
1947 Ariel Red Hunter

Stafford, 18 October

Lot sold	USD 8 222 - 10 277 GBP 6 000 - 7 500 (listed)	Condition	Used
Year of manufacture	1947	Location	
Engine number	CH 10423	Motorcycle type	Street
		Colour	Other

Description

1947 Ariel 497cc Red Hunter

Registration no. OMK 589

Frame no. XG 27931

Engine no. CH 10423

Ariel's non-participation pre-war in the TT led to a perception, not discouraged by other makers, that the make was, somehow, less sporting than the likes of Norton or AJS. Ariel, of course, did take part, with great success, in innumerable trials and reliability events, proving that their 'Red Hunter' was the equal of any other machine, a genuine 90mph fast roadster. Many thousands of its W.D version were used in WW2, further improving the model. Post-war, the 'Red Hunter' gained an excellent set of tele-forks from the established Selly Oak, Birmingham factory and became as well-favoured by knowledgeable riders as before. This lovely 500cc Red Hunter has been restored to almost factory standard, from a complete and original example, by a master Ariel restorer whose rebuilds are often in demand at Stafford. A matching-numbers motorcycle as per the RF.60, absolutely correct and described by the vendor as running beautifully, it is offered with an MOT until 10 June 2016, V5C and original RF.60 logbook. Subject to the usual safety checks.

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