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**RUDGE 1912 MULTI 500 CC 1 CYL IOE**



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### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

**Rudge Multi 1912 500cc IOE frame#655350 engine#4342 Multigear#647**

With the introduction of the Multi Gear in 1912 Rudge was far ahead of the competition. They won the 1914 TT races with this system and Ridges were subsequently barred from certain speed events because of their “unfair head start”.

The factory turned this to their advantage by using the “barred” logo in a clever company advertising campaign. The Multi Gear system is based on the possibility to vary the diameters of both front and rear pullies, like the well-known DAF Variomatic system.

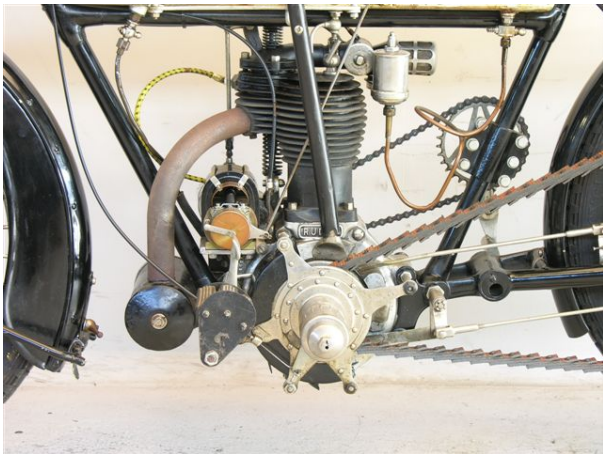
By moving a long lever alongside the petrol tank about 18 different gear ratios can be selected. While on the move the rider can choose the engine rpm that gives most engine torque and then he can raise the actual speed of the machine by changing the gear ratio with the “multi- lever “ without actually raising the engine rpm, a remarkable experience when being out on a multi for the first time.

This machine is a first year Multi and comes complete with acetylene lighting and bulb horn.

It has been restored a number of years ago and is in good condition.



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