



***Military Accessories
for
Russian Motorcycles
Part X: Front-Fender
License Plates***

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Front-Fender License or Marker Plates

(a.k.a. Pedestrian Slicer)

- **Helps to Set Tone of Motorcycle to Vintage Era**
 - **Popular in 30's thru 60's**
 - **German/Russian Motorcycles in WW II**
- **Good Answer to Question of Lookers: Make and Year? Or Club Name**
 - **i.e. Ural 2003**
- **Lettering**
 - **Local Sign Painter**
 - **Local Handicraft Artist**
 - **Vinyl, Magnetic Sign**
- **Material: Steel, Cast Metal, Plastic**
- **Thick, Robust Paint Required**
 - **Windstream Abrasion**
 - **Epoxy, Powder-Coat Suggested**
- **Simple Mounting: "Brackets" or "Bolts into Cast Number Plate"**
 - **Two Holes in Front Fender**
 - **Need Good Fasteners to Withstand Rust**
- **Typical Paint Scheme: Black Body and White Lettering**
- **Multiple Vendors on Web**
 - **Wagner's Cycle Shop, Blitzbikes, Benjie's Café Racer, British Only, Steadfast Cycles, DomiRacer, British Cycle Supply, British Customs, SEL-MOTION, etc**

The front-fender license plate sets a vintage tone, while answering the questioning look of envious on-lookers.

A Real "Party Machine"



The front-fender license plate sets the tone.

Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade



The BMW R71 served in the motorcycle chase scene.

Two Main Types of Front-Fender Number Plates

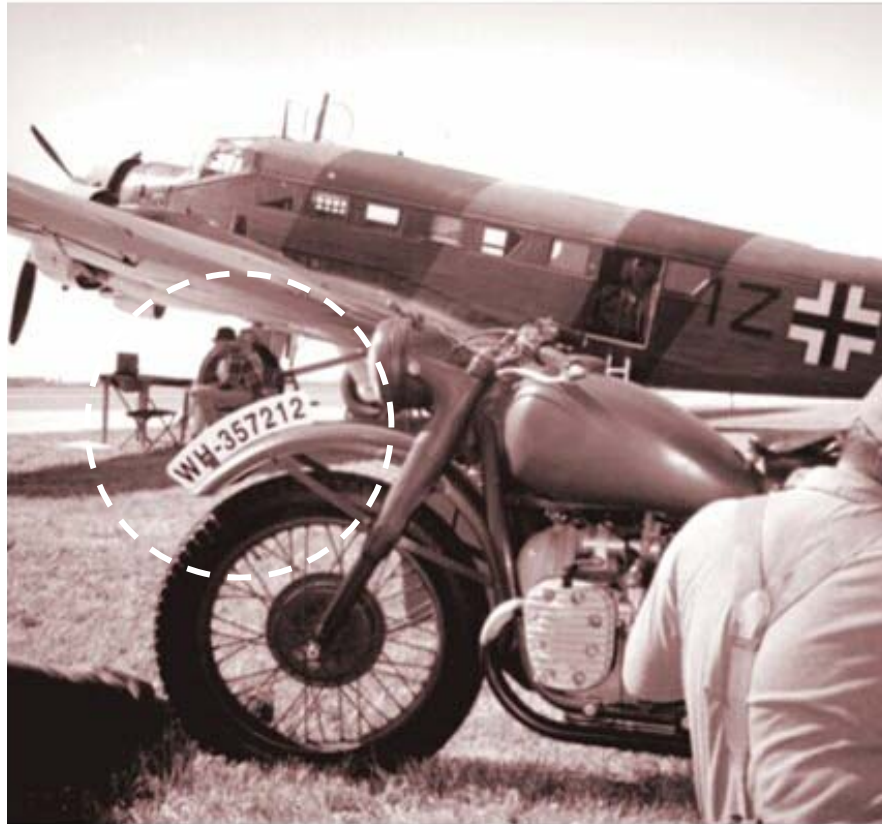
Stamped Plate



Molded Plate



German BMW R71's

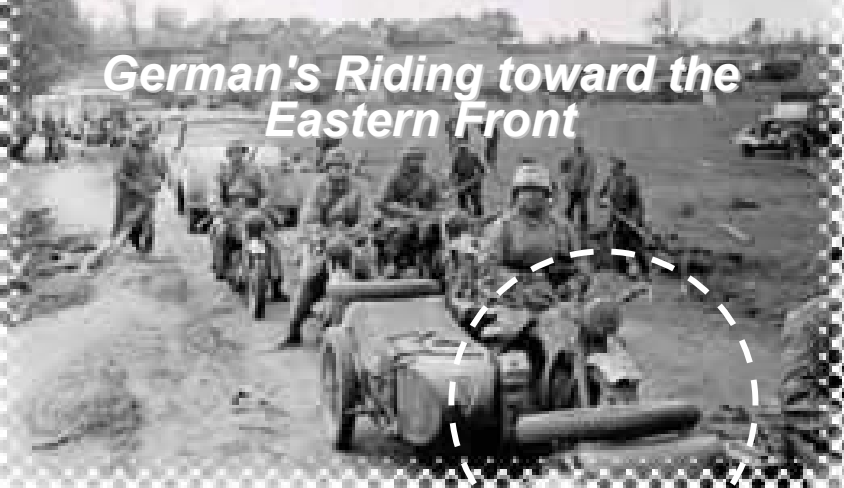


Motorcycles bearing the letters WH were used by the Wehrmacht Heer (German Army).

German Front-Fender License Plates BMW's

(www.obxmotorcycle.com)

German's Riding toward the Eastern Front



Motorcycle Squad patrolling in Southeastern Europe during WW II



Luftwaffe Motorcyclists standing by their BMW's in WW II

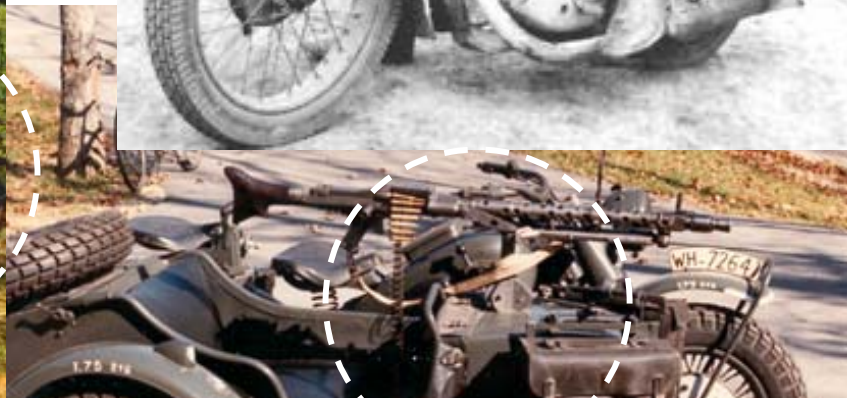


German motorcycle soldier fleeing Russians on the Eastern Front.



Motorcycles used by the German Luftwaffe bore the letters WL, meaning Wehrmacht Luftwaffe (Air Force).

WH: Wehrmacht Heer (German Army)



After WWI, during the Weimar Republic, the German Army used RW for "Reichswehr". During the Nazi regime (1933-1945) new combinations were issued: DR Deutsche Reichsbahn (Train Department), OT Organisation Todt (civil and military engineering), POL Deutsche Polizei (Police), RAD Reichsarbeitsdienst (Labor Department), RK Deutsches Rotes Kreuz (Red Cross), SS Schutzstaffel ("protection unit"), WH Wehrmacht Heer (German Army), WL Wehrmacht Luftwaffe (Air Force), WM Wehrmacht Kriegsmarine (Navy), WT Wehrmacht Straßentransportdienst (Army, everything transport related).

German Front-Fender License Plates



BMW



Zundapp KS750



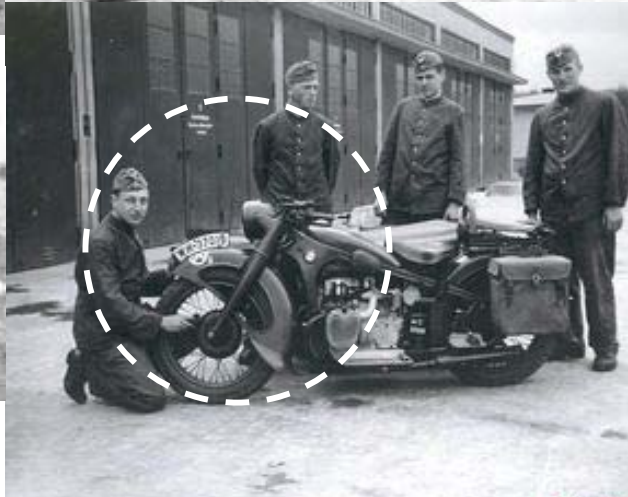
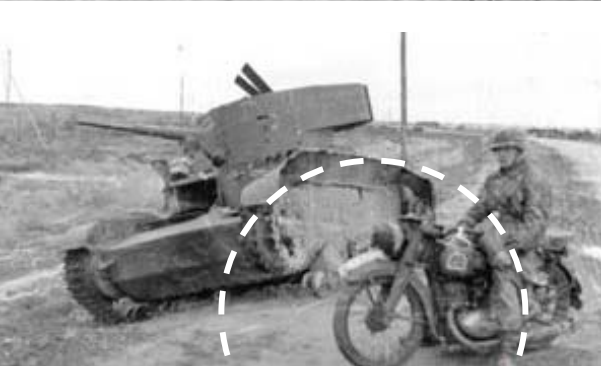
BMW NAZI R71



1938 DKW SB250

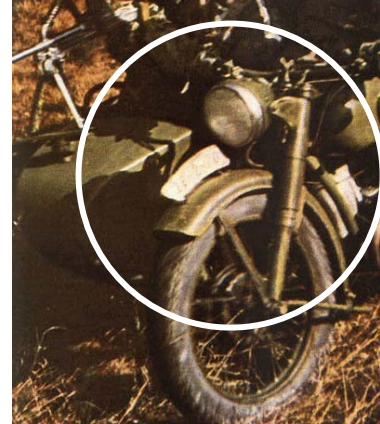
Motorcycles used by the Nazi Party's "Protection Squadron" bore the letters SS, meaning Schutzstaffel ("protection unit").

German War Machines with Marker Plates (www.Motorcycle.co)



WH stood for Wehrmacht Heer (German Army).

Russian M-72's



Russian motorcycles are descendent from the German R71.

Russian Front-Fender License Plates



Original M-72



Dnepr K-750M



1959 Dnepr K-750



1959 Dnepr K-750

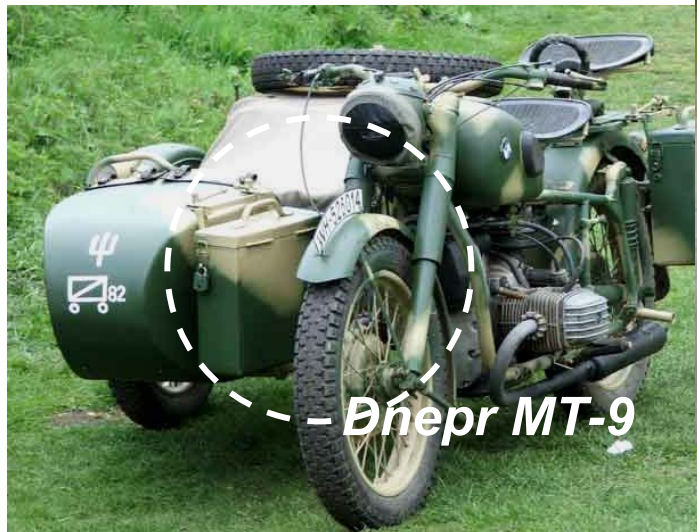
Most of the front-fender plates, even on Russian bikes, have German lettering.

Russian Dnepr K-750 with Front-Fender Markers (www.KeepShooting.com)



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More German and Russian Bikes



— Днепр MT-9



2007 Patrol



Triumph Front-Fender License Plates (www.cybermotorcycle.com)



Triumph had a long line of “pedestrian slicers”.

Triumph Front-Fender License Plates



Triumph is known for their front-fender license plates.

Triumph Front-Fender License Plates (www.cybermotorcycle.com)



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THE TIGER CUB



Although a true lightweight in every sense of the word, the "Tiger Cub" by its sparkling performance and fine handling, offers much that can normally only be found in a heavier machine. Its specification confirms this - O.H.V. four stroke engine, 4-speed gearbox unit, construction, dry sump lubrication, and fine lines and finish in the best Triumph tradition. A ride on a Tiger Cub will quickly convince you that here is a lightweight which is unrivalled for safe, easy and economical performance.

1956

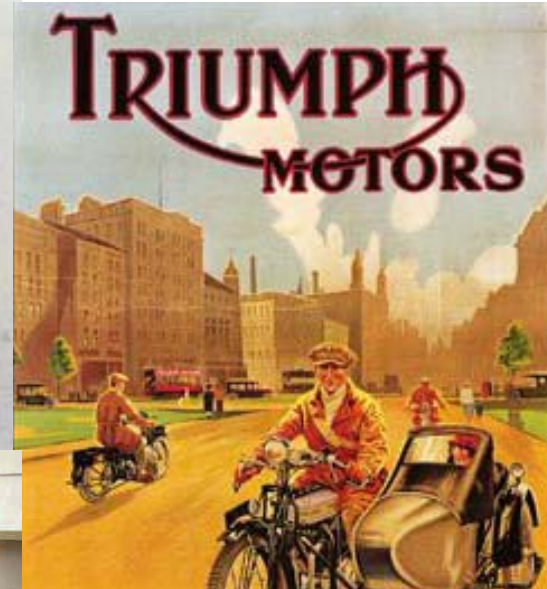
Triumph Front-Fender License Plates (www.cybermotorcycle.com)



Triumph
Thunderbird
1953



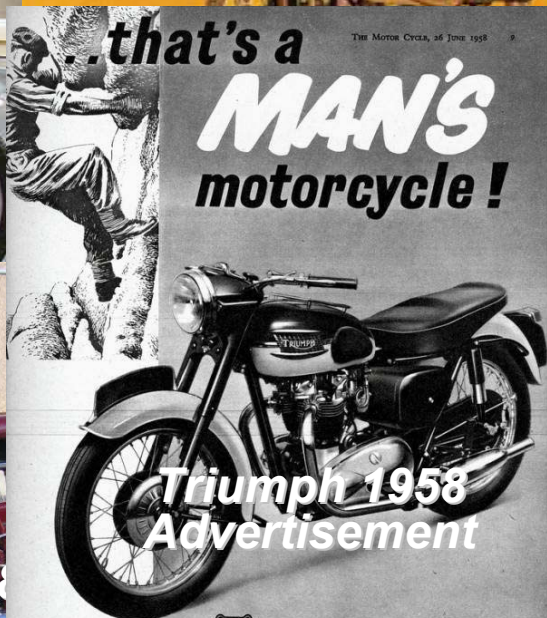
Triumph Model H with CG-Dijon
Sidecar (1917)



Triumph T110, 1954 with
Swallow Sidecar



Triumph
Thunderbird 6T



Triumph 1958
Advertisement



Triumph Twin XG6551



Triumph Speed Twin 1938

The Tiger 110 offers the highest performance of any standard production type motorcycle, yet retains the familiar Triumph characteristics of silence, tractability and ease of control.
650cc. o.h.v. twin; 40 BHP; Alloy cylinder head; H.C. pistons; Silver Grey/Black finish or Two Tone (Irons/Black optional extra).
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TIGER 110

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Triumph Model R 1923



Triumph Model R Fast Roadster 1923

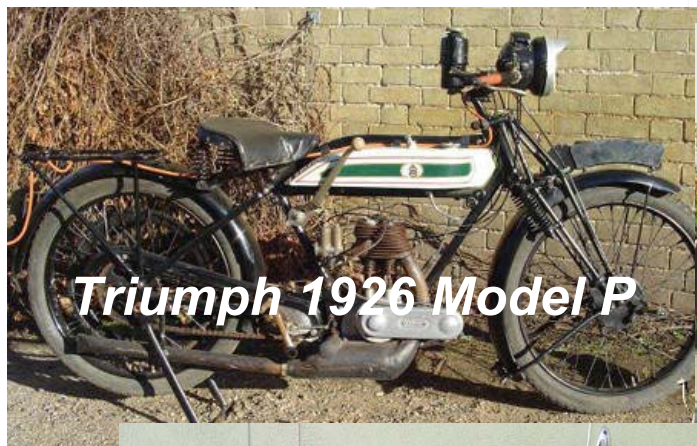
Triumph Ricardo 1924



Triumph 500 Ricardo 1924



1952 Triumph Thunderbird GT



Triumph 1926 Model P



Triumph 1916



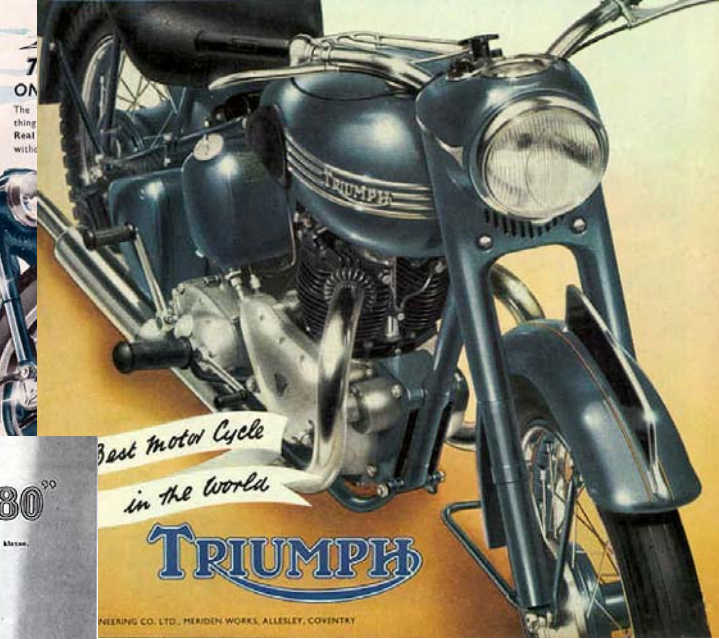
Triumph stopped putting slicers on their Bonnies in 1962.



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THE 650 c.c.
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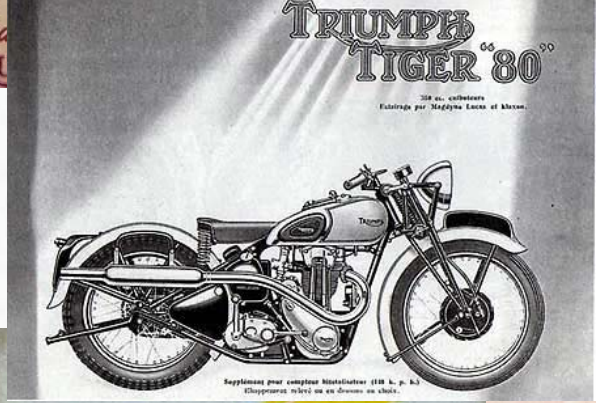
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308 cc. 4-cylinder
Futurage per Maglietta Lucas di Abaton.

Septièmeaux pour complet Manufacture (120 h. p. h.)
Changement infini en six vitesses ou shift.



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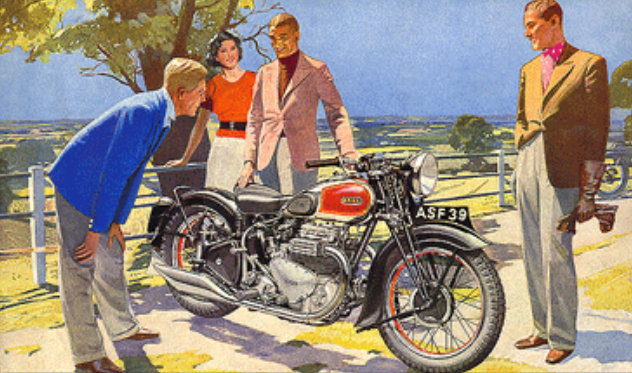


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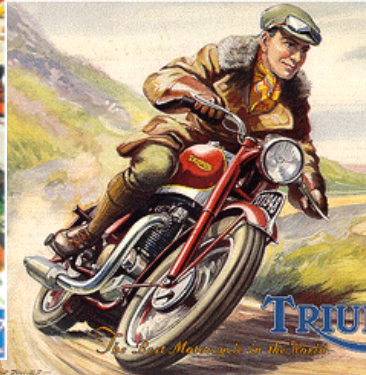
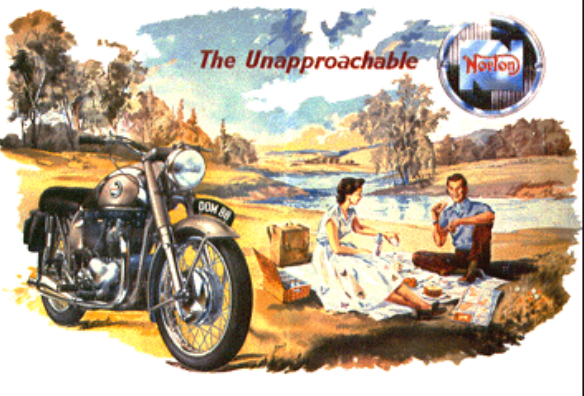
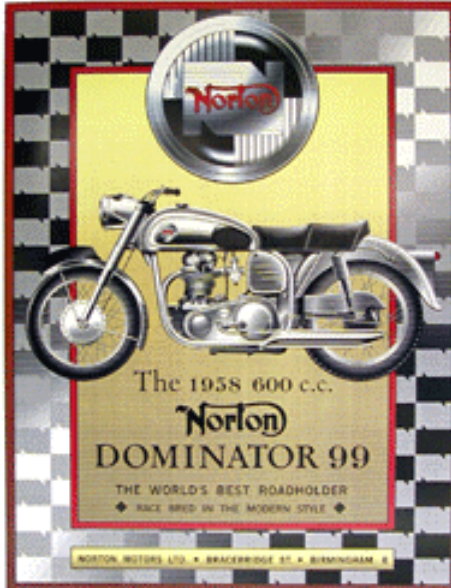
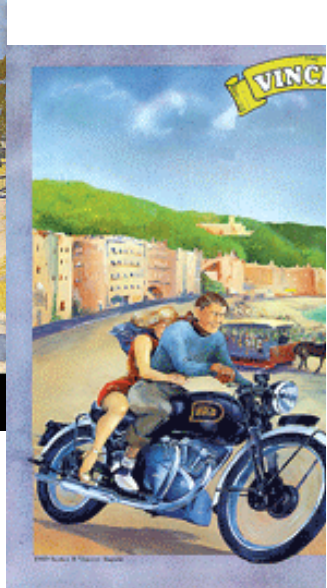
Fighting with the forces!

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The "glory days" of Triumph.

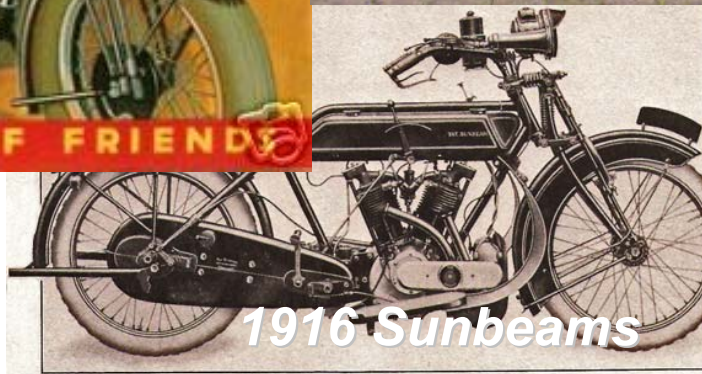
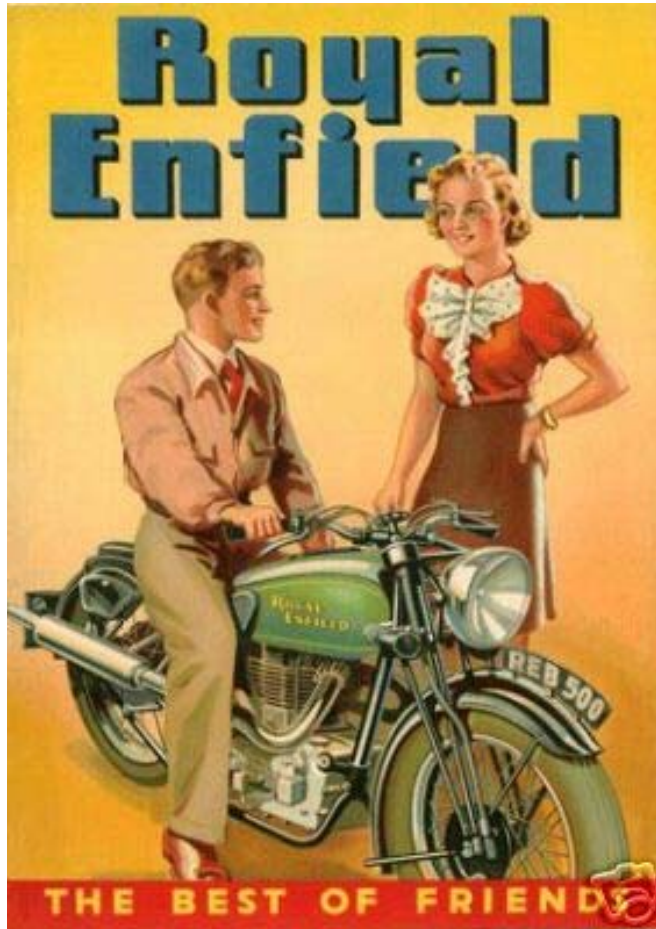


ARIEL *The Modern Motor Cycle*



Ariel, BSA, Matchless, Norton, Triumph, Vincent posters said it all.

British Front-Fender Number Plates



1916 Sunbeams



Nothing says 'old Brit bike' like a vintage front-fender number plate.

NO DRILL Front Number Plate for Triumph Bonneville (www.newbonneville.com)

- **Ultra Classic Look**
 - **No Drilling of Fender Required!**
 - **Design Piggy-Backs Off Holes for Fender-Stays**
 - **Two Cleverly-Designed, Custom-Made Brackets Attach to Fender and Grasp the Number Plate between Them**
 - **Held with High-Quality, Stainless-Steel Bolts, Washers and Acorn Nuts**
 - **Metal Plate and Brackets Are Powder-Coated Black for Durable Finish**
 - **Letters/Numbers Not Included**
- Price: \$100**



Newbonneville (Murphy, TX) offers a robust, no-hole license plates for Bonneville owners.

Front-Fender License Plate (www.ural-zentrale.de)

- **Model: S4617**
- **Mounts to Front Mudguard (Fender)**
- **Includes Mounting Posts**
- **No Lettering (Labeled individually)**
- **Price: 27.55 EUR**



**Ural-Zentrale (Germany) offers a license plate
for the front mudguard.**

The Pedestrian Slicer Project by James Huey

(<http://ural.wikispaces.com/Pedestrian+Slicer+Project>)

- Nicely Done Metal Number Plate for a Mere \$26, plus Shipping***
- Black Powder-Coated with White Stripe***
- Lettering Done at Local Sign Shop***
 - Can Use Speedys for Great Results***
- Washers To Be Replaced with Black Ones***
- Locks into Place with Two 6 mm Allen Bolts***
- Benjie's Café Racer (www.benjiescaferacer.com) Was Most Helpful***



James Huey describes his step-by-step process of creating his front-fender number-plate for his Ural Retro.

The Pedestrian Slicer Project (cont)

- ***Not just as easy as Had Been assumed to install***
- ***Lessons Learned:***
 1. ***Don't assume anything.***
 2. ***Don't let your mind get ahead of your actions.***
 3. ***Hit the refresh button for your cursing vocabulary immediately so you don't overlook any unusual or complex cuss words that you haven't used in a while.***
 4. ***If it looks easy, it really is, as long as you aren't the one doing it!***
 5. ***Be happy, Don't worry.....sung like the song as you work on it.***
 6. ***End result does not justify the means, it just puts an end to the project.***
- ***When applying vinyl lettering, if that is what you decide to do and not paint on your lettering, just be careful in peeling away the paper and applying, so it all follows the curve well. It is not all that forgiving when it sticks.***
- ***The chrome lettering I used, has a maroon background in the lettering. It doesn't seem to photograph as well as I'd like, but it is certainly flashy and pulls the eye away from any flaws on anything. The little chrome risers I used don't show well in photos as well, but they work the same at making it look all the better.***
- ***Don't get ahead of yourself. This particular pedestrian slicer is curved, but the curve probably mates a tad better with a European bike than a Ural. The end areas that house the allen bolts, are not straight and have a slight curve to them. This means that you want to be dead on with your markings before you drill any holes in the fenders. It also means that washers or the chrome extension pieces like I used, won't allow the end pieces to fully cinch down flat. If you cinch them too hard, expect to dimple the metal fender. The actual torque is something you will have to figure out for yourself***

The Pedestrian Slicer Project (cont)

- **Much, much easier to work on putting this mod on with the fender removed.**
 - **The marker lights and fender bolts are not as easy to remove if you are too lazy to drop the wheel down as well.**
 - **Also run the risk of pushing the drill bit into a tire if you are not careful (I didn't do that, but it is easy enough to do by accident).**
 - **Removal of Fender can also allow you to go get some of that Rhino Lining stuff and apply it under the fender.**
 - **It gives you an opportunity to do some maintenance on the front wheel, as well as see how quickly you can remove the wheel, pending ever having a front tire flat.-**
- **Although I don't think this ped slicer will ever loosen, one never knows for sure. I can tell you for certain, that if it does, you will have to remove the tire in order to retighten the allen bolts. Keep the cursing dictionary close at hand when ever that happens.**
 - **Ain't gonna' reach up there with an allen wrench and tighten anything with tire in place.**
 - **Big fingers don't do all that well in handling small bolts on a Ural fender.**
 - **Those pesky little washers on fender bolts and light markers really roll on garage floor**
- **There are different styles of ped slicers and everyone has their own choices and likings. I opted for this one, as I didn't like the other one I have. It actually has three bolts to it, and that may give more stability, but I just didn't want to drill out three holes in the fender. I liked the idea of a powder coated ped slicer, so I didn't choose the ones from the Royal Enfields that are commonly seen.**



The Pedestrian Slicer Project (cont)

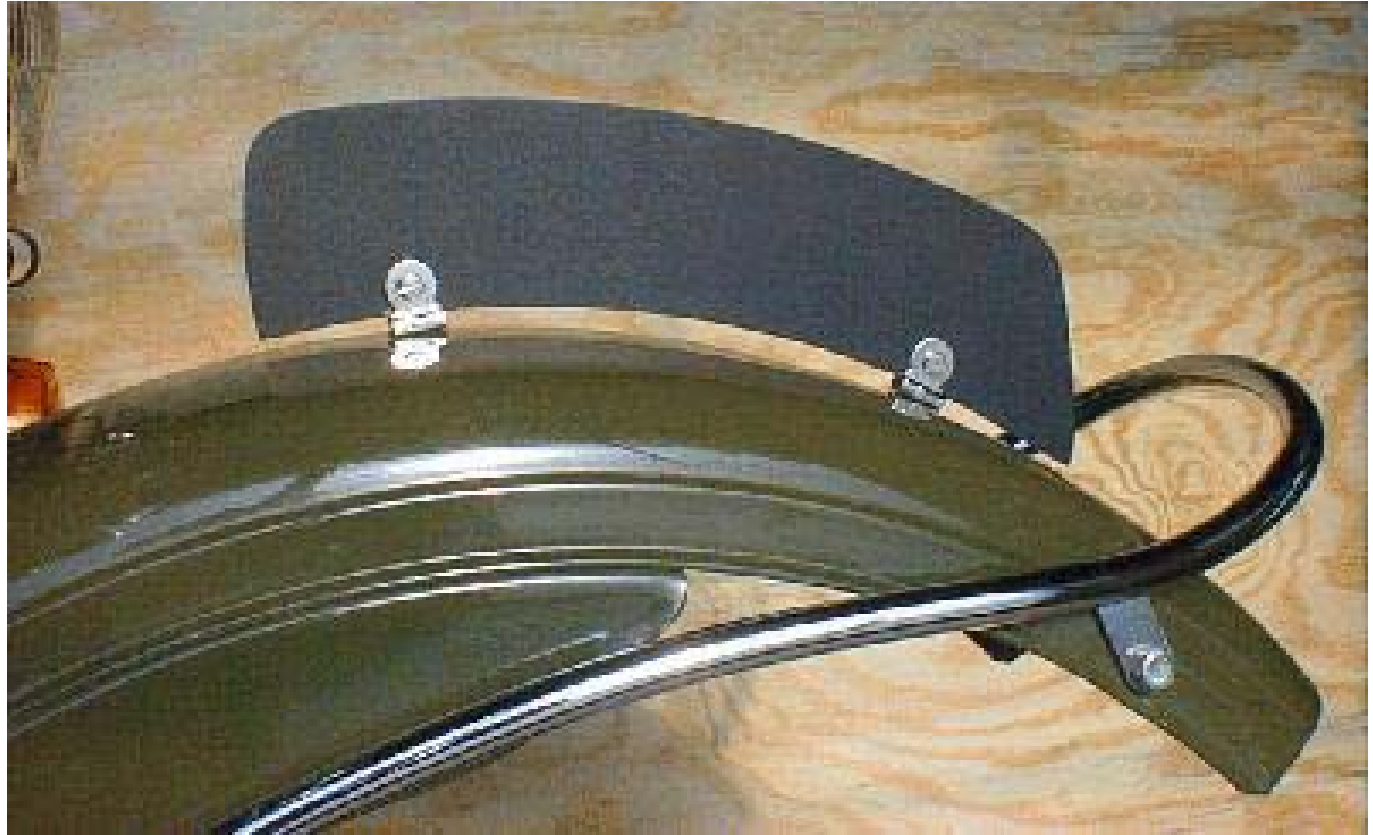
- Lettering for this project wasn't cut or made specifically for it, initially. Not a lot of space to play with, but I was too cheap to have the lettering redone to fit this project. One never knows, I may be making another one at some point. I have another ped slicer on hand, but I am not sure if I'll ever use it or not. I like this style better as to mounting. (Not actually installing it though, but meaning what it looks like once mounted).***
- A problem with chrome is that you can't get the stuff to shine well in some lights. It looks black instead of chrome in some pics, but believe me, it is chrome for sure. This shiny lettering may help in reflecting for catching the eye of cagers as well.***



Distinctive European Fender-Plate European

(www.wagnerscycle.com)

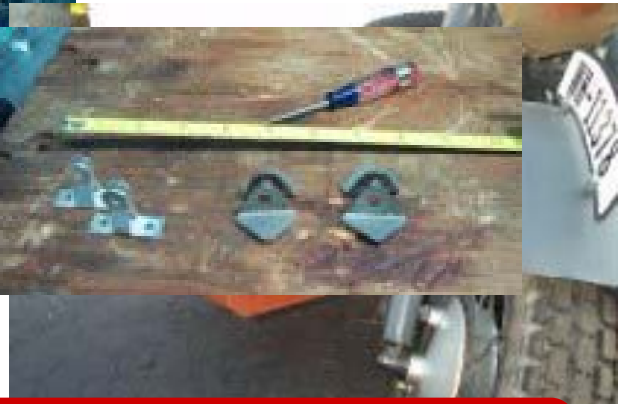
- Imported by Classic Triumph Spares mfg***
- Price: \$35.00 each***



Wagner's Cycle Shop offers a European front fender plate that provides motorbike a great classic look.

Front-Fender License Plate (www.blitzbikes.com)

- **Front-Fender License Plate (\$45) with Keyhole Mount**
- **2-piece Set of Keyhole Mounts (left) or 4-piece set of Triangular Mounts (right) \$15 each set**
- **Hand lettering and stamping available upon request**
 - **You Supply the Number, They Do Lettering and Stamping**
 - **Generally there should be 5-6 numbers in a WH, WL, or SS plate**
 - **Process Takes a Good 3 Days for Drying between Coats of Paint**
 - **He Does Not Rush as He Wants You To Be Satisfied**
 - **Lettering Charge on One of His Plates is \$15 per Side**
 - **If You Have a Plate Already and Want Them Painted, then It's \$20 per Side**
 - **If you Have a Plate That's Bare Metal, or Needs To Be Stripped and Completely Re-painted, Then It's \$25 per Side**



***Blitzbikes* offers custom plates, painting or lettering of plates.**

Front-Fender Number Plate (www.bellacorse.com)

- **Model: BCC-004**
 - **Nice Reproduction Plates from the UK**
 - **Complete with Mounting Hardware**
 - **Drill Two Small holes in Front Fender and Bolt-On**
 - **Creative Lettering and/or Graphics Left to Your Imagination**
 - **Price: \$50**



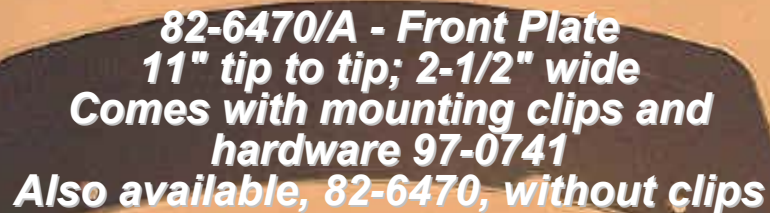
**2002 Triumph Bonneville
with BCC004 Number Plate**

**SEL-MOTION (Lathrup Village, MI) says,
"Nothing says 'vintage' like a front-fender number plate."**

Front-Fender Number Plates www.britcycle.com



82-2698 - Front Plate with Chrome Trim
Bolt holes are 11-1/8" apart;
comes with washers and two bolts



82-6470/A - Front Plate
11" tip to tip; 2-1/2" wide
Comes with mounting clips and
hardware 97-0741
Also available, 82-6470, without clips



82-2698/ER - Plate with Chrome Trim
Econo




97-0741 - Clips
for Number Plates



83-0216 - Front Plate,
12" tip to tip; 2-1/2" wide



82-2996 - Front Plate
11" tip to tip; 2-1/2" wide



324-92 - Front Plate, UK Type
11-1/2" tip to tip; 2-1/8" wide
9-1/2" eye to eye distance

British Cycle Supply has stud/clip assemblies and rubber beading for front tin number-plate brackets.

BCR Front Fender Euro Plates/Pedestrian Slicer

(www.benjiescaferacer.com)

- Powder-Coated in Gloss Black**
- Comes with 2 Allen Cap-Screws and Washers**
- Doesn't Come with White Highlights or Lettering**
- Price: \$35**



Benjie's Café Racer's (Edison, NJ) rendition of Euro license plates from the 50's and early 60's.

Triumph Motorcycle Pedestrian Slicer

(www.british-customs.com)

- **Model: BC206-001S**
 - **Classic Front Number Plate (Pedestrian Slicer)**
 - **Two Aluminum CNC-Machined Mounting Tabs for Superior Weather Resistance**
 - **Choice of Black-Anodized or Semi-Polished Silver Finish**
 - **Stainless Steel Mounting Hardware**
 - **Powder-Coated in Semi-Gloss Black**
 - **Drilling of Front Fender Required**
 - **Letters Not Included**
- **Price: \$65**



British Customs offers a weather-resistant kit, that gives a bike an old-school, 60's retro look.

Cafe Racer License Plate (www.cb750cafe.com)

- **Two Styles**

- **Sturdy Black Plate with Stamped Letters and Numbers CB750**

- **European Classic look.**
- **Price: \$100**



- **More Affordable Black Curved License Plate**

- **Sturdy Steel**
- **Plain Black**
- **Put Own Lettering On "or"**
- **Cafe Racer Can Add the Decal for Your Bike**
- **Motorcycles back in the 1950's in the UK**
- **Price: \$65**



Cafe Racer offers two versions of front-fender license plates that gives your ride that European Classic look.

Universal Front-Fender Number Plate

(www.domiracer.com)

- **Model: 93-00672**
 - Plain Steel Blade
 - Blade Painted Black
 - Size: 11" x 2-1/2"
 - Price: \$9.59 Each



- **Model: 93-10347**
 - Plain Steel Blade
 - Blade Painted Black
 - Includes Nickel-Plated Mounting Studs and U-Channel Rubber Molding
 - Price: \$22 per Set



DomiRacer offers a inexpensive black steel number plate.

Triumph Front-Fender Number Plate from 50's (www.steadfastcycles.com)

- **Model: 93-00672 Universal Set**
 - **Steel Number Plate, as Shown**
 - **Two Chrome Clamps**
 - **Drill Holes in the Plate to Mount the Chrome Clamps**
 - **Overall Length of Plate Is 11"**
 - **Radius Looks Good on Vintage Bike 18" to 20" Wheel-Sized Fender**
 - **Mounting Studs Are 1/4"-28 Thread**
 - **\$34 per Set**



**Steadfast Cycles offers a "pedestrian slicer,"
reminiscent of the 1950's.**

Pedestrian Slicer, Front Fender Plate on eBay



***Interestingly, mounts come in two definite different styles;
depending whether the number plate is stamped or molded metal.***

International Front-Fender Motorcycle License Plates

(www.pl8s.com)



Depending on the country, the vehicle registration plate may be called a registration plate (UK), license plate (US), number plate, or tag.

International Front-Fender Motorcycle License Plates

(www.pl8s.com)



Austria (Nazi Occupation) - 1930's



Cameroon (Ouagadougou series motorcycle) - 1960



Czechoslovakia - 1954



Denmark (porcelain) - 1950's



France -



Jamaica - 1950's



Norway - 1950's



Scotland - 1920's



South Vietnam - 1970's



Folks collect motorcycle front-fender license plates from all around the world.