

*Red's Parts Attic & Chrome Plating Service*  
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**FEATURE:** At Red's Parts Attic & Chrome Plating Service we have the opportunity to help with some unique and unusual restoration projects. One of these projects being a 1958 Zundapp Super Sabre motorcycle. When Peter first contacted us he wanted to know if we could help with repairs and re-chrome his Zundapp gas tank. We absolutely could, but I'd have to admit it is not every day that a Zundapp motorcycle project shows up at our doors. Although I had to asked myself "What's a Zundapp?" We assured Peter he found the right chrome shop and based on his testimony he was pleased with the results.

Peter's Zundapp motorcycle is back together and ready to roll! He is having fun showing it off at the local shows and already won some awards. He even won People's Choice and Best Restored at the first show he attended. Peter offered to help if anyone is restoring a Zundapp. Please email Peter at: [peterjohn213@gmail.com](mailto:peterjohn213@gmail.com)

and he can answer any questions you may have.

**TESTIMONY:** Thank you Red's Parts Attic and Chrome plating Service for re-chroming the gas tank on my 1958 Zundapp Sabre look great. Right from start to finish Joe and staff has been so helpful and wonderful taking care of all my needs in re-chroming the gas tank. The care they took in packing and shipping goes above and beyond so it was not damaged. I would recommend this company to anyone who needs chroming services done. Thank you, Peter Rasmussen (Alpena, Michigan)

**REDS COMMENT:** Congratulations Peter! You did a great job on your restoration and it is no surprise you're receiving positive feedback. It was a pleasure working on the chroming of your vintage Zundapp. We appreciate your business.

**SHARE YOUR PROJECT:** Send us pictures and a short description of your project for a chance to be featured in a future Newsletter!

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**HISTORY:** Zundapp was one of Germany's biggest motorcycle manufactures from 1917 to 1984. In the beginning they were made and produced in Nuremberg Germany. Zundapp was founded by Fritz Neumeyer. Original Neumeyer teamed up with Friedrich Krupp AG and Thiel a machine tool manufacturer. Their company worked under the name "Zünder- und Apparatebau G.m.b.H." In German "Zünder- und Apparatebau" translates to Igniter and Apparatus. The company built and manufactured explosive detonators. After WWI the demand for producing weapons dropped. Fritz Neumeyer then became the sole proprietor of the company He quickly shifted the company into producing motorcycles. In 1921 the company started to manufacture motorcycles to the public.

In 1921 the first model Zundapp built was the Z22. It was known as the "Motorrad für Jedermann" which means "motorcycle for everyone." The Zundapp design was simple and reliable. In 1933 Zundapp came out with the K-series. The K-series had an enclosed drive shaft with two universal joints. Zundapp was the first to introduce this design. This series had models ranging from 200 cc to 800 cc. It was such a success it helped raise Zundapps market shares from 5% to 18% by 1937.

After WWII the company started to produce scooters, microcars and mopeds. Zundapp also built sewing machines. Zundapp was known to be heavy modeled motorcycles and scooters. The Zundapp scooter known as the "Bella" was the heaviest scooter of its time. In 1951 the KS601 model known as the "Green Elephant" was powered by a 598 cc two-cylinder engine. This was the last of the heavy modeled motorcycles Zundapp produced.

In 1958 the company moved to Munich Germany and started to design several smaller model motorcycles. They discontinued the 4 stroke engine and started to only produce 2 stroke engines. Zundapp had some success in the motocross scene. In 1967 American rider Dave Ekins won the Greenhorn Enduro on a 100 cc Zundapp. Ekins

beat his competitors who were riding much larger motorcycles. In 1973 and again in 1974 Belgium rider André Malherbe won the European motocross championship on his 125cc Zundapp.

Even though Zundapp had some early success selling motorcycles, mopeds and scooters their sales started to decrease over time. By 1984 the company filed bankruptcy and closed their doors. After the bankruptcy Zundapp was bought out by a company from China. The Xunda Motor Co., from Tianjin, China purchased Zundapps entire production line and intellectual properties. The company did produce small Zundapp motorcycles from 1987 to early 1990s. The Zundapp name still lives on and is currently making electric mopeds and 4-stroke engines for Honda.



**CLASSIC REPAIR TIPS:** Easily recognized in this picture is the slip yoke. The A common overlooked caused for worn out transmission thrust bearings. As the rear end travels over bumps the drive shaft will pull the yoke in and out on the output shaft splines. The movement of the yoke must be free and not binding otherwise the yoke will put pressure on the transmission thrust bearings Just greasing the yoke does not guarantee it is working properly. Visual inspection of the condition of the shaft and yoke splines for wear and burs should be performed. Using grease

designed for high pressure and heat will assure smooth movement of the yoke and output shaft.

**NEW PRODUCTS:** What could be new about grease? How about Liquid Wrench's new line of special purpose grease.



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