
1996 Other Other

Stafford, 18 October

Lot sold	USD 16 409 - 21 878 GBP 12 000 - 16 000 (listed)	Condition	Used
Year of manufacture	1996	Location	
Engine number	10	Motorcycle type	Street
		Colour	Other

Description

1996 Molnar 498cc Manx Racing Motorcycle

Frame no. EK25

Engine no. 10

One of the modern-day classic scene's most surprising features is the plethora of replicas of great racing motorcycles from the not-too-distant past. Enthusiasts with deep enough pockets can choose from remanufactured versions of classic British singles such as the Norton Manx, Matchless G50 and Seeley, or Italian exotica such as the Paton twin, MV Agusta three-cylinder or Gilera four. You can even buy a Moto Guzzi V8. In the case of the British singles, and the Manx Norton engine in particular, specialist firms have taken the opportunity to develop the design way past the level achieved in-period by the works. Development has concentrated on increasing the bore size (with commensurate reductions in the stroke) enabling the use of larger valves and higher revs, though this machine's Molnar unit has the stock (1954-onwards) bore/stroke dimensions of 86x85.8mm. This particular machine was manufactured towards the end of 1996 and raced in Finland during the 1997 season by the vendor's late father. It has an early Molnar engine and an AMC gearbox with five-speed cluster. The Manx was last ridden (by the vendor) in 2003 at the Jarno Saarinen memorial event where a missed-gear over-rev resulted in a bent valve. The vendor's father, a skilled mechanic, then rebuilt the engine, though it still requires the correct valve lash caps.

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