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VELOCETTE 1968 THRUXTON 499CC 1 CYL OHV 2812



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Velocette 1968 499cc OHV "Thruxton" Frame# RS 19686 Engine# VMT 775C

The Thruxton, designed in 1965 by Bertie Goodman, was almost an instant legend after a series of impressive results on various racing tracks, where its average speed often exceeded 100 mph.

This high performance production racer, which was also sold over the counter in road going version, was a perfect choice for both the fast touring enthusiast and the racing buff.

In 1965 the 500 mile race (held at Castle Combe that year) was won and two years later two Thruxtons gained first and second places in the Production TT that was first staged at the Isle of Man that year.

Standard equipment on the Thruxton were rearward placed footrests and brake and gear pedals, close-ratio four speed gearbox, aluminium wheel rims, duplex front brake and John Tickle clip-ons. Output was a healthy 41 bhp, 5 more than the Venom.

The machine could be bought in two colour combinations, the traditional black with gold lining or the more exotic version with blue frame, forks and seat and silver tank with gold lining.

In all, no more than about 1175 genuine Thruxtons were manufactured between early 1965 and December 1970.

This specimen has been restored in the past and is a healthy runner.

Specifications: single cylinder OHV with pushrods, bore x stroke 86x86, compression ratio 9:1, 1 3/8 inch Amal GP carb, dry sump lubrication, wet multi-plate clutch, 41 bhp@6200 rpm, top speed 172 km/h.



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