
1989 Honda Motorcycles NS 400 R

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Lot sold	USD 13 549 - 28 228 EUR 12 000 - 25 000 (listed)	Condition	Original condition
Year of manufacture	1989	Location	
Mileage	13 000 km / 8 078 mi	Motorcycle type	Street
Chassis number	2003747	Colour	Other

Description

- Only 13,770 km travelled
- Preserved
- Original racing stand
- Original repair kit
- Original Honda Manometer
- Matching Number and Matching Colour
- Original number plate
- Original Booklet
- Only 2 real owners
- One of the very last produced

Between 1984 and 1987 Honda produced a series of motorbike models called NS. These were sporty road motorbikes which resembled the lines of the NS500 World Championship racing model.

The NS 400 R was a race replica which was produced from '85 and made an era in the second half of the '80s. The v3 engine was arranged in a similar position to the World Championship model but had only one vertical and two horizontal cylinders. The exhaust was equipped with the ATAC (Automatic Torque Amplification Chamber) a system which featured a valve and a resonator. The structure of the frame and swingarm, equipped with the TRAC (Torque Reactive Antidive Control) system, was reminiscent of the competition model.

In 1986 the Rothmans model was presented, which faithfully reproduced the graphics and new racing

colours of the Honda motorbike with which Spencer had won the world title in 1985. The aluminium frame made its debut on this version. The saddle position was very comfortable and with little load on the front. It had a wide and enveloping fairing with aerodynamic hand guards, like those used on the GPs of the time. This version had a pedal-only start.

The wonderful example offered by us at auction was registered for the first time only in 1989, as it belongs to the very last examples produced and stored in Honda warehouses for about two years. Since then, it has always kept the same original number plate. To date there have only been two real owners in over 35 years of life, since the same has changed owners three times, although it has always remained in the same family, leaving the family only with the last and current owner. This example deserves to be counted among the most genuinely preserved ever seen. To begin with, the bike is all first paint, which is easily seen by the small scratches on some surfaces. The seat is original and perfectly preserved, the engine has been constantly maintained every year. It runs flawlessly (it has only 13,700 km). Two real gems enrich the already incredible qualities of this preserved specimen, the optional original stand (which raises the bike from the rear swingarm), the original pressure gauge and the tool kit all strictly original Honda. The bike has its original plates (1989) and all its original documentation and will be auctioned at the Milano AutoClassica 2021 show in incredible condition.

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