



1982 Moto Guzzi Cafe Racer V50 Italian Motorcycle

£9,500



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Height: 105 cm (41.3")

Width: 205 cm (80.7")

Depth: 70 cm (27.6")

Description

V50 Moto Guzzi Cafe Racer.

A wonderful Moto Guzzi café racer. This customised Moto Guzzi V50 is a lightweight, 500cc powered motorcycle with visual minimalism, featuring low-mounted dropped handlebars along with a rearward located seat.

Following past Guzzi tradition the V50 has a 90° V-Twin engine driving a separate transmission through a dry clutch and from the transmission the power is delivered via a shaft to the rear hub.

This is a wonderful air cooled, four stroke, V twin engine longitudinally mounted with OHV, 2 per cylinder. The handling qualities of this machine are superb with a supposed top speed of 103 mp/h. The front suspension has Telehydraulic gas forks and the rear with swinging arm fork with hydraulic gas shock absorbers. Both wheels are 18 inch cast aluminium alloy. The V50 has electronic ignition. As much a part of Guzzi design as the engine are the brakes. Triple discs, with the rear disc and one of the front discs linked and activated by the brake pedal, the other front disc is operated by the hand lever. The V50's brakes work far better than you can imagine they would. At any speed a light tap on the brake pedal brings moderate stops with no problem. The more a rider gets accustomed to stomping on the pedal, the harder he steps, until he has the V50 lurching to a stop with nothing but the pedal. Pushed really hard the rear brake will lock up before the front if only the pedal is used. But the braking force available with just the brake pedal is about equal to all the braking force of an average motorcycle. Only on the Guzzi there's another disc up front adding to the ultimate braking power.

The Moto Guzzi V50 II has somehow managed that perfect blend between styling and function.

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