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INDIAN 1946 CHIEF 1200CC 2 CYL SV



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Indian 1946 Chief 1200cc Frame # 3465395 Engine # CDF5395

Is there a more iconic shape in American motorcycling than a skirted Indian Chief?

Those big valanced fenders are unmistakable; then as now, they set the bike apart from anything else on the road.

For a style so associated with a brand, it's surprising that the fenders didn't make their appearance until 1940, some 39 years after the company's founding. Indian went all-in on the design, outfitting Scouts, Chief and Fours with the new tinware.

After World War II only the Chief made a return, supposedly a stop-gap measure until lighter, more advanced models came online.

But a series of financial and engineering missteps doomed the company and Chiefs were still being sold when the Springfield, Massachusetts factory shut its doors in 1953.

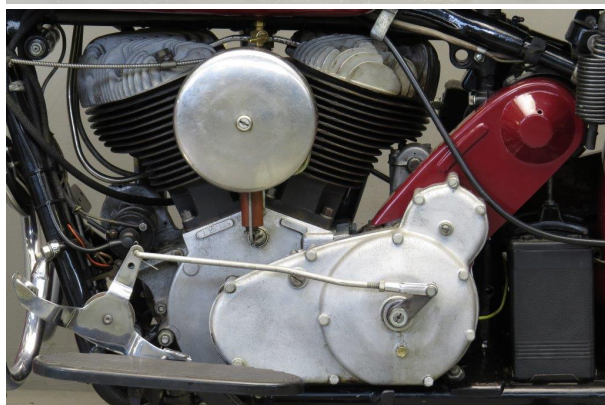
For many, the pre-'50 girder-fork Chiefs offer the best styling.

After that date, telescopic forks were fitted, which threw off the aesthetics a bit some people say.

This 1946 example is an older restoration.



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