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HARLEY DAVIDSON 1923 WF 584CC 2 CYL SV 2905



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Harley-Davidson 1923 Model WF Sport 584 cc flat twin Frame # 2034 engine # 23WF2034

Inspired by the British Douglas, that likewise used a horizontally opposed twin-cylinder engine, the Harley-Davidson Model W would prove more popular in Europe than America, where the v-twin engine held sway.

The Model W was introduced in 1919 and, like Douglas, Harley set its engine lengthways in the frame. Inlet and exhaust manifolds were siamesed on the right-hand side (prevailing wisdom reckoned that heating the incoming charge was a good idea) while the other side was dominated by a large external flywheel and fully enclosed rear chain case.

Displacing 584cc, the 6hp twin was installed in a frame of the 'keystone' type, open at the bottom, which used the engine as a stressed element, while other noteworthy features included geared primary drive and an unusual trailing link type of front fork that acted on a single central coil spring.

Although not overly powerful, the Model W obviously handled well and possessed a decent turn of speed, as evidenced by a number of record-breaking achievements including setting a new best time for the Three Flags run from Canada to Mexico.

Despite these successes the American motorcycling public remained unconvinced of the Model W's virtues and H-D pulled the plug on this promising design after only a few seasons.

Production ended in 1923, by which time 9,883 machines had been built.

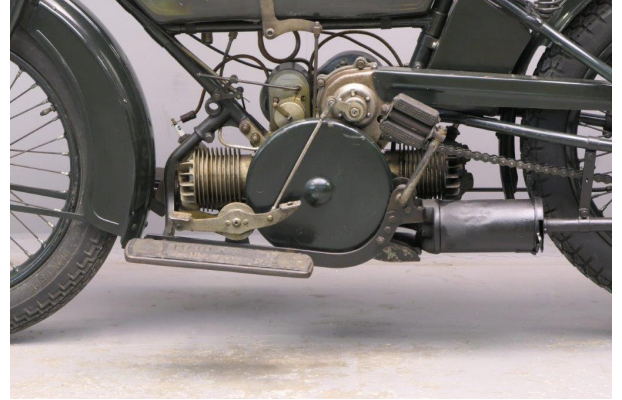
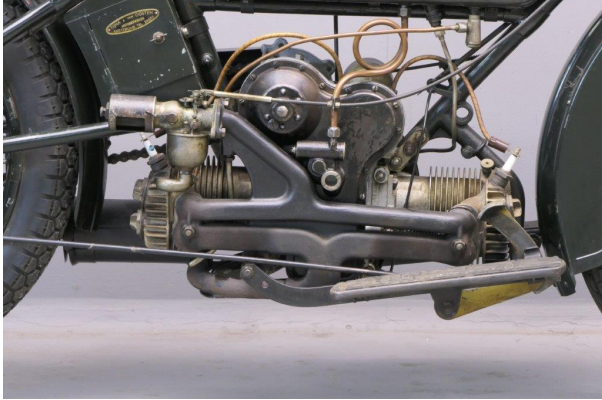
In 1923, the last year of production, 614 machines left the factory.

This unusual Harley-Davidson is in good original condition with great patina and with a lot of original paint left.

She starts very well and runs extremely smooth.



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