



National Motorcycle Museum (207)

Wed, 20th Jul 2022

Estimate: £2000 - £3000 + Fees

1976 Honda 400/4 Long term ownership

Registration No: MVT 1P

Frame No: CB400F-1046914

Engine No: CB-400F-E-1043990

CC: 408

MOT: Exempt

- Formally owned by the late Geoff Davies past president of the VMCC
- We understand this Honda was purchased new by the late vendor
- Used on many events including European trips
- This machine has been kept in a regularly run state

- A few modifications for ease of riding
 - Complete with V5C and various paperwork
- Succeeding the CB350F, The Honda 400F, commonly known as the Honda 400 Four, is a motorcycle produced by Honda from 1975 to 1977. It first appeared at the 1974 Cologne motorcycle show, Intermot, and was dropped from the Honda range in 1978. It had an air-cooled, transverse-mounted 408cc inline four-cylinder engine with two valves per cylinder operated by a single chain-driven overhead camshaft. Fuelling was provided by four 20 mm Keihin carburetors. For the most part, the CB400F was simply an upgraded version of the 350 model from the previous year. At the time Honda's R&D department had devoted much of its resources towards automobile models such as the Civic. This meant that motorcycle development was limited to mechanical changes. In order to develop the CB350F into the CB400F, Honda increased the bore and modified the cylinder head to raise the compression ratio. In a first for Honda, a sixth ratio was fitted to the gearbox. Instead of aping the styling of the bigger style CB750, like the 350F had, the CB400F had a more café racer look with lower handlebars, rear-set footpegs and more svelte styling. It also gained one of its most recognisable attributes, a swooping four-into-one exhaust system.

Formally owned by the past president of the VMCC, the late Geoff Davies, we understand this Honda was purchased new by Mr Davies. Used by him as a participant in many events including trips to Europe, this machine has been kept in a regularly run state and maintained consistently during ownership. A few modifications have been made for ease of riding on modern roads. This 400/4 is complete with a V5C and various paperwork.