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HARLEY DAVIDSON 1916 16C 575 CC 1 CYL IOE



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Harley -Davidson 1916 model 16 C 575 cc F head single frame# HD 1902 engine#1370L

In 1911 the first V- twins were brought out and very soon these models became the customers' favourites; it seems singles were most popular for utility uses and in the export markets.

In 1916 no more than 862 machines were sold from the model C single, the same year more than 15,000 twins left the Milwaukee factory.

That year two types of singles were available, the model 16 B single speed and the model 16 C with 3 speed gearbox.

1916 was the first year that the company used a rear stroke starter on some of their models; another new feature was the use of rounded edges on the tanks which gave the machines a more modern look.

This rare single has an interesting history: it was sold in 1916 by the Dutch importer and in 1921 it was traded in for a new machine.

The single was put in the showroom but remained unsold for a number of years.

Several photographs of the showroom are known on which the 16 C is visible.

In the 1930's the machine was restored and acted as a centrepiece in the importer's jubilee exhibition.

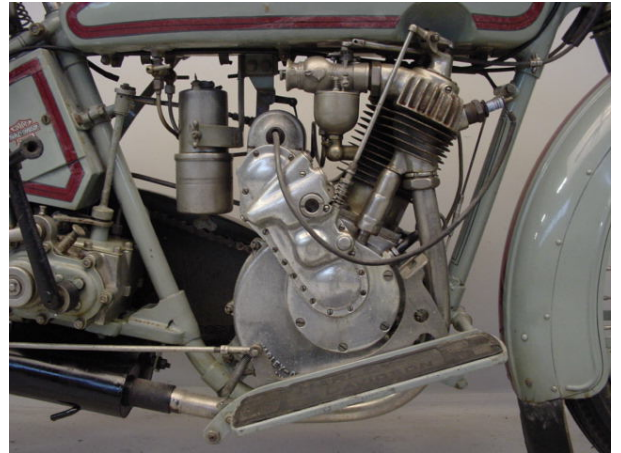
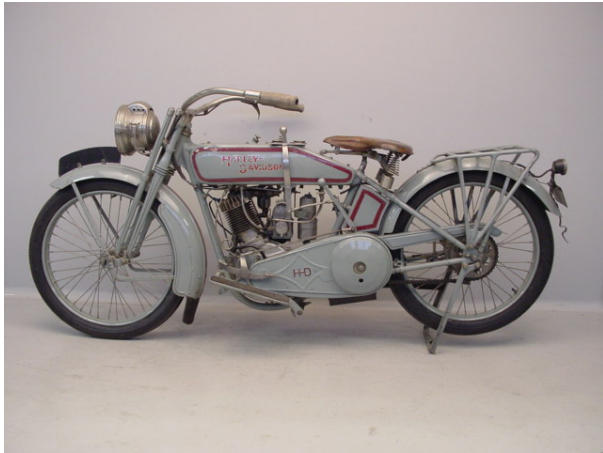
In later years another company was contacted as Harley Davidson importer, and the 16C went into retirement.

In the 1970s it was acquired by a Dutch vintage motorcycle enthusiast and later on it moved again to the showroom of a Harley dealership: the bike has gone full circle you might say.

The machine is in excellent condition and probably hasn't been used since the early twenties.



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