



BSA Motorcycle, A10 Road Rocket Upgrade  
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REF: 28209

Height: 105 cm (41.3")

Width: 220 cm (86.6")

Depth: 73 cm (28.7")

## Description

1950's BSA A10 Gold Flash, Road Rocket.

A wonderful 1956, Gold Flash 650cc BSA motorcycle upgraded to a Road Rocket. It's a great starter and runs very well, has a half-chrome petrol tank, alloy cylinder head, rev counter and 376 carburetor monobloc. Reg BAS 336, Chassis No. EA73226 (1956), Engine No. D A10 112833 (1959). The production of the BSA Golden Flash started in 1950 and continued until 1963 when it was superseded by the BSA A65 Star. More commonly referred to as the Gold Flash, it was a 650cc air-cooled parallel twin motorcycle designed by Bert Hopwood and produced at BSA's Small Heath factory in Birmingham. The Golden Flash was the first model in BSA's successful A10 series and was launched in a new gold colour, with 80% of production destined for the United States. This resulted in long delivery times for British customers, who were offered the model only in black. The Golden Flash was fast for its time (in tests in 1950 it was achieving over 100 miles per hour) and was competitive with Triumph's Tiger 100. Its gold colour proved a marketing success, outselling Triumph's Speed Twin and 6T Thunderbird.

The BSA Road Rocket was a development of the A10 Golden Flash and was the first sports bike in the BSA A10 series. The A10 had a reputation for reliability and advertised by BSA in 1956 as 'undoubtedly the world's greatest motor cycle'. Launched as the top of BSA's range in 1954 the BSA Road Rocket was the first A10 engine with an alloy cylinder head. Unlike the Golden Flash, the inlet manifold was separate from the cylinder head enabling twin carburetors to be fitted if required, it had a single Amal TT carburetor as standard. The model was launched with chrome mudguards and stays and a half-chrome petrol tank. A rev counter (tachometer) was an optional extra, the Road Rocket was discontinued in 1958 when it was replaced by the BSA Super Rocket.

Adapted From Wikipedia.