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DKW 1939 RT 98CC 1 CYL TS 2909



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

DKW 1939 "RT 3 PS" 98 cc two stroke frame # 561215 engine # 456325/50

The RT ("Reichs Typ") was designed to provide cheap and reliable transport for the masses. But the RT differed from most of its lightweight competitors with ILO or Sachs engines: it was better built, had a three speed gearbox with kick-starter and had surprising power for a 97,5 cc machine. With bore x stroke of 50x50 mm the power output was 2,5 HP for the first model brought out in 1934.

The actual weight of the machine was only 45 kg and the comfortable cruising speed was 60 km per hour, which was a very decent output on 1934 roads.

By 1936 the RT had proven to be utterly reliable and very economical and even in the very demanding 1935 International Six Days Trial a German RT team had performed splendidly.

Around 10,000 machines had been sold till 1936 when a more powerful version, the "3 PS" was brought out. A practical feature of this new machine was the relatively big sprung saddle, which gives a surprising amount of riding comfort.

In 1936, Dutch lightweight enthusiast Mr. Gerlach went on holiday to Morocco with his newly-bought RT. He departed from Amersfoort and traversed the Netherlands, Belgium, France and Spain with daily averages between 300 and 625 km.

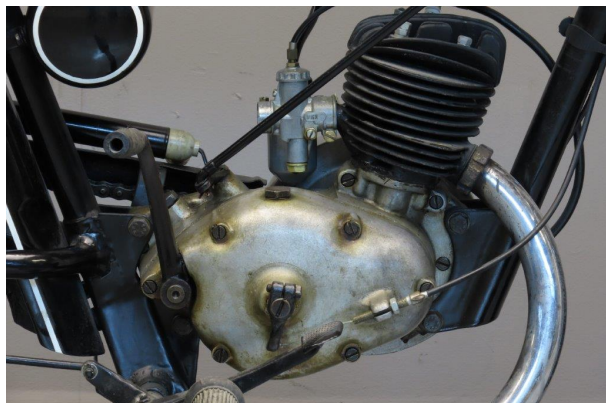
In total he covered 8435 km with an average fuel consumption of 1: 42.6.

The only mechanical problem during this trip was a loose ignition contact breaker, which was quickly repaired along the way.

This little RT, an older restoration, is an excellent machine for country lane touring or vintage club outings.



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