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1933 Ariel 500 cc

Stafford, 18. Oktober

Lot sold	USD 4 734 - 6 266 GBP 3 400 - 4 500 (listed)	Zustand	Gebraucht
Baujahr	1933	Standort	
Motornummer	CA1299	Motorradtyp	Straßenmaschine
		Farbe	Sonstige

Beschreibung

1933 Ariel 500cc Project

Registration no. US 6044 (see text)

Frame no. Y2242

Engine no. CA1299

Val Page's arrival at Ariel in 1925 as Chief Designer would trigger a welcome upturn in the Selly Oak firm's fortunes. Page designed new models to replace the existing range, the first of which - a pair of singles displacing 600cc (sidevalve) and 500cc (overhead-valve) - debuted later that year. By 1930 the Ariel single had gained a rear-mounted magneto and its distinctive timing cover, and the engine's basic design - though frequently revised - would stand the company in good stead well into the post-war era. In 1932 the sports versions were christened 'Red Hunter' and under Page's successor Edward Turner developed into fast and stylish machines. In mid-1946 the Hunters became the first models to feature Ariel's new telescopic front fork, and the following year could be ordered with the optional Anstey Link plunger rear suspension. A new duplex loop frame with swinging-arm rear suspension was adopted for 1954 and the 500cc VH gained an alloy 'head at the same time (a feature the 350cc NH would not enjoy until the 1956 range was announced). In 1956 full-width alloy hubs were adopted across the range, and the Red Hunters continued in this form until production of Ariel four-strokes ceased in 1959. There are no documents with this Ariel 500, which is offered for restoration. It should be noted that the registration 'US 6044' does not appear on the HPI database.

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