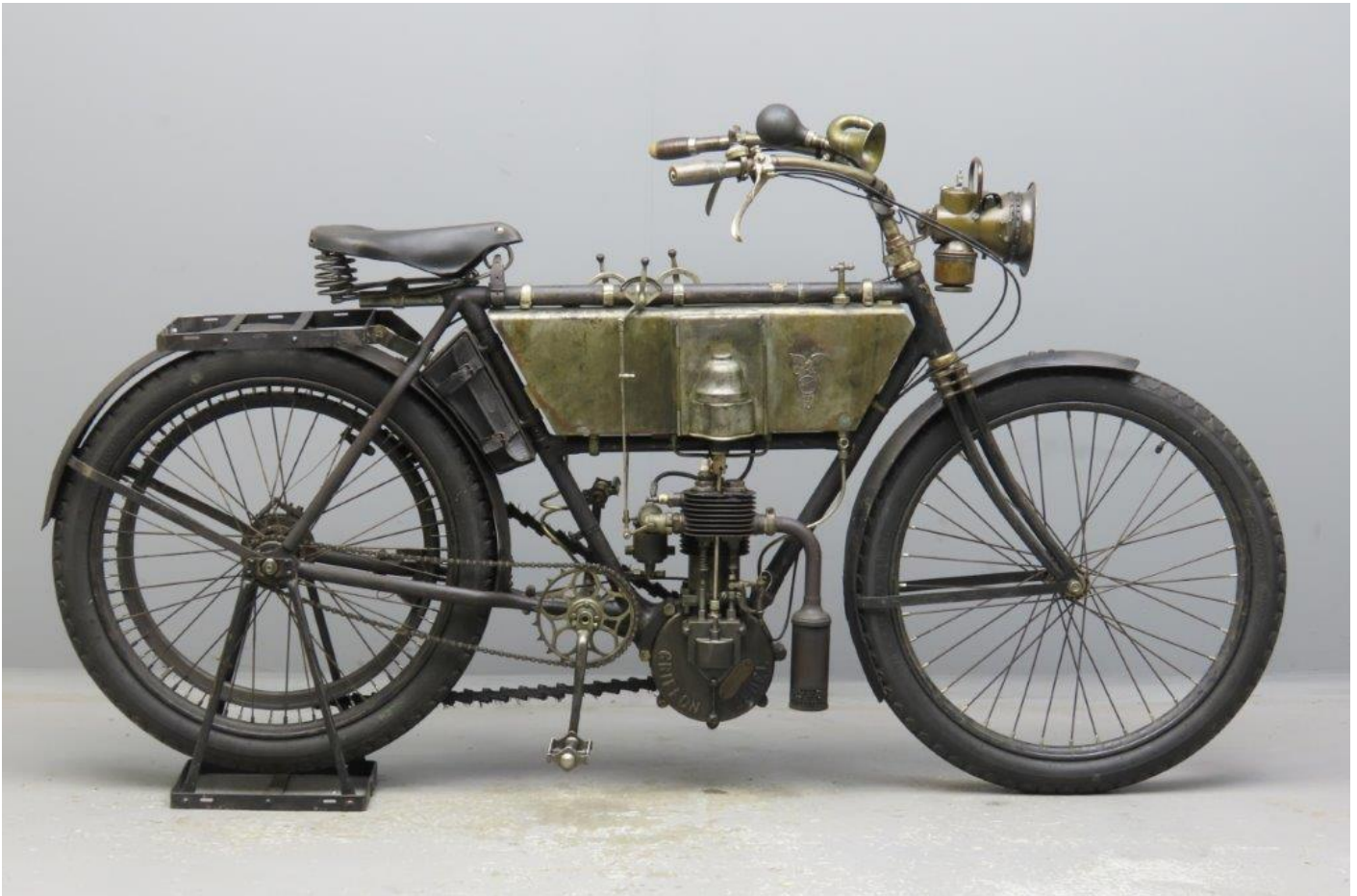




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GRIFFON 1905 2¾HP 353CC 1 CYL SV 3001



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Griffon 1905 2¼ HP 353 cc side valve Zédel engine # 14062

Griffon is one of the oldest French makes: it was founded as a bicycle company and motorcycle production started in 1902.

The factory was situated at the Rue Louis-Blanc in Courbevoie, Paris and for many years this make was in the foreground of French motorcycle manufacture.

The firm was established in 1898 by Eugène Peugeot who had fallen out with his cousin Armand. The word "Griffon" translates as "Griffin", the mythical animal typically having the head, forepart, and wings of an eagle and the body, hind legs, and tail of a lion.

An interesting hint of Armand to his Peugeot family members it would seem...

After Eugene's death in 1907 the family relations became better and Griffon even used Peugeot engines in its late veteran period models.

In the nineteen twenties Griffon was absorbed completely by the giant Peugeot conglomerate. Griffon was very active in racing in the years before 1910 and their famous racing men Lamberjack and Demeester won many victories on Griffon-Zédels.

In the early years Griffon machines were relatively expensive because of the import duties on the Swiss Zédel engines; from 1906 they were made in a new factory in Pontarlier, France and became less expensive. The 1905 range consisted of single cylinder models in capacities of 353 and 475 cc and v-twins in capacities of 493 and 706 cc.

All models could be had with rigid front forks, Simplex suspension forks or Griffons own suspension system and there was a choice between coil and magneto ignition.

The magneto was fitted in a remarkable place: not in front or behind the engine as was usual, but on a shielded place above the engine in a compartment in the petrol tank.

This was an elegant but expensive solution: the magneto was in a dry and protected place and it was driven by a vertical shaft and angular drive.

Bore and stroke of the 2 ¼ HP Zédel engine are 67x70 mm.

The tank holds 6 litres of petrol and one and a halve litres of oil and the machine weighs a mere 58 kg.

There are two brakes fitted, both on the rear wheel.

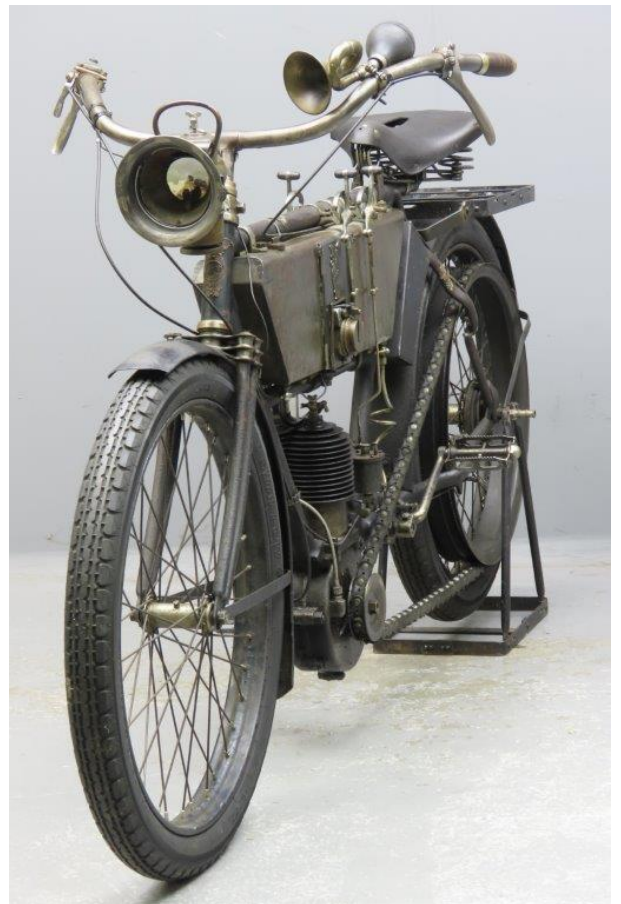
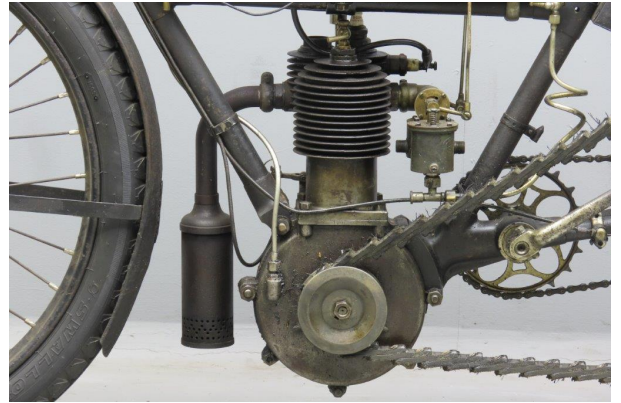
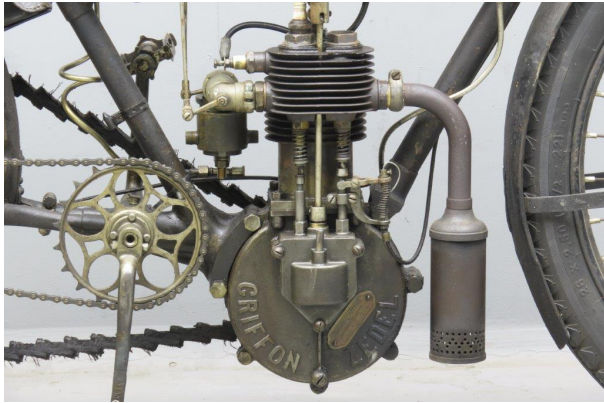
The carburettor is a Longuemare instrument that is controlled by a lever on the tank top frame tube.

Another lever controls the magneto advance and retard.

This very authentic and original machine comes with an original Griffon saddle, acetylene lamp and bulb horn.



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