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ROYAL ENFIELD 1913 MODEL 140 3HP 423CC 2 CYL IOE 2508



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Royal Enfield 1913 3HP 423 cc ioe frame # 1360 engine # G1196

The Redditch based Royal Enfield firm entered the motorcycle business as early as 1898: In the early days engines from De Dion powered their tricycles and quadricycles; Minerva supplied the power for the first motorized cycles.

By 1904 the firm was concentrating on car production, resuming motorcycle manufacture in 1910 with a 2¼hp v-twin Motosacoche-powered lightweight.

A 2¾hp version with two-speed gear and all-chain drive followed.

These machines were equipped with the famous Enfield two-speed gear, involving twin primary chains.

In the rear wheel hub a rubber cush drive was fitted to take the punch out of the chaindrive.

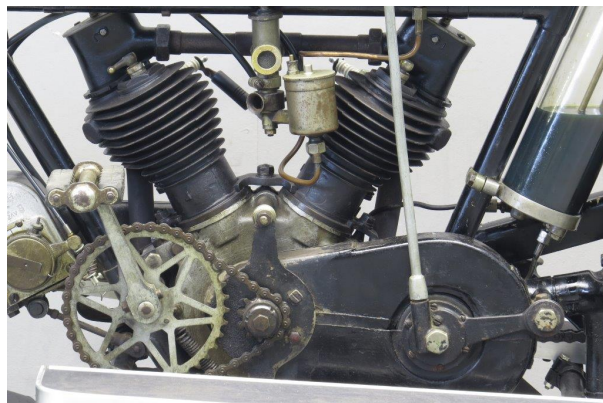
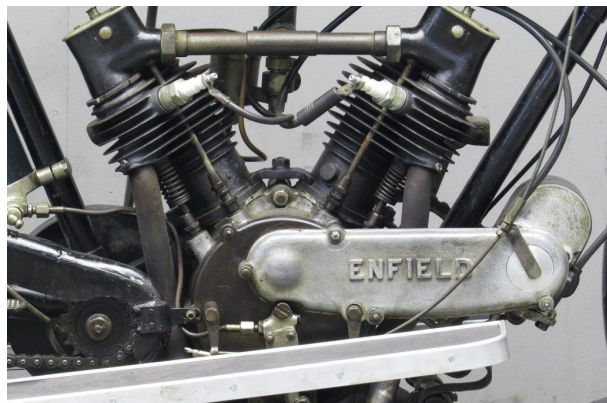
This feature was to be incorporated into all Royal Enfields until the very end.

The famous JAP v-twin-engined 6hp sidecar outfit joined the range for 1912, and the firm continued the v-twin theme with a new 3hp solo for 1913, the latter being powered by Enfield's own 425cc inlet-over-exhaust engine, which was raced successfully in 350cc form.

This rare Royal Enfield v-twin veteran has been kept in dry storage for the preceding 60 or so years.



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