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** This was Mike Hailwood's third season racing. This was his first year placing in the top 3 on the 125's (DUCATI). In 1958 he was 4th on the 250cc NSU. He was also 5th on the 250cc Mondial in 1959.

This is all the info I have on the 125's. I don't know who raced the engine I own, probably no way to find out. Also sending some previous correspondence re this engine.

Hope this info is useful.

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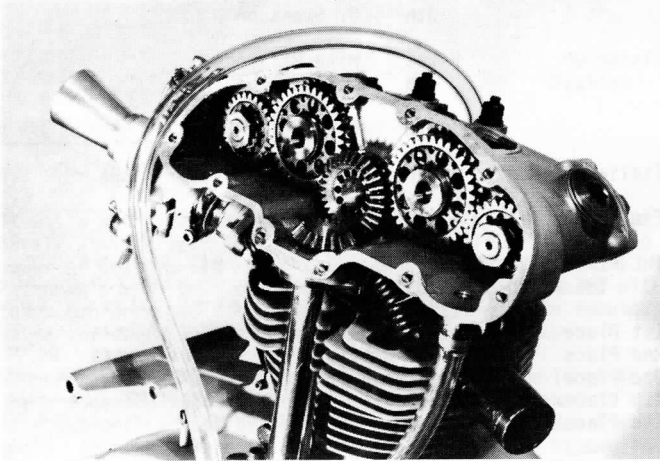
RE: DUCATI 1959 Six Speed 125 O.H.C. GRAND PRIX

We are in receipt of your letter, with many compliments for having the 125 Grand Prix motorcycle, so rare.

stamped on the right front timing cover was an inspection and testing number only.

As far as triple-cam DESMO heads for your 125 G.P. model is concerned, we are sorry to inform that nothing is available now.

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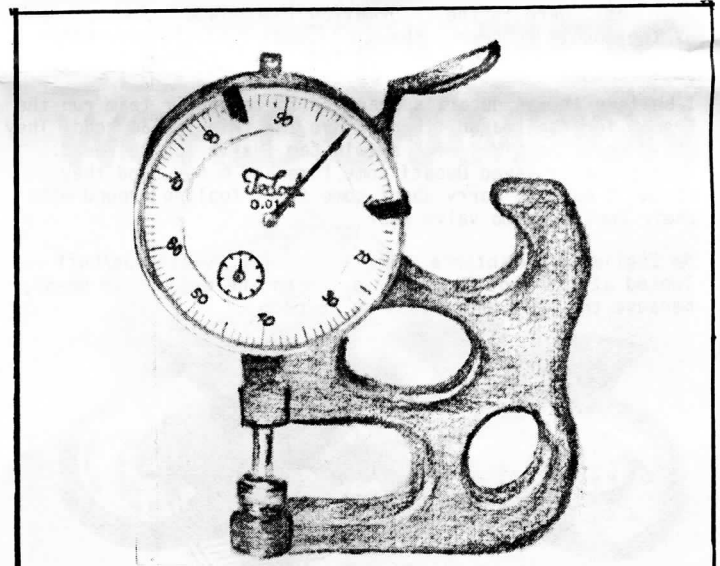
Engine Specifications 1959

- 125cc three overhead cams desmodromic (changed to twin cam)
- Bevel gear drive to cams
- Ignition - twin coil to two plugs (one coil & one plug on twin cam head)
- Transmission - six speed
- Engine number 506

fixed advance	36 degrees
inlet clearance	0.20
exhaust clearance	0.25
inlet opening	65 degrees
inlet closing	75 degrees
exhaust opening	75 degrees
exhaust closing	50 degrees

We confirm that the 125 GRAND PRIX model was so equipped, originally, and was made in about 12 exemplars;

Your engine number is in fact 506, while the number 80/1



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