

TRIUMPH 1919 TT ROADSTER 500CC 1 CYL SV 2706



SOLD





PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Triumph 1919 4 HP 550 cc "TT Roadster model D" frame # 306993 engine # 67101 HTO

Winning the single cylinder class in the 1908 TT races on the Isle of Man gave an enormous boost to sales of Triumph machines.

From 1909 on a special "TT roadster" model was to appear in the catalogues. In the 1910 TT eight Triumphs started, of which five were ridden by amateurs.

All of them finished the 158 mile course; in fact they were the first eight single cylinder machines to finish, showing again the reliability of the Trusty Triumph.

The TT model has a somewhat shorter frame than the standard model and the pedalling gear is dispensed with

It's interesting to note that this "basic" machine was still catalogued after 1918; it appeared in the 1919 and 1920 catalogues, now fitted with the model H type of engine instead of the veteran type 3 ½ HP engine that was used before the war.

The catalogue is very clear about the purpose of the TT Roadster: "This is a mount for the speed merchant: it is without a Three- Speed Gear and Clutch and has been designed primarily for the sporting man who enjoys a burst of speed."

This basic sports mount has been restored some time ago and was part of the collection of former speedway celebrity Eric Langton.















