1957 BSA Bantom D3 Motorcycle

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REF: 28582

Height: 101.5 cm (40")

Width: 66 cm (26")

Depth: 205.5 cm (80.9")

Description

Fully Restored 1950's BSA Bantom Motorcycle.
The BSA Bantam is a two-stroke unit construction motorcycle that was produced by BSA (Birmingham Small Arms Company) from 1948 until 1971. After the war, as part of reparations, DKW, a German bike manufacturer and leaders in two-stroke design, handed over Herman Weber's design of the pre-war RT125 to BSA. The first model of the Bantam called the D1, announced in 1948, was built by flipping over the drawings and creating a mirrored DKW RT125 so as to have the kick start and gear shift on the right hand side of the bike, which was the norm for British bikes. The Royal Mail used BSA Bantam D1s for telegram delivery into the 1960s, and the job was a testament to their toughness. The Bantam became a top-seller for BSA, in excess of half a million leaving the Birmingham factory before production ceased in 1971. Originally of 123cc, the engine grew first to 148cc - on the D3 Bantam Major, introduced for 1954 - and then to 172cc. Plunger rear suspension became an option in 1950, the next major changes to the cycle parts being the introduction of swinging-arm rear suspension and a sturdier telescopic front fork on the Bantam Major in 1956.

This 150cc maroon D3 Bantam Major motor bike has been authenticated by the BSA Bantam Club Dating, the information as such:- D3 Bantam Major 1957, manufactured by BSA, Birmingham, England on tally 6375 and dispatched to Faulkner Motors Oxford on 22/07/1957 as consignment 8236. This Bantom comes with lots of paperwork, instruction manual and photos of the restoration. It was found in 2011 and took 4 years to restore to its original condition. It has a pillion seat with a parcel carrier behind. Its frame No. CD315412 with engine No. BD3B22745. A great small characterful bike with plenty of charm, good runner and easy to start, not currently registered.

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