

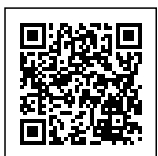


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FN 1904 2³/₄HP 1 CYL AIV



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

FN 1904 2 ¼ HP single a.i.v. frame#13184 engine#8049

The “Fabrique Nationale d’Armes de Guerre” was founded in July 1889 to manufacture weapons and munitions for hunting and warfare. Soon it was decided that diversification of production was a good strategy to reduce the risk of peaceful times. In 1895 the production of bicycle parts was taken up; a few years later 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 clipon engine. It got the nickname “little donkey”.

The next year a proper motorcycle frame was developed with a forked front down tube; the engine grew to 188 cc.

The 1904 model got front suspension and a 300 cc engine with bore and stroke of 70x80 mm. From 1905 on the four cylinder was catalogued and the single was further developed as a light model.

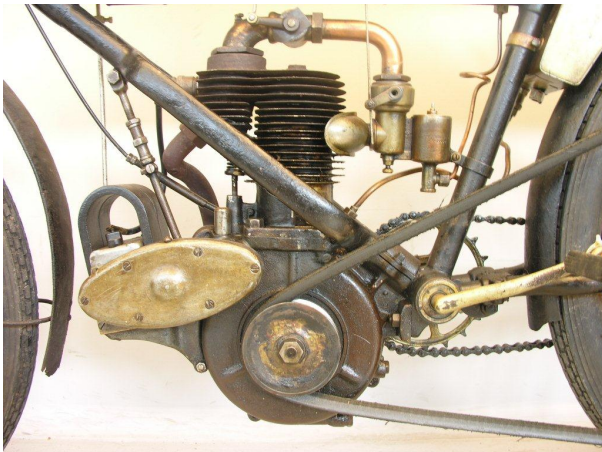
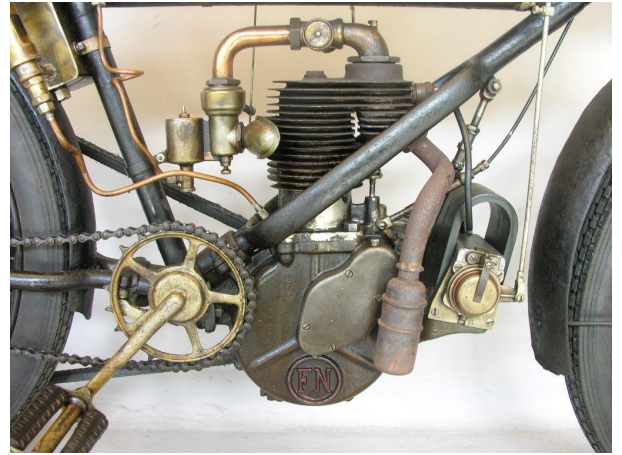
The popularity of FN motorcycles is shown by the high sales figures: between July 1902 and July 1904 some 6,000 machines were sold.

The machine we offer here is in excellent running condition.

It is original and unrestored.



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