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INDIAN 1948 CHIEF 1200CC 2 CYL SV 2906



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Indian 1948 "348" Chief 1200cc side valve V-twin Frame # 348 4148 Engine # CDH4148

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 tin ware.

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 in many people's opinion. For model year 1946 new front forks were presented, of Indian truss design with dual soft-action coil springs, hydraulic shock absorber controlled.

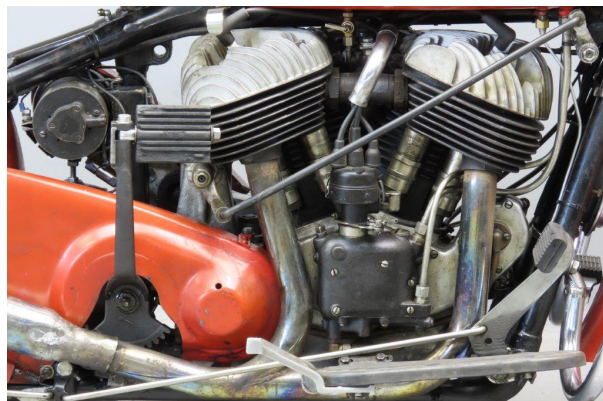
The company announced 19 refinements for the 1948 Chief, some cosmetic, some technical. From the latter category we mention the "Hydra-Feed" oil pump, the high-output generator and the improved crankcase.

In the former category would fit the new instrument panel, the chrome headlight and the new Indian horn.

The Chief we offer here is a strong runner and technically in first-rate condition.



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