

MOTORCYCLE / YOU STRADDLE IT LIKE A HORSE, BUT IT'S FASTER AND MORE POWERFUL. RIDING A MOTORCYCLE GIVES ONE A FEELING OF FREEDOM, AND AN EVEN GREATER FEELING OF HAPPINESS IS ADDED WHEN THAT MOTORCYCLE IS A NIMBUS.

Or should we say, was a Nimbus, because this legendary motorcycle is no longer produced. The man behind the Nimbus motorcycle was factory owner P. A. Nielsen, who also invented the famous Nilfisk vacuum cleaner. In 1918, he constructed his first motorcycle with the goal of creating "a fully cooperating unit". The heart of the motorcycle is its engine, which on a Nimbus is surprisingly simple and effective. Though the engine is the center of the riding enjoyment (or experience), the design itself is no less important. The Nimbus motorcycle is a wonderful example of how styles changed from the first mass-produced motorcycles in 1919 to the last models in 1958, when competition from the automobile at last drove away the 'Two-wheeled Wonder'. Nimbus is a wonder in circular shapes, as well as the very characteristic triangular shape of the frame that has the rider sitting far down, way down by the back wheel. After all, that is where you feel the grip of pavement the most. That is where you feel the horsepower. Even these days, a few thousand Nimbus's remain as collector's items.