

CLASSIC DRIVER

1962 Matchless G5

Oxford, 07 June

- Lot sold
USD 982 - 1 227
GBP 800 - 1 000 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1962
- **Engine number** 3391
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Motorcycle type** Street
- **Colour** Other
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Description

1962 Matchless 350cc Model G5
Registration no. 810 MTT (see text)
Frame no. 14553
Engine no. 3391

Associated Motor Cycles returned to the 250cc class in 1958 with a brace of all-new models. Shared by the Matchless G2 and AJS Model 14, the four-stroke, overhead-valve engine incorporated its oil tank within the crankcase and appeared to be of unitary construction despite retaining a separate gearbox. The cycle parts comprised an open, tubular steel frame, closed at the bottom by a pressed-steel channel, which was complemented by a telescopic front fork and swinging-arm rear suspension. Lightweight 350cc versions arrived for 1960. Typed 'Model 8' (AJS) and 'G5' (Matchless) the newcomers were virtually identical to their 250 progenitors apart from the bigger engine, Teledraulic front forks and 18" wheels. Production of AMC's lightweight 350s ended in July 1962. An older restoration, this G5 has been off the road in dry storage for several years and requires re-commissioning. Sold strictly as viewed, the machine comes with its original buff logbook and an old-style V5, the latter incorrectly recording the registration number (originally '840 MTT'). No reserve.

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