



Year	Description
1861	BSA Founded as a Gun Company (Branched out by 1970s due to decline in industry)
1907	First Prototype Automobile Produced (Sold 150 units in 1908)
1910	Purchased British Daimler Company for automobile business
1939-'45	Sold 120,000 BSA M20 motorcycles to armed forces; Daimler concern produced armoured cars
1951	Bought Triumph Motorcycles; became largest motorcycle producers in the world
1957	Bicycle arm sold to Raleigh; Currently manufactured & sold in India as TI Cycles (BSA Cycles)
1960	Daimler (Car Division) sold to Jaguar
1965	Competition from Japanese/German brands; losing market relevance & thus market share
1972	Absorbed as part of Govt. Norton-Villiers; became Norton-Villiers-Triumph i.e. NVT (BSA, Norton & Triumph brands in portfolio)
1991	BSA Company Merged with Andover Norton – BSA Group
1994	BSA Group taken over by BSA Regal Group
2003	Last Bikes manufactured
Current	Brand Licencing for Clothing & Accessories

**Additional Information on BSA:**

**Birmingham Small Arms Corporation (BSA)**, Founded in 1861 in the Gun Quarter, Birmingham, England by fourteen gunsmiths of the Birmingham Small Arms Trade Association, who had together supplied arms to the British government during the Crimean War

In 1920, BSA bought some of the assets of the Aircraft Manufacturing Company (**Airco**) which had built many important Aircraft during the war but had become bankrupt with the lack of orders post hostilities. Airco at its peak produced an aircraft every 45 minutes.

**Additional info to BSA-Regal Merger:** Not the first time both worked together; In the early 1920's BSA and Regal produced gramophones together although the 1990's Regal represents the Southampton engineering based group.

Key models – Gold Star, A7, A10, 441 Victor, Rocket 3, Bantam, Lightning



# JAWA Motorcycles

Year	Description
1922	First factory in Prague
1929	Registration of the JAWA Trademark
1929	First JAWA 500cc OHV Motorcycle produced
1931	Origin of JAWA 'Oval' Trademark
1946	JAWA a Nationalized Company. Re--start (post war) of production of JAWA 250/350 motorcycles
1952	Start of production of JAWA 500 OHC motorcycle
1964	Production of millionth JAWA brand motorcycle
1966	Start of production of JAWA 350 Californian motorcycles
1976	Production of two millionth JAWA brand motorcycle
1987	Production of three millionth JAWA brand motorcycle
1996	JAWA company Becomes part of Jihostroj Velesin, Jsc.
1997	Formation of new company - JAWA Moto Ltd

- Founded in Prague, Czechoslovakia in 1929 by František Janeček who bought the motorcycle division of Wanderer (*German manufacturer of civilian & military automobiles from 1896-1945*)
- The name JAWA established by concatenating the first letters of Janeček & Wanderer
- One of the top motorcycle manufacturers in 1950s; exported its 350cc model in 120+ countries
- A successor company was formed in 1997 in Týnec nad Sázavou, continuing the name as **JAWA Moto**
- *JAWA Moto*: R&D and the production of motorcycles, their spare parts & accessories. Also specialises in the production of tools & instruments for the

plastic moulding industry.

- As of 2006 the JAWA mostly produced 250 cc, 125 cc and 50 cc motorcycles and large bike with a 650 cc Rotax engine (this engine can be also found in BMW F650 series).
- The iconic 350 cc two-stroke twin, is almost mechanically unchanged since the 1960s but very reliable, currently are successfully sold mainly to the countries of Central America and Russia.
- Currently models (2014) sold by the JAWA company are: JAWA 50, JAWA 125, JAWA 250, JAWA 350 and JAWA 660 Sportard.
- Historically, JAWA was one of the **most active East-European manufacturers in mechanical sports**. In track racing JAWA sustained a presence in the World Championship until the mid-sixties with respectable performances considering their limited budget.
- **JAWA introduced in India** in the 1950s; have a cult following to this present day.
- Production was carried out directly in India by Ideal Jawa India Ltd based out of Mysore starting in the early 60s.
- Earlier models manufactured in Czechoslovakia bore the CZ Jawa emblem on the side of the fuel tank. The locally manufactured models always had O within the Jawa emblem. The company stopped production in 1996.

