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Métisse Desert Racer: Built for Steve McQueen

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Steve McQueen's legendary motorcycle leap over the fence of a prisoner-of-war camp in the film *The Great Escape* is an image not easily forgotten. Now, Métisse Motorcycles has created a limited production run of the film star's own bike, the Métisse Desert Racer.



The handbuilt motorcycle, produced in England, is an exact replica of McQueen's original – fully endorsed by Steve McQueen's estate and featuring a depiction of his signature on the tank badge. Only 300 Desert Racers will be made, each complete with an official certificate of authenticity, and 66 of these have already left the factory.



The bikes include styled footrests made to the original design and 35mm Ceriani forks with seven inches of travel, which McQueen found to be optimal. The yokes are from BSA – his preference, due to the handlebar position, set behind the steering stem for better control. Complete bikes are ready to order now, utilising a fully reconditioned period Triumph engine, complete with a single Amal carburettor. The price is £12,999, excluding VAT.

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