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Swallow Classic

The great success of the Swallow Limited Edition, the Brooks classic racing saddle, stimulated the British manufacturer to produce the new Classic Swallow. The Classic Swallow should satisfy the demand of those who could not get hold of one of the 999 Swallow saddles, sold out in a few weeks last year.

The Classic Swallow has the same design of the Ltd Edition, except from the had stitched sides. The first Swallow was patented on August 20th 1936, a time when all Tour de France riders used Brooks saddles. Legends such as Girardengo, Bottecchia, Bartali, Coppi and Anquetil all rode Brooks saddles to victory and the coveted yellow jersey.

Back then the arrival of the handcrafted Swallow was heralded as revolutionary as it was the first 'cut away' saddle design, giving greater freedom of leg movement to the sportive cyclist.

The Classic Swallow features titanium metalwork, although the tensioning plate on the underside of the saddle is still manufactured in steel, and features the original patenting information. The Classic Swallow will retain the word DEPOSÉ, meaning REGISTERED in French, on its tensioning plate. Originally this was added as so many of the saddles were exported to the continent for the use of racers and tourers alike.

The demand for the Swallow has been highlighted by the fact that original models often change hands on auction web sites in excess of £500, as vintage bicycle and componentry collecting increases in popularity. The high end, hand-stitched Champion Swallow, which was available in the 1950s and was the most expensive saddle Brooks ever produced, is always the most popular saddle with cycling purists. Brooks believe this new issue will go some way to satisfying this exceptional demand.

As the original manufacturing processes for the Swallow proved to be very labour intensive because of the hand stitching, already in the past a non-stitched version of the saddle had been produced. The Classic Swallow reproduces this design.

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