



ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLES - ACCESSORIES AND RELATED ITEMS

**KRIEGER GNÄDIG 1922 500 CC OHV**



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### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

#### **Krieger-Gnädig ca. 1922 500 cc OHV engine# 578**

The brothers Karl, Oskar, Max and Peter Krieger lived in Berlin around 1900.

Three of them were technically gifted and Peter had commercial talents. In the years before the war they started to experiment with building airplanes and they became rather successful in that. Regretfully Karl lost his life during a test flight at the end of the war.

After the war planes were not in demand anymore so the remaining brothers decided to put their efforts in the design of an innovative motorcycle.

They met designer Franz Gnädig who stepped into the business and they bought a factory in Suhl in December 1919.

They hired personnel and developed the plans for the first series of six test models.

These machines were equipped with overhead inlet valves and side exhaust valves and were ready by April 1920.

The definitive design got a full ohv engine ( 80x99 mm) and was the first German motorcycle with shaft drive. Other modern points were the dry sump lubrication system, the very stiff triangular frame construction and the quickly detachable and interchangeable wheels.

The 3 speed gearbox was fitted in line with the engine.

The first series had cast iron pistons and were capable of 75 km/hour at 3000 rpm. Later series got aluminium pistons and could run safely at 4,300 rpm.

In June 1921 there was a celebration at the occasion of the finishing of the hundredth machine. the Kriegers proved very successful in races and reliability trials.

However, the manufacture of the innovative and luxurious K-G turned out to be very expensive and the factory soon got into financial problems.

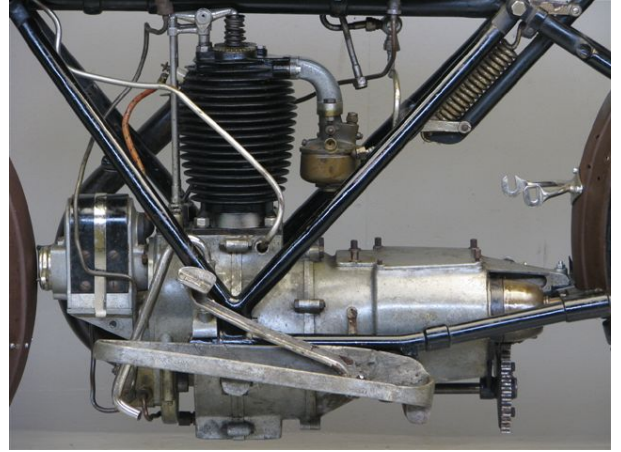
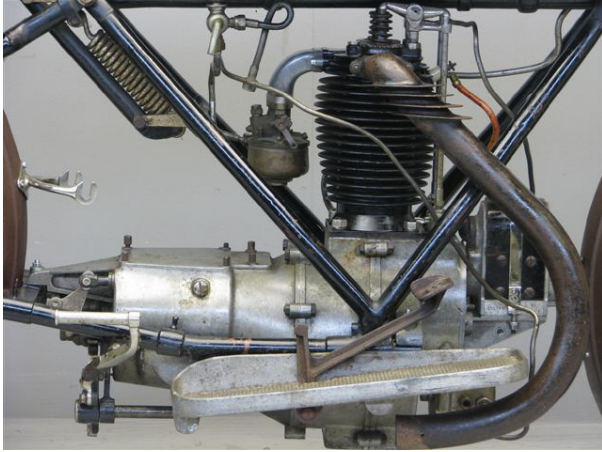
In 1922 the CITO bicycle and motorcycle factory from Cologne took over the production.

In the years after that various factories tried to produce the design on a commercial basis: Cito - K.G., Allright - K.G. , Original - Krieger,

Gnädig and Henkel K.G. were all names under which in the twenties and early thirties the design was produced, albeit in modest numbers. This early K.G. is a rare beast, it is virtually complete and in unrestored condition.



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