

Frame Engine Numbers.txt

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Posted: Sat Jun 04, 2005 9:07 pm Post subject: true value of frame/engine numbers

can anyone express a view on how important it is to have frame/engine /gearbox numbers that correspond to those recorded at despatch from the factory? I have heard that 3/4 of scotts dont correspond to the factory records...as one would expect...

I think i am 2 parts the way to this....however my frame number is only one digit away from that recorded in the log book.....the third digit is 4 in the log book and 5 on the frame otherwise its the same....ordinarily i would expect it to be different..but this seems so close that it may have been a clerical error????

any thoughts???

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Posted: Sun Jun 05, 2005 11:09 am Post subject: Serial numbers

Hi

As there was great interchangeability of parts, there have been a significant number of bikes erected "in the style of" for instance, TT Replicas and Sprint Specials.

At times there has been a temptation to claim these as "original" as it elevated their value.

With the discovery that the works despatch records still existed, this has exposed quite a few imaginative claims.

However, with the correct information now known, if such spurious claims are to be given credibility, then the correct numbers must be used.

When John Underhill is asked to verify frame and engine numbers, he asks for rubbings. to be as sure as possible, you can remove paint to expose bare metal on the frame. You can then see if there is a "flat" where the original numbers have been filed off or stamped over.

John likes a rubbing to see how closely the font style and size corresponds to those known to be used by the factory.

Similar observations apply to the crankcase, although as so many have had rods through and have been replaced.

It is possible that an error in stamping has been made, but if you want a little more peace of mind, make rubbings of the respective numbers and send to John Underhill (Contact details in front cover of Yowl)

I would suggest you also send a photo of the bike, what information you have about previous owners and how it was described to you when you bought it. The importance you place on these facts is up to you.

Scotts were also very creative in re arranging conveniently available components to present "new" models

Kind Regards

Roger

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The factory only made 45 sprint specials, of which 63 are still on the road.

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Brilliant,Stan