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Norton 500T Trials
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Norton 500T Trials 1949 Frame nr: D3T 23285 Engine nr.: D3T 23285
CC: 490 cc. UK registration: Z J 3104 This Norton 500T Trials was part of the famous Irish Harry Lindsay collection sold by Bonhams at the 2012 International Staffordshire Classic MotorCycle Show. In his 86-th year Harry Lindsay commented to let the bikes of his vast collection go to be enjoyed by others of equal interest and lesser years•. The Norton 500T is considered as one of the great Norton motorbikes, very much respected by the competition, which succeeded in building-up a great reputation in the 6 years of production and reaching a mythical status amongst motorbike enthusiasts. In 1948, at the launch of this new model 500T, the Norton works team• immediately won the Team Prize in the Scott Trial. In the sidecar class Arthur Humphries won the 1949 Experts. His outfit was effectively also a 500 Trials, which seemed to perform extremely well in this 3-wheel category. Undoubtedly the following years the Works Trials Team achieved considerable success with the 500T, but when at the end of 1952 Associated Motor Cycles acquired a majority holding in the Norton Company they promptly closed down the Norton solo trials activities, this being in conflict with AJS and Matchless efforts. As can be seen from the photographs, this Norton 500T simply is in excellent condition. Equipped with the famous Featherbed telescopic front suspension, 21 inch wheel in front and 19 inch at the rear, Amal carburettor, Lucas Racing Magneto, etc| my classic motorcyle friends all compliment this 500T on her correctness and unmistakable style. Harry Lindsay, commonly referred to as a major figure in Irish motorcycling, bought a whole mountain to go now and then off-road| I had already quite some fun in the back-garden lanes of my village. I am sure you will too!

