


# CLASSIC DRIVER



## Matchless G80

Brockenhurst, 05 September

Lot sold	<b>USD 1 957 - 2 610</b> GBP 1 500 - 2 000 (listed)	Condition	Used
Engine number	51/G80 971C	Location	
		Motorcycle type	Street
		Colour	Other

## Description

c.1951 Matchless 497cc G80 Trials Motorcycle Combination Project

Frame no. A65974

Engine no. 51/G80 971C

In the capable hands of works riders Hugh Viney, Artie Ratcliffe and Gordon Jackson, AMC's AJS and Matchless 'heavyweight' singles dominated Britain's national trials scene in the early 1950s and these easily managed and reliable models are much favoured in Pre-'65 events today. In the 1950s most solo riders favoured the 350cc mount for trials, 500cc models such as this one being comparative rarities, though the larger model's extra power endeared it to the sidecar fraternity. Comprising a CSR road frame and a G80 competition engine, this Matchless combination was used in trials for many years by the vendor and his brother. The machine has not been used for some considerable time (it carries a tax disc that expired in 1978) and is offered for restoration. There are no documents with this Lot.

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