

1965 Velocette Restoration Project

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This is a 1965 Velocette, which I bought a couple of years ago. It was said to be in good running order - showroom condition. As anybody knows who has ever bought an old bike, that NEVER happens.

- The gearbox wouldn't shift.
- Most nuts and bolts had been replaced with grade 2 coarse thread junk.
- The add-on electric start needed some serious machining to make it work.
- Head bolts were loose.
- Timing was off.
- Rear wheel was loose (bad threads)
- All cables were bad.
- Air cleaner not connected.
- Footrests hampered gear change.
- In fact, most of the usual stuff. But now it runs quite well, although a 2LS front brake would be a huge improvement.



