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DOUGLAS 1916 4 HP 600 CC 2 CYL SV



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Douglas 1916 4 HP 596 cc frame#5942 engine # 5669 gearbox # 6699

This Bristol-based firm developed the horizontally opposed fore-aft unit in about 1907 and continued utilising this engine layout well into the thirties.

The earliest Douglas models had direct belt drive, but in 1910 a two-speed gearbox was added, with the control on top of the petrol tank. Douglas machines became very popular because of their lightness, ease of starting and speed: in the 1912 Junior TT races Douglas took first, second and fourth places.

In the First World War thousands of 2 ¾ HP machines were commissioned for use by despatch riders and performed splendidly.

In 1915 a 596 cc model was introduced to cater for the need for a more powerful sidecar puller.

A notable difference in engine design with the 2 ¾ HP model is the wet sump oiling system.

A year later the 4 HP model was improved in a number of ways.

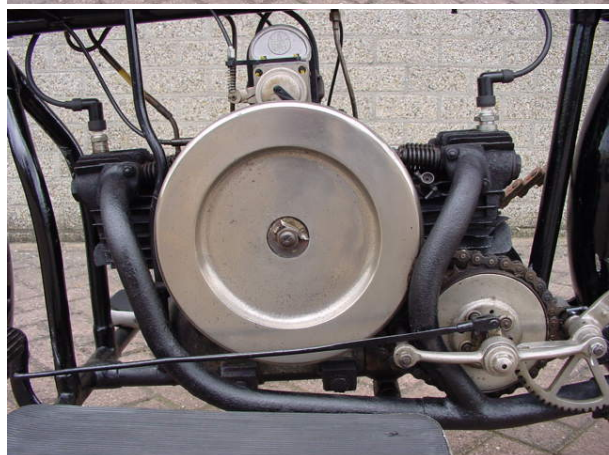
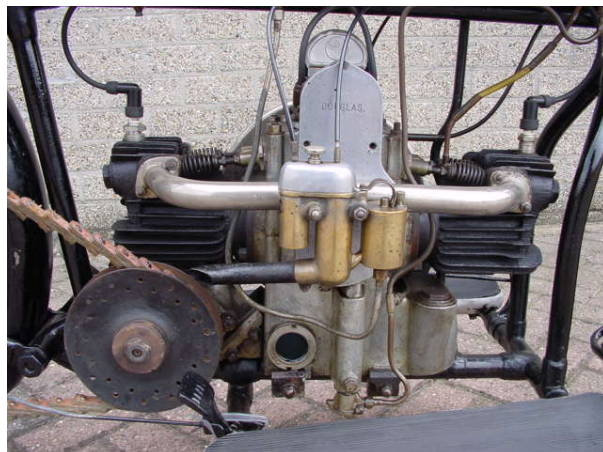
To mention a few: other front forks, new design of exhaust, frame and tank alterations, front and rear brake changes, many small engine design improvements.

To sum it up: quite another machine! Between 1916 and 1921 hardly any changes were made; the 4HP disappeared from the range in 1924.

This machine is an older restoration.



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