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FN 1903 2HP 1CYL AIV 2803



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

FN 1903 2 HP A.I.V. single frame # 8773

FN (Fabrique Nationale d'Armes de Guerre) was a Belgian company established in 1889 to make arms and ammunition for hunting and warfare.

Soon it was decided that diversification of production was a good strategy to reduce the risk of peaceful times.

In the late 1800's the production of bicycle parts was taken up; soon complete bicycles were added to the programme, followed in 1900 by motorcars.

At that time FN was already a major manufacturing firm, with premises taking up around 30 acres with 40,000 square metres of factory buildings.

By the end of 1901 the first motorized bicycle was presented, powered by a 133 cc clip-on engine. It got the nickname "little donkey".

It was followed in 1903 by a 188cc model.

Early in 1904 the capacity was enlarged to 300 cc. From 1905 on the four cylinder was catalogued and the single was further developed as a light model.

The popularity of FN motorcycles is shown by the high sales figures: between July 1902 and July 1904 some 6,000 machines were sold.

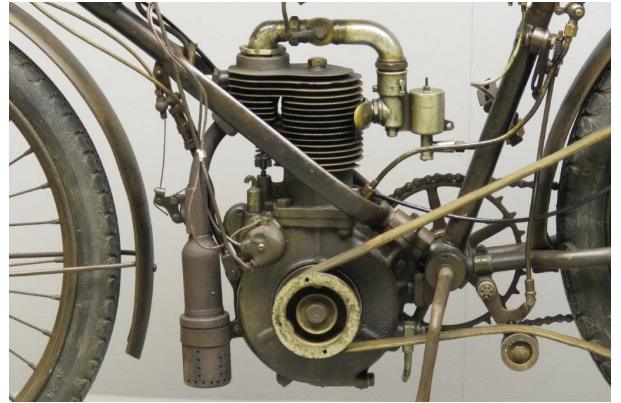
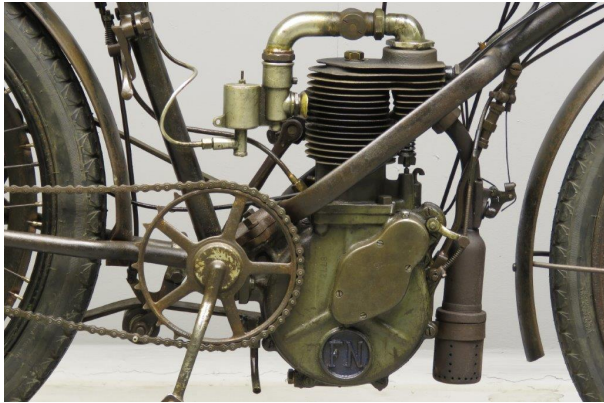
The machine we offer here is original and unrestored and features unsprung front forks, battery-coil ignition and FN spray carburetor.

It has a flat belt drive, original exhaust system with optional hand operated cut-out valve, separate oil tank and a rear stand luggage rack combination.

This machine truly displays the characteristic patina of a well-preserved veteran.



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