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THE VINTAGE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB LTD

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Statement of Search (S.O.S.)

It is important you read all the instructions carefully.

You can apply for an age-related registration number using a statement of search (dating) certificate if you have restored, repaired or purchased an **original vehicle**:

- that has not been previously registered in the UK.
or
- its original UK number is not known.

The machine must be representative of how it left the factory. DVLA will only allow a change of engine.

If your vehicle has been built from genuine period parts of the same specification sourced from more than one vehicle, all over 25 years old, your vehicle may need to be assessed under Reconstructed Classic Regulations. Contact us for advice.

DO NOT APPLY UNTIL YOUR VEHICLE IS COMPLETE AND ROAD WORTHY

- A statement of search (dating) certificate will be valid for 12 Months from the date of issue.

If your vehicle has been imported or was manufactured outside of the UK, you must submit a HMRC Clearance Notification (NOVA), which you can get from HMRC. (Please ensure that the correct frame number is on the NOVA confirmation.)

If we know that the vehicle in question has been exported, we are required to state this on the certificate. Contact HMRC for NOVA guidance on 0300 322 7071.

The DVLA are inspecting vehicles at random. You will be informed in writing if a vehicle inspection is required, you will not be charged. Checks may be made to ensure that the vehicle exists and the frame and engine numbers are recorded correctly.

Do not use this form to apply to retain an original registration number. You will need to go through the V765 scheme. Download the pack from our website at <https://www.vmcc.net/Library-and-DVLA-Forms> or request a copy.

The Dating Officer of the VMCC will conduct a search based on the information and photographs provided by the applicant to establish the date of manufacture of a motorcycle and will issue a "Statement of Search" certificate which will be considered by the DVLA for the purpose of obtaining an age-related registration number. We supply information, that is, to the best of our knowledge accurate. However, as we are not infallible, we cannot be held responsible should the information later be proved to be incorrect.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide a dating certificate for the following Brough Superior and Vincent's. All other marques we will endeavour to date dependent upon the evidence we have available.

This process may take up to 6 Weeks with the VMCC.

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APPLICATION FOR A VMCC STATEMENT OF SEARCH

Name _____ VMCC Membership No (if applicable) _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

DETAILS OF MACHINE

Make: _____ Model : _____

CC/HP: _____ Year of Manufacture: _____

Colour (s): _____

Please give the numbers exactly as they appear on the frame and engine with any prefixes or suffixes etc.

Frame No: _____ Location: _____

Engine No: _____ Location: _____



Please mark on the pictures above the frame number location as "A" and the engine number location as "B".

Engine Make (if different): _____

Other relevant information (e.g. ohv, flat twin, etc.)

The vehicle mentioned above is an original motorcycle with / without (delete as appropriate) a change of engine and the vehicle is not a reconstructed classic.

I declare that the information above and photographs provided are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that the VMCC cannot be held liable for any issues caused by the provision of incorrect information. I accept that the fee paid is not refundable should my application fail.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ VMCC A2 form

What photographs we need:

- **A nearside view and an offside view photograph of the vehicle.** The side view images must be of the entire vehicle straight on from wheel to wheel. If any major components, such as frame, forks, engine, gearbox, wheels/hubs are obscured in the full side image then please supply individual images of that component.
- **Clear Photographs or rubbings clearly showing the frame and engine numbers.**

Enhanced Service:

We are now offering an “enhanced” service, whereby we will complete all the necessary paperwork for you and send everything to the DVLA by recorded delivery as soon as the dating certificate has been produced.

For this service you will need to send us:

- A signed V55/5 form. These can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.vbcc.net/Library-and-DVLA-Forms> . We will complete the rest of the form on your behalf.
- A completed V112 form if your machine is MOT exempt. These can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.vbcc.net/Library-and-DVLA-Forms> .

or

A current MOT certificate stating frame number if your machine is not MOT exempt.

- **A copy of your photo-card driving licence.**

If you do not have a photo card driving license. The DVLA will accept the following:

Documents DVLA will accept to confirm your name are:

- Your current UK DVLA paper driving license (not a paper counterpart)
- Your Passport
- Your Birth certificate
- Your decree nisi or decree absolute

Documents DVLA will accept to confirm your address are:

- A gas, electricity, water or landline phone bill issued in the last 6 months
- Your council tax bill for the current year
- A bank or building society statement issued in the last 3 months
- A medical card/letter
- A cheque or postal order for £55.00 made payable to the DVLA.
- A cheque for Road Tax made payable to the DVLA **if your machine is not historic tax status.** The current rate of Road Tax can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/vehicle-tax-rate-tables/other-vehicle-tax-rates>.
- HMRC (Nova) Clearance Notification if your machine has been imported or manufactured outside the UK.
- An insurance certificate if the vehicle is being registered to an address in Northern Ireland

We will:

- Complete the V55/5 form.
- Write a covering letter to the DVLA requesting an age-related number.
- Send everything to the DVLA by recorded delivery and send you the tracking number so you can track the progress of your paperwork.

The price includes all the postage costs. If you would like to take advantage of this additional service, please tick the relevant box on page 4.

Preferred method of contact phone ☐ Email ☐ letter ☐

Payment for Statement of Search Certificate

Amount (Please tick the relevant box(s))

Member's first application of the Calendar year	£70	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member's subsequent applications	£80	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Members	£150	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Members Application inc. 1 Year Membership "Special Offer"	£125	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enhanced service (Completion of the DVLA application on your behalf)	£30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copy of Statement of Search Certificate	£10	<input type="checkbox"/>

Payment can be made by credit or debit card, PayPal (please contact us for a PayPal invoice), postal order or cheque (made payable to VMCC LTD).

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD DETAILS

No:/...../...../.....

Type: Expiry date:/.....

Start date:/.....

Sec. No. (3 digit no. on the back of card):

Issue no (if Maestro card):

Name on card:

Cardholder Address if different to that on A1 form:

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We do not retain card numbers after the single charge has been made.

What will happen next:

Once all work is complete, if you have not paid for the enhanced service, you will receive by post a VMCC statement of search (dating certificate) and an instruction sheet explaining how to register the vehicle with the DVLA.

CHECK LIST:

Has your vehicle been imported? Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐ If so, From which country _____
Have you gone through NOVA (see page 1)? Yes ☐ No ☐

Statement of Search

- VMCC A2 Form Completed and signed. ☐
- Clear photos of the vehicle from both sides. ☐
- A clear photo or rubbing of the frame number. ☐
- A clear photo or rubbing of the engine number. ☐

Enhanced Service (all in Statement of Search list and the following)

- V55/5 ☐
 - V112 or a MOT ☐
 - Photocopy of your photo-card driving licence, ☐
 - or other ID documents stated above ☐
 - Cheque or PO £55 payable to DVLA ☐
 - NOVA (if relevant) ☐
 - Road tax payment (if relevant) ☐
 - Photos sent by email to dvlalaison@vmcc.net * ☐ or enclosed with application. ☐
 - An insurance certificate if the vehicle is being registered to an address in Northern Ireland ☐
- *Please note if the photographs are large, please send them in separate e-mails to make sure they are delivered to us.

Fees: £ by chq ☐ by card ☐ Cash ☐ PayPal ☐

PayPal address for the invoice to be sent: _____

Return this application to:

The Vintage Motorcycle Club Library
Allen House
Wetmore Road
Burton upon Trent
Staffordshire
DE14 1TR

Please note that if you are sending your paperwork in an A4 envelope you must use a Large Letter stamp. Any other stamps used will delay delivery and incur a postage handling charge.

Benefits of membership are:

- 2 hours of library research free per year
- Access to the world's most extensive motor cycle Library and Archive with services at a reduced rate.
- Discount Insurance scheme from Peter James Insurance
- Marque specialists offering specific advice on individual makes
- A High quality monthly Journal.
- A Transfer Service for the restorer
- 86 local and special interest sections with regular meetings that organise 1,000 riding events and social events each year.
- Membership of British Historic Racing. A chance to use old motorcycles on race tracks around the UK.
- Calendar of Events ranging from social events to the world famous Banbury Run

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