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HARLEY DAVIDSON 1962 XLH 883CC 2 CYL OHV 2803



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Harley Davidson 1962 XLH Sportster 883cc 2 cyl ohv Frame # A7498 Engine # 62XLH4496

The Harley-Davidson Sportster was produced continuously since 1957 by Harley-Davidson.

Sportster models are designated in Harley-Davidson's product code by beginning with "XL".

In 1952, the predecessors to the Sportster, the Model K Sport and Sport Solo motorcycles, were introduced. These had a sidevalve ('flat head') engine, whereas the later XL Sportster models use an overhead valve engine.

With the introduction of the overhead-valve XL Sportster, the lack of performance with the K sidevalve models was very much resolved.

The 883 cc engine now produced 40 bhp and the engine and gearbox were unit construction, with the latter easily accessible through a side cover.

The rear shocks were of the automotive type and even gave enough travel for off-road use. Further improvements in 1958 to the engine included higher compression, domed pistons, larger ports, and larger valves.

By 1959, high-lift cams could push a Sportster to 115 mph, and the quarter mile was possible in under 14 seconds. The XL model was basically a non-race model. Back in the day, the H meant this was a high compression engine.

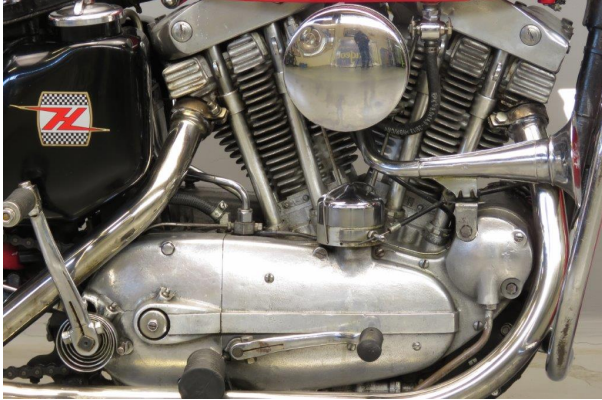
The XLH , as presented here, is the 883cc Touring High Compression model.

The 40hp engine makes this a swift, obedient and well handling motorcycle.

She is beautifully presented in an attractive red/white livery and she runs great.



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