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TRIUMPH 1913 3½ HP 3 SPEED 500 CC 1 CYL SV



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Triumph 1913 3 ½ HP 499 cc 3 speed Roadster frame # 216183 engine # 27320 PTI

The first Triumph motorcycle appeared in 1902. It was equipped with a Belgian Minerva engine.

In 1903 and 1904 JAP and Fafnir (German) engines were employed and by 1905 Triumph's own engine, designed by Charles Hathaway was in use. Winning the single cylinder class in the 1908 TT races on the Isle of man gave an enormous boost to sales of Triumph machines.

The cubic capacity of the engine grew from 363 cc in 1905 till 550 cc in 1914. This 1913 model has bore and stroke dimensions of 85x88 mm, giving 499 cc.

High quality of finish and workmanship were always very strong points with Triumph; year by year details in the design were improved.

Some of the refinements listed in the 1913 catalogue were: new silencer with extension pipe to rear , new wide and curved front mudguard, redesigned foot brake with straight pull throughout and gauze cover on carburettor.

Impressive long distance records underlined the reliability of the machine.

Harry Long rode a 1911 Triumph for 40,037 miles in 44 weeks; Ivan Hart-Davies set the End-to-end record of 886 miles in 29 hours and 12 minutes and Albert Catt rode his 1911 Free Engine model for six consecutive days to reach a distance of 2557 miles in May 1911, to name just a few remarkable feats.

This Triumph was bought by a Mr & Mrs Curtis in 1914 and they went on their honeymoon on it.

After the War it was sold, used for a short time and then laid up in a shed.

A Mr.Jack Cole discovered it in 1958.

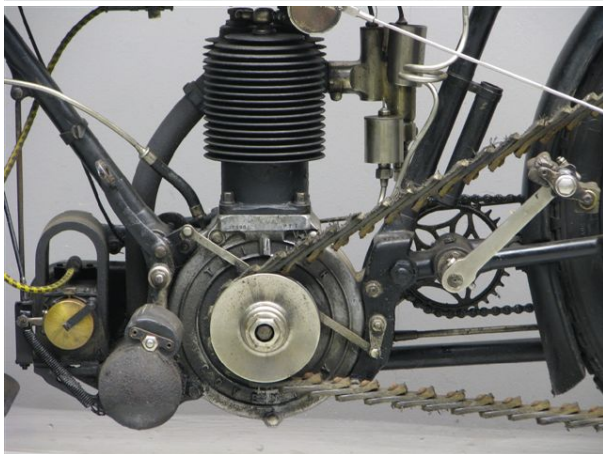
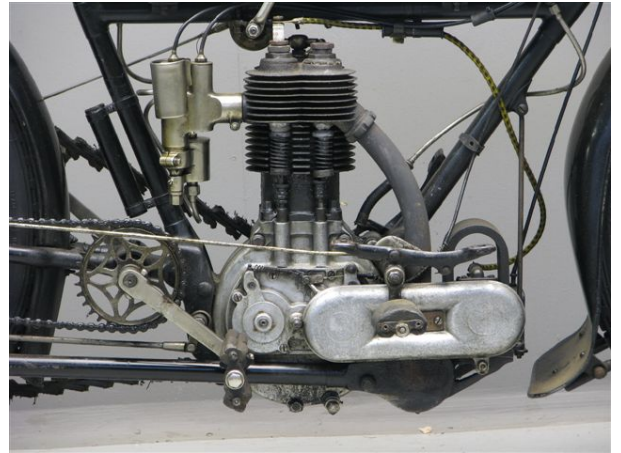
He used it in a few Pioneer Runs and it passed through various hands and has completed the last 10 Pioneer Runs.

It is a good honest bike, it runs well and it has a Sunbeam M.C.C. Pioneer Certificate.

This Trusty Triumph, assembled in June 1913, is equipped with clutch and 3 speed hub gear which makes it a very practical and rideable veteran.



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