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GRIFFON 1907 TWIN 500CC



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Griffon 1907 3 ½ HP 493 cc Zédel AIV V-twin frame # 33753 engine # 16439

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. In the nineteen twenties Griffon was taken over by the giant firm of Peugeot. Bore and stroke of the Zédel engine are 67x70 mm.

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

Unsprung front forks are standard, this machine is equipped with the optional Griffon spring forks.

This early veteran machine has been immaculately restored and comes complete with Pioneer Certificate.

This machine has an interesting history, as related in the spring 2013 magazine of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America.

It was purchased around 1907 by an American living in France and when he returned to the States he took the machine with him.

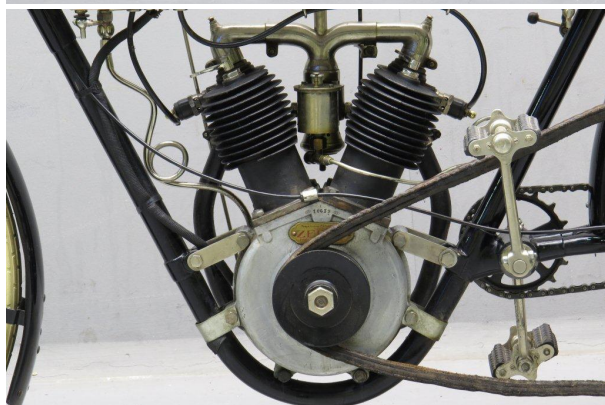
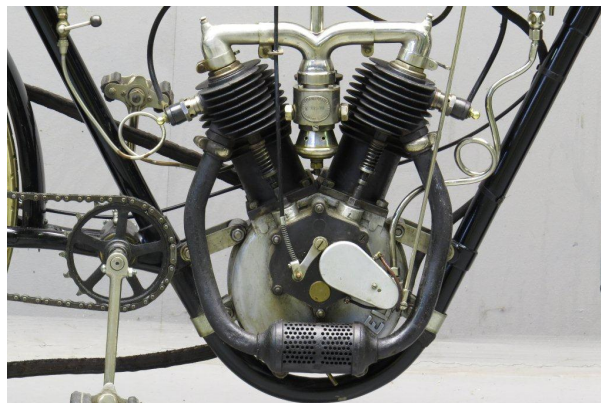
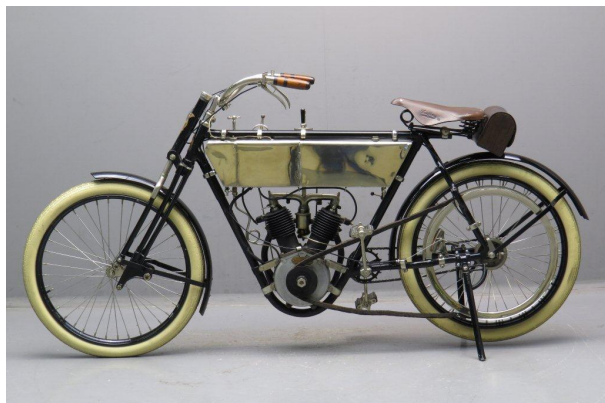
The owner died in 1910 and the motorcycle was parked in a barn till 1920, when the new owners of the property gave the Griffon to a 12 year old boy, Bob Scribner.

He stored the machine for the next 75 years but never started it.

Then a veteran motorcycle enthusiast invested a full year to try and persuade Scribner to sell him the machine, that subsequently was restored to its present pristine condition.



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