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rhixon

Joined: 19 Apr 2006

Posts: 9

Location: New York, USA

Posted: Mon Jul 16, 2007 1:59 pm      Post subject: Radiator finish, postwar  
Shipley

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Hello all!! Our 47 Flyer has a brass radiator with a number plate from Northern Radiator in Leeds. There's not a hint of chrome plate on it anywhere. Did the postwar Shipleys come with this brass radiator, or were they originally chrome-plated?

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Best regards,  
Rich Hixon  
St Andrews Society of the City of Albany  
1947 Flying Squirrel Frame 4920

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efr215

Joined: 06 Nov 2004

Posts: 215

Location: Leigh-on-sea, Essex

Posted: Mon Jul 16, 2007 5:45 pm      Post subject:

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My 1950 registered Squirrel's radiator is chromed and given the somewhat, shall we say, care worn condition I have no reason to think it is not the one that came with the bike when it was new.

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Erik

Joined: 10 May 2005

Posts: 410

Location: Moerdijk, The Netherlands

Posted: Tue Jul 17, 2007 11:26 am      Post subject:

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My 1927 Scott has a radiator from the same Leeds factory and is just brass and shows no sign of nickel or chrome plating. But this is a much older bike...

Erik

EDIT: I had a closer look and I was wrong. Earlier its life the rad has been nickelplated

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Ted Robinson

Joined: 04 Oct 2004

Posts: 28

Location: Coventry

Posted: Tue Jul 17, 2007 8:14 pm      Post subject: Re: Radiator finish, postwar Shipley

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rhixon wrote:

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All the postwar scotts I saw about in the fifty's had chrome radiators,I still have the original one for my 1949 Scott and that is chrome. If yours is a honeycomb it is from an earlier model as postwar were film type. It may have been stripped by reverse plating for a repair and not replated. A lot of platers were reluctant to plate them as they often finished up leaking like a sieve. Northern Radiators still exist and advertise a fuel tank Re-Nu service Tel.01132435051(taken from Practical Classics 2005) Best wishes Ted.