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HARLEY DAVIDSON 1947 UL 1209CC 2 CYL SV 3201



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Harley Davidson 1947 "UL" 1209 cc side valve V-twin frame # 8603191448471 engine # 49UL2909

For 1937 the HD engineers redesigned the Big Twin range: frame and cycle parts of the newly introduced OHV 'Knucklehead' were used as the basis for the new 1209cc and 1303 cc models U and UH.

An important new feature was the introduction (finally!) of dry sump lubrication.

The "UL" was the 5.2:1 high-compression type; the standard compression was 5:1. Power output of the UL was 37.5 hp @ 4200rpm and its top speed was 135km.

The new models proved themselves as reliable and dependable machines and gave their owners every satisfaction from the start and continued to do so for many years. Improved and updated annually throughout the late 1930s and 1940s, the U and UL models finally disappeared from the range at the end of 1948.

A 1947-only feature was the Bull-Neck frame with its oval section steering head.

The gearchange was changed round again so that first was at the back of the gate.

Amongst other minor modifications were the red Speed ball tank badges, the Tombstone tail lamp and the new speedometer fitted to all 1947 models; the needle was now red and the numbers on the speedometer dial were enlarged to improve its readability. (Source: Matthias Gerst).

This impressive long distance traveller is an older restoration.

The former owner acquired the machine in the mid-eighties and has owned it ever since.

It was imported in The Netherlands from South Africa, where the UL Harleys appear to have been employed as police bikes.

She is a good runner and is fitted with front and rear crash bars, luggage rack and studded leather saddle bags.



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