

HARLEY DAVIDSON 1927 MODEL B 350CC1 CYL SV



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Harley-Davidson 1927 Model B 350 cc side valve single frame # 5261 engine# B 6613

Harley Davidson had ended the production of the 585 cc singles at the end of the model year 1918. The company tried to win customers in the 600cc class with the flat twin model W Sport Twin that was produced from 1919 up to including 1923. Sales were relatively modest, but it was clear that especially in the European markets a small-capacity HD would be a selling point, if only to act as a "starter model". In 1926 several 350 cc class models were brought out; the OHV versions were rather exotic machines mainly meant for competition use, but the side valve models 26A (magneto ignition) and B (battery and coil ignition) were good sellers: more than 7000 machines found a home in the first year of production.

From 1929 on a 500 cc engine was also available in the 350 rolling chassis.

In 1934 the production of these singles ended.

New features for the 1927 model year were strengthened frames and improved fuel tanks.

Amongst further small alterations was a new exhaust with reduced back pressure to permit the engine to breathe more easily.

3711 machines of the "B" type were sold in 1927. (source: Matthias Gerst, "Harley Davidson, all the motorcycles 1903–1983")

This Model B is a well maintained older restoration which still needs some fiddling to get her safely on the road again.













