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The opening pages of

The IronHead Bike Book — Restoration & Service Record for One Motorcycle

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The IronHead Bike Book

Restoration & Service Record for One Motorcycle

One book per bike. Kept with the bike, sold with the bike. Print this book, put it in a binder with the title copies and receipts, and write in it every time a spanner turns. A motorcycle with an honest book is worth more than the same motorcycle with a story — and twenty years from now, the next owner will know exactly what was done, with what parts, and by whom. Fill the fields on screen, or print and write by hand; the entry pages repeat, so print extra sets as the years add up.

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How this book works

Start at the identity pages and be exact: numbers off the machine, not off memory. Then record work as it happens — the entry pages are deliberately plain and generous, because a record you have to squeeze into small print is a record that stops being kept.

- Entries in date order, miles every time — a book without mileages is a diary, not a record.
- Parts with source and cost, every time. “New piston” ages badly; “piston, supplier, part number, price, date” is provenance.
- As-found and as-left settings on the vintage pages — valve clearances and carburettor settings are the facts the next rebuild starts from.
- Modifications carry a reversibility note: what changed, what was kept, and can it go back?

Keep receipts in a pocket at the back of the binder. Log them on the papers inventory page so a missing receipt is visible, not discovered at sale time.

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Bike identity — page 1 of 2

Make / model / year (as titled)

Frame number (as stamped on the bike)

Engine number (as stamped on the cases)

Registration / plate

Title brand and state

Date you acquired it / from whom

Price paid

Miles showing at acquisition — and believed true?

Paint colour(s) and code notes

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Bike identity — page 2 of 2: year evidence

What makes this bike the year it is claimed to be? Record the evidence while you know it — casting and date codes, year-only features present, documents that support the year. Future you, and the next owner, will thank present you.

Year evidence 1 (code / feature / document)

Year evidence 2

Year evidence 3

Year evidence 4

Numbers-matching status, stated plainly

Known history before you (owners, gaps, stories vs. documents)

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Photograph checklist — the bike as acquired

Photographs are the other half of the record. Take these before the first spanner turns, and again at every milestone. Tick them off and file prints or a dated drive folder with the book.

- Both sides, full bike
- Front and rear three-quarter views
- Frame number close-up
- Engine number close-up
- Every panel / badge / clock face
- Known faults, close up
- Engine, both sides, covers off if removed
- Underside and exhaust run
- Tank interior (torch shot)
- As-found carburettor and cable routing

Where the photo set is stored

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Papers that go with the bike — inventory

Every document that belongs to this motorcycle, and where it physically is. When the bike sells, this page is the handover checklist.

Title / registration documents

Prior bills of sale / ownership chain

Restoration receipts (folder / count)

Appraisals / valuations

Manuals and guides kept with the bike

Inspection / Verdict sheet from purchase

Other (correspondence, show records, club papers)

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