

1973 500cc ISDT

## Triumph TR5T

The 1973 International Six Days Trial was the first to be held outside Europe, being run in the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts. Triumph saw it as an opportunity to promote its new 500cc TR5T Trophy Trail (sold as the Adventurer in Britain).

Machines were converted for ISDT use at Triumph's Californian base and supplied to British and American rider teams. They did well and the British team was only narrowly beaten to the main trophy by Czechoslovakia. The best performer was observed trials supreme Malcolm Rathmell.

The Museum owns Rathmell's machine, severely damaged by fire in 2003 but since restored by former Triumph employee Bob Haines, who was involved in the original 1973 ISDT project.