

FACTORY DESPATCH BOOK SERVICE

The VOC now holds copies of all nine factory Despatch Books covering the period from 1921 until May 1951 except for the KTT, which continues until 1953. These books include Velocette models D, E, G, A, B, H, U, 32 and all their variations, also GTP, K, KSS, KTS, KTP and all their early variations and MOV, MAC, WD MAC, MSS and KTT. The information usually comprises Engine Number (in consecutive order), Frame Number, Tab Number, Invoice Number, Invoice Date and the name of the Agent to whom the machine was sold. On the right-hand pages are columns for the Customer's Name, the Date he made his purchase and the name of the Dealer through whom he bought it which was often different to the one the factory had sold the bike to. Obviously, all the right-hand page information was added after the bike had been sold by a dealer who supplied the details, usually, I imagine, in writing, but some of the entries suggest that they were occasionally transmitted verbally. Overseas agents did not normally return any customer details. Additionally, there are sometimes notes indicating a second-hand sale, a special finish, a show model, or something out of the ordinary and early books often give the make of magneto, tyres and carburettor. Please note that frame numbers are not recorded in numerical order so if your machine is a mixture it can be very difficult, and on rare occasions impossible, to find it. Also note that **we do not have details for 1953-on RS-framed machines** for which you should contact Mike Fotherby at Grove Classic Motorcycles or David Holder at The Velocette Motorcycle Co. Ltd.

Now that we have easy access to the despatch information the Club is able to provide a service to its Members whereby they may have a certified copy of the entry relating to their machine, the charge for which will be £10 inclusive. Foreign currency would naturally be something of a problem but Overseas Members can write to me (address in Fishtail) and can pay using a debit or credit card via PayPal. The Club's Paypal account is "velocettes@btinternet.com".

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VELOCETTE MODELS COVERED BY THE VOC FACTORY DESPATCH BOOK SERVICE:

Factory Despatch Book 1: 1921 – 1926

MODEL	ENGINE	DATE
D2, D3, DL2, DL3	801 - 1120	June 1921 - April 1922
E2, E3, EL, EL2, EL3, S3	1500 - 2385 2386 - 2481	Nov 1921 - Aug 1924 July 1924 - Aug 1926
G2, G3, GS2, GS3, GSC3, GSS3, Whippet, GC2, GC3	3000 - 3970	Oct 1922 - April 1925
A, B, B2, B3	5001 - 6000	June 1923 - Mar 1925
HSS, SS2	1 - 24	1922 - 1925
Speed 249cc, D2, D3, TT	S1 - 40	Mar 1921 - Dec 1921

Factory Despatch Book 2: 1925 – 1929

MODEL	ENGINE	DATE
AC, B, AC2, AC3	1 - 1028	Dec 1924 - April 1927
H2, H3, HC, HC3, HS, HS2, HS3, HCS, HCS3, HSS, HSS3, HSC, HSC3	1 - 574	Nov 1924 - Aug 1927
K, KE, KN, KT, KSS, KNS, KES	1 - 3495	June 1925 - Sep 1930
USS	1 - 287	Jan 1929 - Nov 1929
AC	1029 - 1235	April 1927 - Oct 1927
U, 32	1 - 1964	Dec 1927 - Dec 1929
GTP	1 - 41	Nov 1929 - Dec 1929
KTP	1 - 83	Nov 1929 - Dec 1929
KTT, KDT	73 - 195	April 1929 - Feb 1930
KTT	1 - 72	Oct 1928 - April 1929
Special engines	1 - 41	Feb 1925 - May 1927
HSS	42 - 47	May 1927 - Aug 1927
HSS3, HCSS3, HSSC3, HSC3, HCS3, HCSS		

Factory Despatch Book 3: 1929 - 1932

MODEL	ENGINE	DATE
KTP	1 - 1304	Nov 1929 - Feb 1932
GTP	1 - 3403	Nov 1929 - June 1932
GTP	3404 - 3666	June 1932 - Oct 1932
KSS/KTS	3465 - 4299	Oct 1930 - Oct 1932
KTT	196 - 439	Feb 1930 - Sept 1932
KTT	930	June 1930

Factory Despatch Book 4: 1932 - 1935

MODEL	ENGINE	DATE
GTP	3665 - 5177	Oct 1932 - May 1935
MAC	1 - 1061	Oct 1933 - April 1935
KSS, KTS	4300 - 6030	Oct 1932 - July 1935
MOV	1 - 1583	June 1933 - July 1935
KTT	440 - 624	Oct 1932 - July 1935
KTT (1936 TT)		

Factory Despatch Book 5: 1935 - 1939

MODEL	ENGINE	DATE
MSS	1000 - 2283	May 1935 - Jan 1937
KSS	7001 - 8015	Oct 1935 - May 1937
MAC	1062 - 3011	April 1935 - Mar 1937
GTP	5178 - 7147	May 1935 - Mar 1939
MOV	1584 - 3613	July 1935 - Mar 1939
KTT (11 machines)		May 1936 - Dec 1938

Factory Despatch Book 6: 1937 - 1944

MODEL	ENGINE	DATE
MSS	2284 - 4688	Jan 1937 - Jan 1944
MAC	3012 - 5516	Mar 1937 - Mar 1939
KSS/KTS	8016 - 9243	May 1937 - Sept 1940
KTT	700 - 739	May 1937 - Oct 1938
KTT	801 - 851	May 1939 - Sep 1940

Factory Despatch Book 7: 1938 - 1944

MODEL	ENGINE	DATE
MOV	3614 - 4182	Dec 1938 - Nov 1943
GTP	7148 - 7640	Feb 1939 - Sep 1942
MAC	5517 - 6735	Feb 1939 - July 1944
MAC WD	11001 - 12321	May 1940 - Dec 1941

Factory Despatch Book 8: 1946 - 1948

MODEL	ENGINE	DATE
MAC	8001 - 10150	Mar 1946 - May 1947
MAC	10151 - 12395	Nov 1947 - Aug 1948
MSS	6001 - 8304	Sept 1946 - June 1948

Factory Despatch Book 9: 1946 - 1953

MODEL	ENGINE	DATE
GTP	9001 - 9247	Jan 1946 - April 1946
MAC	14094 - 15215	Feb 1949 - Aug 1950
MOV	6001 - 6500	May 1946 - Aug 1948
MAC	15216 - 16676	Aug 1950 - May 1951
KSS	10001 - 11300	Nov 1946 - Nov 1947
MAC	12396 - 14093	Aug 1948 - Feb 1949
KTT	902 - 2000	Oct 1946 - Mar 1953