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SUNBEAM 1928 LONGSTROKE 500CC 1 CYL SV



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Sunbeam 1928 492 cc cc side valve, frame # B 2113 engine # J 2145

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: races all over Europe were won in the early half of the twenties with machines equipped with the very fast and reliable "Longstroke" side valve engine with bore/stroke of 77x 105.5 mm.

This machine spent its running years in Austria; it was discovered by a collector in the late fifties and was greased and put away...for more than 50 years the machine remained untouched. A rare find these days, an unrestored specimen in good condition.

This Longstroke is equipped with Bosch electrics, which were an extra and were often preferred by continental customers.



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