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Buy it now

should look away now. It's been oh-so easy for ages to buy a classic or used bike with a single quick click on eBay, but now MadeLikeAGun.co.uk have brought that level of convenience to buying a brand new Enfield. Their slick new site offers exclusive finance deals on the current Royal Enfield range, from the trad Classic in chrome, battle green or desert storm colours, to the basic Bullet EFI, to the all-new 535 Continental GT café racer. It doesn't matter where you live in the UK – delivery costs just £99. Nor do you need to stump up the entire asking price at the time of purchase. If you have a decent deposit to put down then MadeLikeAGun.co.uk offer a 0% finance deal. Alternatively, you can pay a £99 deposit and 8.9% APR interest.

Based in Yorkshire, the proprietors at MadeLikeAGun.co.uk are excited by Enfield's future plans for the brand, which includes two new engines being developed at the firm's UK R&D facility. "We saw this as the right time to get involved," they explain, and aim to "bring a thoroughly modern buying experience to this classic brand, with first class customer service consistent with the demands of today's consumer."

If you're not so computer savvy or prefer a more personal service then finance can always be arranged over the phone. You're also welcome to try before you buy and visit their Halifax showroom for a test ride. 0333 220 6024 / madelikeagun.co.uk





Exit ethanol

THE AWKWARD ASPECTS of ethanol in petrol have been well documented (and no doubt experienced by plenty of CBG readers), but just in case you've missed out on the misery, here's a re-cap of what can happen, especially if your bike is fitted with susceptible older components. The rising level of ethanol in petrol station fuel is corrosive to some seals and plastics and can lead to leaks. It acts as a solvent which can loosen fuel tank sealant and existing deposits in the fuel system, gunging up fuel lines, carbs and filters. Its hygroscopic nature means that ethanol readily absorbs water from the atmosphere, and this forms a corrosive layer at the bottom your petrol tank. On top of all that, vapour locking is more prevalent due to ethanol's increased volatility combined with high inlet manifold temperatures, and carb icing can also occur due to the increased water content of the fuel. In short: not good news.

There are various practical methods, oddball additives and home-grown remedies for circumventing the worst of these symptoms, but here's a new approach to the problem. Ethanil is a novel kit which removes ethanol entirely.

No ethanol: no problems. The kit consists of just three components: a separator tank with a one-hand push-button valve; a measuring bottle, used to measure the amount of ethanol removed from the petrol, and a large filter funnel for the safe transfer of petrol before and after ethanol separation.

The kit is compact enough to be used in a garage or workshop, and the manufacturers say that it's robust enough to be used time and time again. The measuring gauge (in case you wondered – because we did) lets you measure the ethanol removed from each batch of petrol, so that ethanol concentrations can easily be compared between different fuel brands and grades of petrol. That may be taking attention to details a little too far.

Ethanil will produce at least 17 litres of ethanol-free petrol per fill, so is ideal for topping up a motorcycle tank when it's near empty. Even if you don't use it on every single top-up, this kit should be especially handy when you brim the tank at the end of the riding season – setting up a clean getaway come the spring.

The kit comes with full instructions and costs £49.95, from ethanil.co.uk

DIARYDATES

SEPTEMBER 4-5

The Carole Nash Eurojumble, Netley Marsh, Southampton, SO40 7GY. classicbikeshows. com / 01507 529529

SEPTEMBER 4

Charterhouse Auction of classic and collectible motorcycles, at Eurojumble, Netley Marsh. charterhouse-auction.com / 01935 812277

SEPTEMBER 5

Bonhams Auction of collectors' motorcycles, International Autojumble, National Motor Museum, Beaulieu. bonhams.

com / 0208 963 2817

Brighton Speed Trials, Madeira Drive. vmccsprint.co.uk

Beaulieu International Autojumble, Brockenhurst, SO42 7ZN. beaulieu.co.uk

SEPTEMBER 6

Vintage Japanese bike day, Ace Café, London NW10 7UD. 0208 961 1000 / ace-café-london.

SEPTEMBER 11-13

Ace Café Reunion Weekend, inc Sunday run to Brighton. London NW10 7UD. 0208 961 1000 / ace-café-london.com **Goodwood Revival,** Chichester, PO18 OPX. goodwood.co.uk

SEPTEMBER 12-13

Borders Classic Bike Show, Lacon Childe School, Cleobury Mortimer DY14 8PE. 01299 270642

Northleach Steam Fair, Cotswolds. northleachsteamshow.co.uk

SEPTEMBER 13

Shelsley Bike Festival / hillclimb, Worcestershire WR6 6RP. shelsleybikefestival.co.uk

SEPTEMBER 16

Charterhouse classic car / motorcycle auction, Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet BA4 6QN. 01935 812277

SEPTEMBER 19-20

Kickback, the national custom bike show, Donington Park. thecustomshow.com

SEPTEMBER 19

Kempton Park Autojumble, Sunbury on Thames TW16 5AQ. 01344 883961 / egp-enterprises. co.uk Classic racing, Aintree Circuit, Liverpool. 01294 823582

Scorton Autojumble, North Yorks Events Centre, DL10 6EJ. 07909 904705

SEPTEMBER 20

Newark Autojumble, Newark and Notts Showground, NG24 2NY. 01507 529470 / newarkautojumble.co.uk

Romney Marsh Bikejumble, Hamstreet, TN26 2JD. 01797 344277 / elk-promotions.co.uk

SEPTEMBER 27

North Manchester Custom & Classic Bike Show. Ramsbottom