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READING STANDARD 1908 400 CC 1 CYL



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### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

#### **Reading Standard 1908 "Model A" 400 cc side valve single engine # 1100**

Reading Standard machines were manufactured between 1903 and 1924 in Reading, Pennsylvania. Initially single cylinders were built, later the make earned fame with well engineered sidevalve V- twins. Machines with OHC engines were also made, but these were only available for works racers and not for sale to the public.

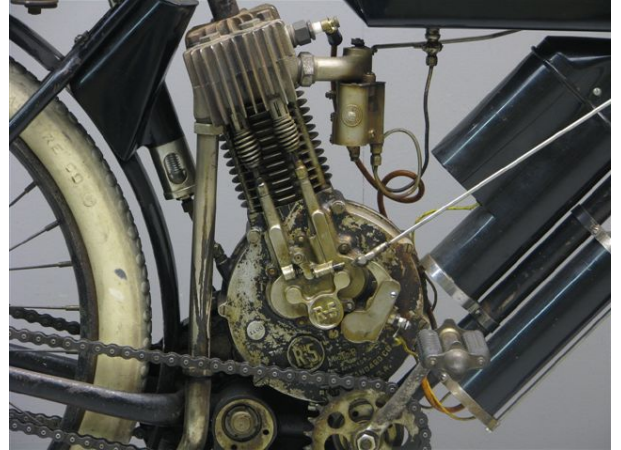
The designer of the early R.S engines was Charles Gustafsson, who left the firm in 1907 and joined the much bigger Indian Motorcycle Company.

One of his succesful designs for Indian was the PowerPlus model, that was brought out in 1916. This very early specimen is a single speed machine without clutch. Ignition is by batteries and coil, which are housed in the cylinders clamped to the down tube.

The paintwork on the frame has still its 1908 patina.



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