in Saxony after studying Engineering in Mittweida.

In 1904 he set up an apparatus engineering company in Chemnitz, three years later moving to Zschopau, in the Erzgebirge region, where he began to experiment with steam-driven motor vehicles in 1916.

Although these experiments did not lead to any specific product, they yielded the company name and trademark DKW, derived from the German words for "steam-driven vehicle" (Dampf Kraft Wagen). After the war, Rasmussen met Hugo Ruppe, an engine designer. Ruppe created a small, 2-stroke 25cc engine for Rasmussen.

It was intended to be a toy for young boys, and Rasmussen called it "Des Knaben Wunsch," or the "the boy's wish." This was the second use of the DKW initials.

The final variation, and the one best remembered today, is "Das kleine Wunder," or "the little wonder." This was the name given to an enlarged version of the Ruppe engine, which was powerful enough to be used as auxiliary propulsion for a bicycle.

In 1919, Rasmussen renamed his firm Zschopauer Motorenwerke and switched his company over to production of gas-powered DKW engines.

The little wonder was a success. Soon Rasmussen's company was supplying engines to seventy other German manufacturers, and by 1922, more than 30,000 DKW engines had been produced and Zschopauer Motorenwerke was making its own line of motorized bicycles and motorcycles under the DKW name.

Within four years, the majority of German motorcycles either were DKWs or were powered by a DKW engine.

By 1928, DKW was the largest manufacturer of motorcycles in the world.

In the autumn of 1926, the Zschopauer Motorenwerke presented the Z 500, the first DKW motorcycle with a 2-cylinder engine.

This machine originally had an air-cooled engine, but its sports successor was given a water-cooled engine on account of its better thermal load capacity.

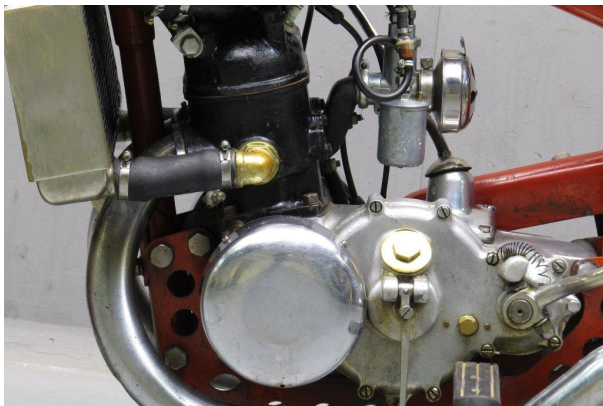
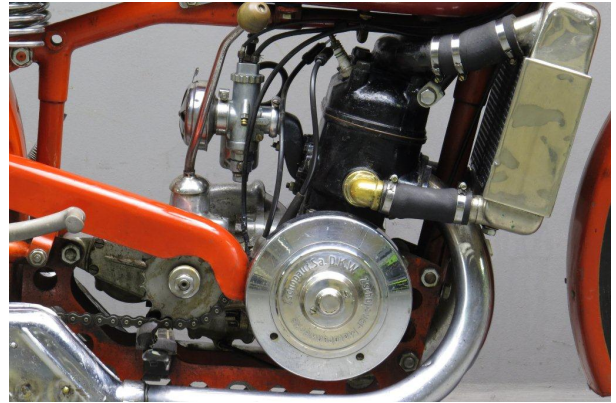
The 500-series Super-Sport was launched in 1929 and was the sporty top model in the DKW motorcycle range.

The 2-cylinder engine is the same unit that was used from 1928 in the DKW automobile production. The engine produces 18 HP@3000 rpm which gives a top speed of 120 km/hour. In 1928-1929 approx. 1200 units were produced.

This Super-Sport 494cc DKW is partially in original and unrestored condition and is still going well. It comes complete with Smiths speedometer and pillion seat.



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