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## **TRIUMPH 5TA SPEED TWIN**

First seen in 1937, Edward Turner's Triumph twin was to prove a major turning point for the British motorcycle industry. Happy to produce mainly single cylinder machines and the odd larger capacity V-twin, a parallel twin of medium capacity was not revolutionary. Turner's new machine was

inspired by the Val Page-designed 650 from 1934 but the new 5T Speed Twin model was lighter and more compact with a capacity of 500cc - no other engine had ever had such an impact on the industry.

*Photo is of similar bike*



During the ill-fated night of 14<sup>th</sup> November 1940, not only was Coventry cathedral bombed, but also the entire city centre razed by the Luftwaffe, including Triumph's works, curtailing the military orders for tens of thousands of machines and the 5T-derived generator unit, and almost destroying the company.

Post-war, the amazing recovery was centred on a range of twins and the Speed Twin remained as a mainstay. By the late 1950s, now re-designated 5TA, the machine had acquired both 'unit' engine and gearbox construction and the now famed 'Bathtub' enclosures which, although not so popular at times, are now keenly sought.

This example from 1959 is equipped and finished in a period-correct livery of Amaranth red and has matching frame and engine numbers correct for the year.

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Reported as being in good condition throughout following a previous restoration, this motorcycle has formed part of a private collection in southern Ireland and is therefore not UK registered. We are however assured that the relevant customs documents are to accompany the machine.

Estimate: £3,000 - £3,500

Year of manufacture: 1959