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RALEIGH 1926 7HP 800CC 2 CYL SV



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Raleigh ca. 1926 Model 12 798cc SV V-twin frame#337 engine# 7HP 295

In the beginning of the 20th century Raleigh's main business was in the cycle trade.

Company founder Frank Bowden was a firm believer in variable gear systems and from the end of 1902 the

Raleigh Cycle company put the Sturmey-Archer cycle hub gear on the market.

There was some motorcycle production between 1899 and 1906, but only after the first world war some serious thought was given again to motorcycle production.

In the early twenties a 699 cc flat twin was produced; from 1922 mostly single cylinder side valve singles were put on the market and these economical, well made machines proved to be great sellers.

In 1924 the flat twin was discontinued and replaced by a V-twin.

Its engine was built up from two 3 HP singles on a common crankcase and was a good example of developing a modular engine range to economize production.

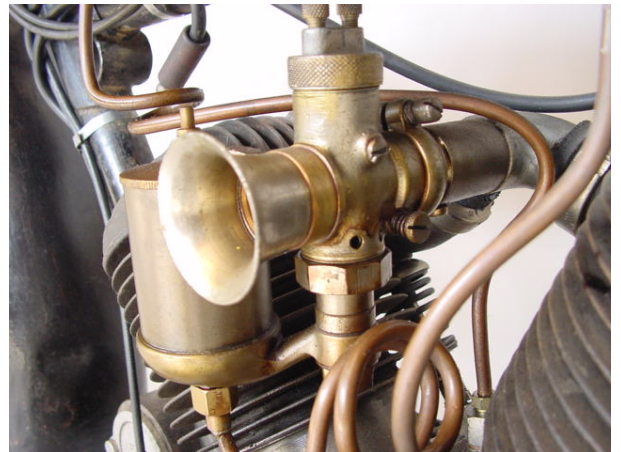
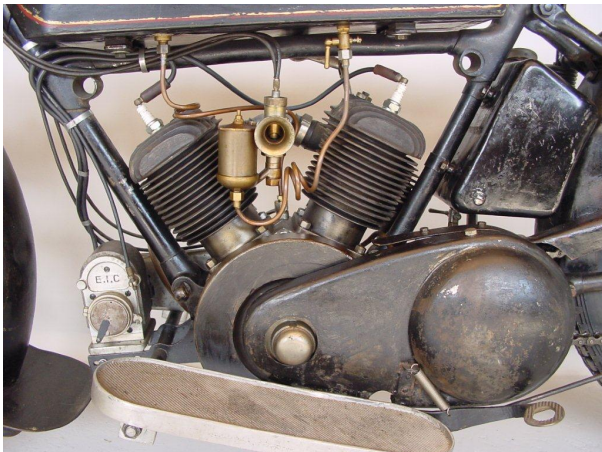
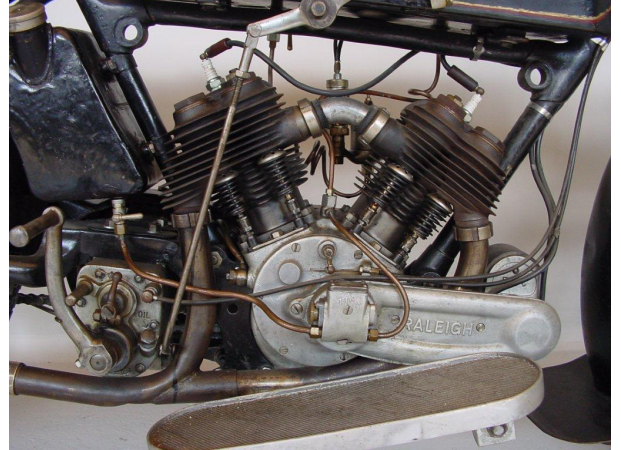
Cylinders are set at a 60 degree angle and the machine has a roller bearing big end, mechanical oil pump and of course the typical Raleigh outside flywheel.

The twin was discontinued after 1927 and certainly is not a common sight these days.

This Model 12 is an older restoration.



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