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1931 Majestic A350

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Lot sold	USD 72 276 - 96 368 EUR 60 000 - 80 000 (listed)	Condition	Used
Year of manufacture	1931	Location	
Engine number	to be advised	Motorcycle type	Street
		Colour	Other

Description

1931 Majestic 350cc A350

Frame no. to be advised

Engine no. to be advised

The Majestic was the brainchild of French engineer, Georges Roy. Roy considered the traditional tubular frame unsuitable for a motorcycle because of its tendency to flex and susceptibility to breakage caused by vibration. His solution was sheet steel 'monocoque' chassis that overcame these drawbacks while at the same time providing the drive train, if not the rider, with a measure of weather protection. The result was a streamlined torpedo embodying the Art Deco aesthetic of the day. Roy's New Motorcycle was not a commercial success but that did not deter him from developing the design still further in the form of the 'Majestic'. Introduced at the 1929 Paris Show, the Majestic featured hub-centre steering and Morgan-style sliding pillar front suspension. Production versions were powered by single-cylinder Chaise overhead-valve engines. Motorcycles were merely a diversion for Roy, whose main business was the knitting industry, and in 1930 he sold the Majestic production rights to Messrs Delachanal, makers of Dollar motorcycles. It estimated that approximately ten examples have survived, one of which was featured in the Guggenheim Museum's 'The Art of the Motorcycle' exhibition in 1998/1999. This particular Majestic is powered by a 350cc Chaise overhead-valve engine. In poor condition when purchased seven years ago from Mr Marbaise, one of the restorers of the Pozzoli Collection, it has been restored by the current owner and was finished in 2012 (photographic record on file). This wonderful Majestic is offered with an original manufacturer's brochure and price list.

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