Bespoke: sterling silver Harley-Davidson WLA model



REF: 7030

Height: 155 mm (6.1")

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Width: 235 mm (9.25")

Depth: 85 mm (3.35")

Description

An exceptional silver model of the Harley-Davidson WLA from our silversmith's private collection and a perfect replica of his own cherished bike.

Every part is entirely made by hand in the finest detail and accurate in every way. Practically every moving part moves. The front wheel and body move; pedals flip up and down; another pedal does the same; the wheels spin; the bicycle stand goes up and down, back and front; the handle brakes move and the entire silver motorbike pivots on a central post. A speedometer sits centrally on the body and the silver bike is fitted with a plexiglass screen.

Based on an existing civilian model WL, the WLA Harley motorcycle was produced to US Army specifications in the years during and around World War II and is one of the 45 solo types, so called owing to its 45-cubic-inch (740 cm3) engine displacement and single-rider design. It acquired the nickname Liberator.

In 1942 an American flight sergeant based at Ruislip converted his WLA Harley to civilian trim. After the war, prior to returning home, he sold it to Fred Warr, Europe's oldest and largest Harley-Davidson dealership, still thriving today. It was our silversmith, one of the very best model makers ever to produce silver pieces for us, bought the Harley Davidson in 1955 and went on to create this silver model in his lunch breaks. It took him over a year!

This silver Harley-Davidson is not for sale, but we would be happy to quote to reproduce your own motorbike to the same standard.

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