



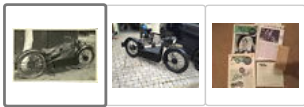
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Year: 1922

Gears: Three-speed manual

Manufacturer: Douglas Pidcock

Drive Type: Chain

Model: Pidcock

V5 Registration Document: Present

Colour: Black

Country/Region of Manufacture: United Kingdom

Mileage: 0

Douglas Pidcock 1922 Electric Motorcycle 18v

The first British Electric Motorcycle (possibly), I have emailed Beaulieu Motor Museum who have said that they have no records of any earlier electric motorcycles.

Originally built from a Douglas 2 3/4 frame then modified with Mr Pidcocks own frame and I think some BSA parts.

Mr Pidcock converted the motorcycle to use on his daily journey to work at an engineering company in Peterborough during the time of petrol rationing.

The bike was featured twice in Motor Cycling in 1942 and 1943 and I have the original letter signed by Graham Walker (Murray Walkers father) the editor at the time, in regard to a photographer to take the picture for the article.

Hugh amount of history with the bike includes:

Original letters between the builder Mr Pidcock and Motor cycling.

Original log book

Original copies of the two issues of Motor Cycling

Original sketch wiring diagram

Original letter from S. Steele (Motor Agents) Asking for more details regarding the Bike I guess with the intention of being the first motor dealer to sell electric motorcycles.

Finish is not concourse and personally I think its better this way as it was intended to be a means of getting from A to B.

Riding is quiet as you would imagine with just tire and chain noise. Speed is selected by a lever 3 positions 6v, 12v and 18v and the clutch lever operating a Lucas solenoid switch to a motor. The motor is a Morris lorry starter motor. I've had a new industrial charger made and the bike is fitted with 3 x 6v heavy duty rubber batteries. One or more will need replacing. I attempted a ride today and found that there was no charge. Batteries are currently showing 8-9v so I am guessing a cell has gone. They are easily available for around £100

Getting from A to B on this machine is fun if a little slow, max. of 18mph approx. In the few miles I have done the range is about 5 miles or so, a little less than Mr Pidcocks claims. It could go a bit further or fast with a motor rewind although motor runs quietly.

Valuable No. plate, transferable, although it would be better kept with the bike.

I have probably missed out lots of small details, if you have a genuine interest in owning the bike please give me a call and I will be more than happy to discuss in further detail.

Craig 07879616572

Payment, £250 deposit by PayPal at Auction end. Collection and balance (bank transfer or cash) within 7 days not by Paypal.

Your bidding to buy, needs a bit of work to get running (batteries), if you have any questions or would like to view please do this before bidding.

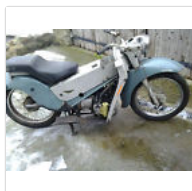
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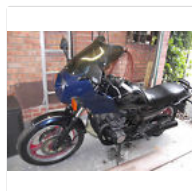


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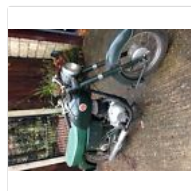


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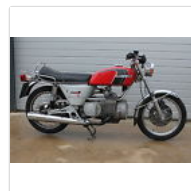


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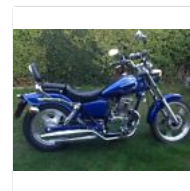
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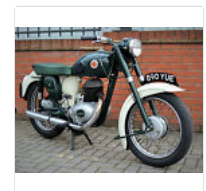
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