



1939 BSA Silver Star  
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## Description

1939 BSA M23 SilverStar.

A very good pre-war BSA Silver Star motorcycle. The bike is painted in black and silver, equipped with a solo and pillion saddle and a 500cc OHV single cylinder engine with a 4 speed gear box. It has its original registration number GXN 620, frame number KM 23356 and engine number KM23434. The bike is registered for historic class (free) road tax and is pre-60 MOT exempt. Accompanying paperwork consists of an old-style logbook, old V5 registration documents, current V5C, and a quantity of expired MoT certificates and tax discs. A wonderful opportunity to acquire a good example of this fast, powerful and highly sought after BSA sports roadster.

The Silver Star was effectively the Empire Star renamed to complement the Gold Star and was basically the same machine apart from the engine. This BSA is in good mechanical working order, it starts easily and sounds absolutely superb and was used until 2014. It ticks over beautifully and is totally great fun to ride. It has had two previous owners, the first being a regular competitor in the Beamish Trophy and Reliability Trials, and had completed a non-stop run from Lands End to John O'Groats in 21½ hours. The second owner has ridden it in various VMCC events (269 miles in a day in the Relay Rally), TT Rallies, Irish Rallies and one event in Spain. The electrical system is now 12V, it has a Mk.I Concentric carburettor and a 21 inch front wheel in place of the original 20 inch.

B.S.A (The Birmingham Small Arms Company) is a British based company formed in Birmingham in 1861. BSA is a former manufacture of guns, vehicles and military equipment located in an area of Birmingham called "the Gun Quarter". In 1910 BSA began producing complete motorbikes and at its peak in the 50's BSA was the largest motorcycle producer in the world.

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Sports 500 enthusiasts will appreciate the wonderful specification and fine all-round performance of the B.S.A. Silver Star. Specially-tuned engine with air-hardened cylinder, enclosed O.H.V. gear with improved tappet design, quickly detachable rear wheel – these are a few of the more important points in the specification. Performance was amply demonstrated in the recent A.C.U. test, during which this model, in standard trim, achieved a flying quarter at Brooklands at 78.95 m.p.h. after 87 hectic hours of gruelling road work.

NOTE: Shipping price P.O.A. Shipping subject to quotation and will be charged separately.