

1950 MATCHLESS

SUPER CLUBMAN G9

The Manufacturer was Associated Motor Cycles, Ltd., London, UK

This G9 example exhibits high-quality details, evident in its paintwork and chrome rims with painted pinstripes. It was purchased (and later restored) by its present owner from eBay, where it garnered “little interest” by other collectors—a superb motorcycle, still not appreciated by the American market! It is used on the road regularly.



Museum Loan from: Jeff Simmons - Ephrata, PA

AMC (Associated Motor Cycles), maker of Matchless and AJS, may be the “forgotten brand” of the major British manufacturers. Although never as popular in the United States as rivals Triumph and BSA, AMC motorcycles were key players in the post-World War II British motorcycling scene. For British Rockers, Matchless and AJS big-twin machines were ideal motorcycles to meet their needs for power, speed and style.

AMC’s first twin-cylinder motorcycle came rather late to the industry, introduced as the Matchless model G9 and AJS model 20 in late 1948. The AMC design was actually an improvement on the current British Triumph and BSA twins, in that it incorporated a third central main bearing. A massive one-piece crankshaft was housed within the robust design. Those few examples of the AMC machines which made it to the United States often suffered from Americans’ lack of knowledge about (and access to tools for) the many unique fasteners used on these well-made motorcycles.

DID YOU KNOW!

*Matchless is one of the oldest **marques** of British **motorcycles**, manufactured in **Plumstead**, London, between 1899 and 1966.*

Specs:

Engine: 498cc pushrod, OHV parallel-twin
Claimed power output: 33 HP
Carburetion: (1) Amal
Transmission: 4-speed, chain primary-drive
Wheels/tires: 19” x 3.50 (rear); 19” x 3.25 (front)
Weight (dry): 400 lbs
Top speed: 85 mph (claimed)



This vehicle is unavailable for adoption.

