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SUNBEAM 1938 M8 350CC 1 CYL OHV



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Sunbeam ca. 1938 Model 8 350 cc OHV frame 1468 engine A24/E/ 561

The first OHV production Sunbeams were listed as the model 8 (350cc) and 9 (500cc) in 1924.

The model 8 with bore/stroke dimensions of 70x90 mm was an excellent sporty tourer, but stayed somewhat in the shadow of its more glamorous big brother.

In the course of the years the models 8&9 were kept up to date ; saddle tanks were introduced for the 1929 season and the lubrication system was modernised.

In the mid-thirties parent company ICI (Imperial Chemical Industries) decided to dispose of the hardly profitable cycle and motorcycle side. AMC bought the business in 1937: their main interests being the bicycle dealer network and the well-establish famous "Sunbeam" name.

Production moved from Wolverhampton to Plumstead.

That's to say, there was so much stock that it was enough to sustain production in London for more than a year.

By 1940 Sunbeams were no longer produced.

This well restored gentlemanlike machine is equipped with a four speed footchange Burman gearbox which was standard with Sunbeams from 1936 on.



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