


CLASSIC DRIVER



1970 Norton Commando

Oxford, 07 June

Lot sold	USD 786 - 1 309 GBP 600 - 1 000 (listed)	Condition	Used
Year of manufacture	1970	Location	
Engine number	132630	Motorcycle type	Street
		Colour	Other

Description

Property of a deceased's estate
1970 Norton 745cc Commando S
Frame no. 132630
Engine no. 132630

The Commando's vibration-beating Isolastic frame enabled Norton Villiers successfully to prolong the life of their ageing parallel twin. Launched in 1967, with production commencing in 1968, the Commando used the preceding Featherbed-framed Atlas model's 750cc engine and AMC gearbox, and was an instant hit with the motorcycling public, being voted Motor Cycle News 'Machine of the Year' for five consecutive years. It might have been a little down in top speed compared to rivals such as BSA-Triumph's 750cc triples and Honda's CB750 four, but the Commando more than made up for this minor deficiency with superior mid-range torque and steadier handling. New variations on the basic theme soon appeared, commencing in 1969 with the addition of the more sporting, though conventionally styled, 'S' version, complete with high-level exhausts. This was followed in 1970 by the Roadster, which was basically the 'S' with a low-level exhaust system.

This Commando 750S was imported by the late owner from the USA in 2006, since when it has been in storage, and retains its last State of Georgia numberplate, issued in 1999. Subtly customised in 'bobber' style with black-finished wheel rims, spokes and hubs, it is the very epitome of American-inspired cool. Offered for restoration and sold strictly as viewed, the machine comes with a re-upholstered solo seat, two workshop manuals and C&E Form 386.

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