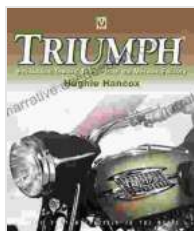


Triumph Production Testers Tales From The Meriden Factory

The Meriden factory was the birthplace of Triumph motorcycles for over 50 years. During that time, countless motorcycles were produced, tested, and shipped all over the world. The production testers were the unsung heroes of the factory, ensuring that every motorcycle that left the factory was of the highest quality.

In this article, we will take a look at the history of the Meriden factory, the role of the production testers, and some of the stories that they have to tell.

The Meriden factory was founded in 1885 by Siegfried Bettmann and Moritz Schulte. The company initially produced bicycles, but in 1902 they began producing motorcycles. The first Triumph motorcycle was a 2.5 horsepower single-cylinder machine.



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Over the years, Triumph produced a wide range of motorcycles, from small, lightweight machines to large, powerful touring bikes. The company also produced a number of successful racing motorcycles, including the Triumph Bonneville, which won the Isle of Man TT in 1956.

The Meriden factory was a major employer in the town of Meriden. At its peak, the factory employed over 5,000 people. However, the factory began to decline in the 1970s due to competition from Japanese motorcycle manufacturers. In 1983, the factory was closed.

The production testers were responsible for ensuring that every motorcycle that left the factory was of the highest quality. They would test the motorcycles for a variety of things, including engine performance, braking, and handling.

The production testers were highly skilled and experienced riders. They had to be able to ride motorcycles in all conditions, and they had to be able to identify any potential problems.

The production testers played a vital role in the success of Triumph motorcycles. They helped to ensure that every motorcycle that left the factory was safe and reliable.

The production testers have many stories to tell about their time at the Meriden factory. Here are a few of their stories:

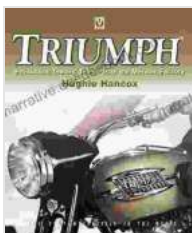
- **One tester remembers a time when he was testing a new motorcycle on the factory's test track. He was going around a corner at high speed when the motorcycle suddenly started to wobble. He was able to control the motorcycle and avoid**

crashing, but he said that it was the closest he had ever come to crashing a motorcycle.

- **Another tester remembers a time when he was testing a new motorcycle in the rain. He was riding through a puddle when the motorcycle hydroplaned and went off the road. He was able to get the motorcycle back on the road, but he said that it was a very scary experience.**
- **A third tester remembers a time when he was testing a new motorcycle on the Isle of Man TT course. He was riding at high speed when he came to a jump. He hit the jump too hard and the motorcycle landed hard on its suspension. He said that the impact was so hard that it knocked the wind out of him.**

These are just a few of the many stories that the production testers have to tell. Their stories provide a glimpse into the world of motorcycle testing and the people who made Triumph motorcycles possible.

The Meriden factory was a major part of Triumph's history. The production testers played a vital role in the success of the factory and the motorcycles that it produced. Their stories provide a fascinating glimpse into the world of motorcycle testing and the people who made Triumph motorcycles possible.



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