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NORTON 1972 COMMANDO 750 CC 2 CYL OHV



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Norton 1972 Commando750 Frame nr 152319 Engine nr 20M3S 152319

The Norton Commando was the last twin piston-engined motorcycle produced by the Norton Motorcycle company.

During the ten years it was in production it was popular all over the world. In the United Kingdom it won the MCN "Machine of the Year" competition for five successive years from 1968-1972.

Some regard it as the British Motorcycle Industry's swansong, selling well from its introduction in 1967 through the end of the British bike industry as a commercial concern in the mid 1970s.

In 1969, the Commando was introduced. Its styling, innovative isolastic frame and powerful engine made it an appealing package.

The Commando easily outperformed contemporary Triumph and BSA twins and was the most powerful and best-handling British motorcycle of its day. The isolastic frame made it much smoother than the former model Atlas.

It used rubber bushes to isolate the engine and swinging arm from the frame, forks, and rider.

The "Combat" engine was released in January 1972, with a twin roller bearing crank, 10:1 compression and developing 65 bhp (48 kW) at 6,500 rpm.

The Commando was offered in several different styles: the standard street model, a pseudo-scambler with upswept pipes and the Interstate, packaged as a tourer.

Electric start was introduced in 1974.

Sales were respectable but the company declined financially and became insolvent in 1975.

This 1972 750cc Commando has been meticulously restored and runs very well.



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