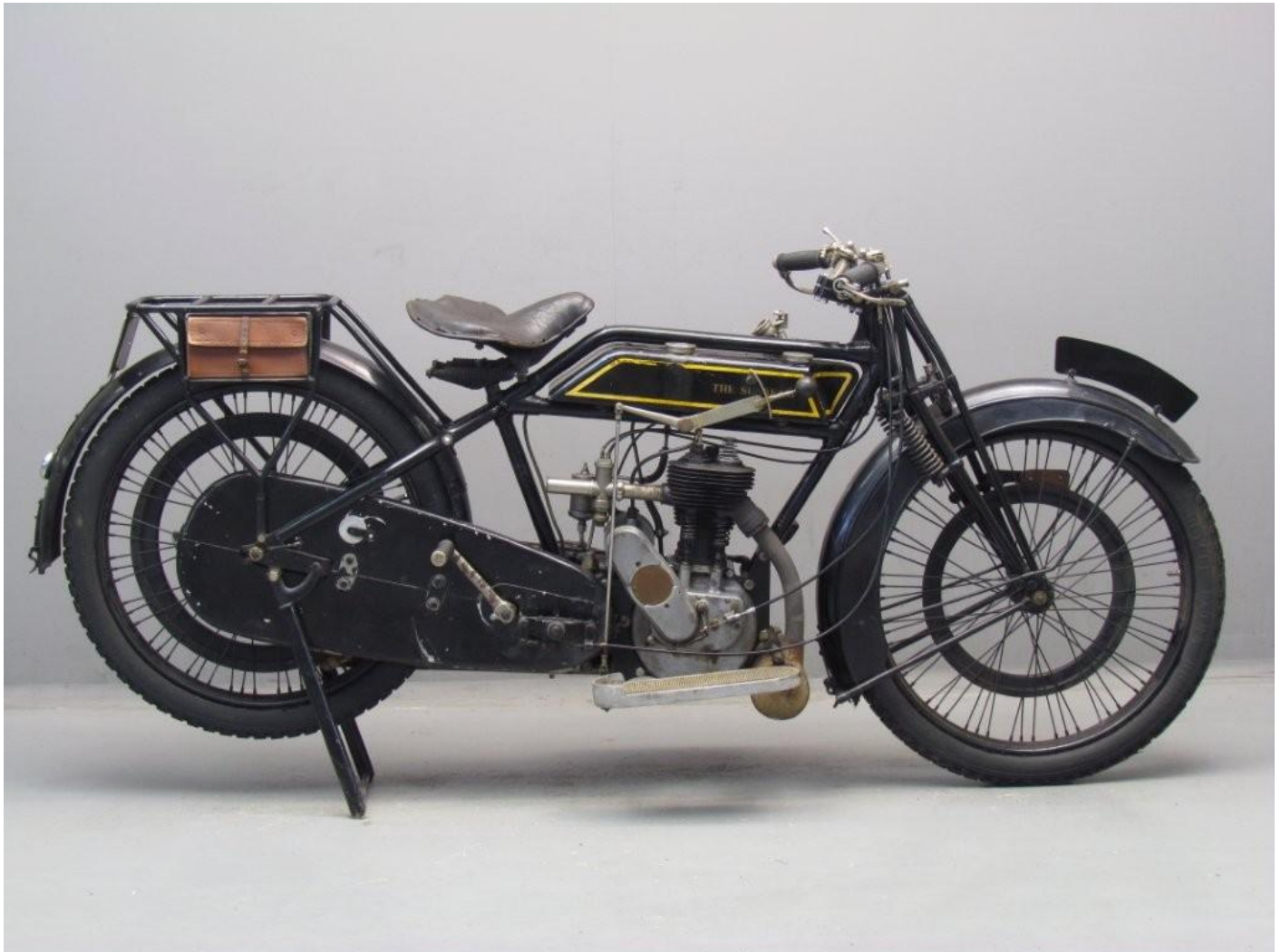




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SUNBEAM 1923 MODEL 1 350CC 1 CYL SV



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Sunbeam 1923 2 ¼ HP “ Model 1 “ 347 cc side valve, frame# 20149 engine # 188 21131

The Wolverhampton based firm of John Marston earned fame for their superb bicycles in the early years of the last century.

In 1912 their first motorcycle was presented, a 350 cc side valve model (75x 79 bore and stroke) with a 2 speed gearbox.

Soon the capacity was increased to 500cc, and also models with proprietary V-twin engines were made.

Sunbeam motorcycles gained fame for their very high standards of workmanship, their speed and their reliability:

The TT was won several times in the nineteen twenties.

The 2 ¼ model was redesigned to 70x 90 longstroke configuration and presented again in 1923, this time with 3 speed gearbox.

In 1925 internal expanding brakes and mechanical drip feed oiling were added.

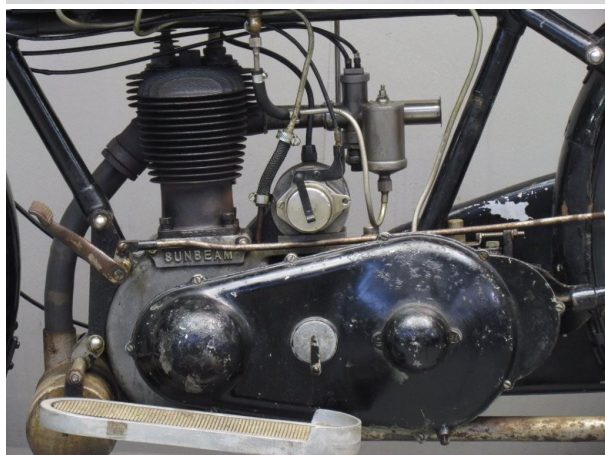
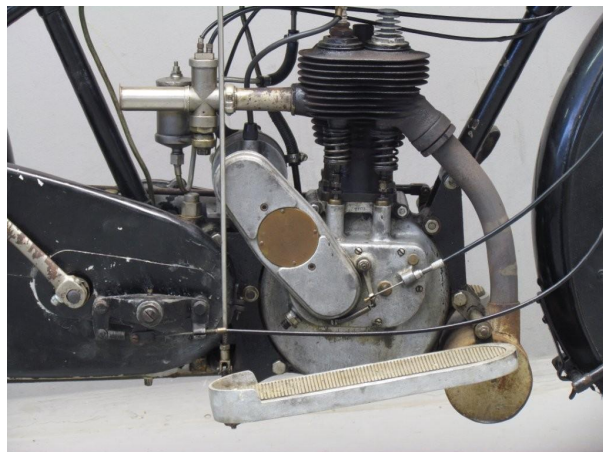
The 2 ¼ HP model was sold in touring specification with footboards, valanced front mudguard and enclosed rear chain as Model 1; the sporting version was labelled Model 2. Production of this light Sunbeam stopped in 1930.

This 2 ¼ model is a matured restoration which is still running well. It could benefit from some cosmetic attention.

Purists however might prefer an oily rag condition to a high gloss finish.



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