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HARLEY DAVIDSON 1929 29C 500CC 1 CYL SV



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Harley-Davidson 1929 model "29 C" 500 cc side valve single frame and engine # 29C1160

The 35 ci singles were discontinued 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 some 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 and B (the B had an electrical lighting system) were good sellers: more than 7000 machines found a home in the first year of production.

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

This 500 had the wider mudguards of the twin models.

The "C" was a rather rare model: it had the 500 cc engine, the wider mudguards of the twin models but the narrow tank of the 350 single. This gave the machine a less "massive" look. Furthermore, it was only 20 dollars more expensive than the standard 350. This vintage Harley single is a fresh restoration.



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