

1968 "TRINELLI"

SPECIAL

Onto the Italian Benelli chassis were fitted the engine, rear wheel, headlight and instruments from Triumph TR6R, creating a machine which was rare *and* fast. Finally, the builder of this special applied a paint design which echoes a 1930's art nouveau style, reminiscent of a French Motobecane motorcycle.

Manufacturers were Triumph Engineering Company, Ltd., Meriden, Coventry, UK, and Benelli; Pesaro, Italy



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A prominent part of Rocker culture was the modification of motorcycles, in search for performance and the "ton" (100mph) speed mark. While most Rocker hybrids were creations involving British motorcycles, some adherents went even further in their efforts. Among the most exotic of period hybrid creations must certainly be the "This motorcycle was built using the frame, front end, gas tank, and seat from a 1968 Benelli Mojave model. While Benelli specialized in lightweight machines for much of its history, the factory was no stranger to competition and fine-handling motorcycles, and had even won the Lightweight TT class at the 1939 Isle of Man race.

DID YOU KNOW!

"Trinelli's" were constructed by combining parts from the proven Triumph 650 and the Italian Benelli machines.

Specs:

Engine: 650cc pushrod, OHV parallel-twin
Claimed power output: 45 HP
Carburetion: (1) 30mm Amal
Transmission: 4-speed, chain primary-drive
Wheels/tires: 18" x 4.00 (rear); 19" x 3.25 (front)
Weight (dry): 360 lbs
Top speed: 100 mph (claimed)

This vehicle is unavailable for adoption.



