

# THE 1958 MOTOR IMPORTS RANGE

*A Very Wide Selection of Lightweights, Scooters and Mo-peds*

THE well-known range of machines which Motor Imports Co., Ltd., 158 Stockwell Road, London, S.W.9, will continue to handle in the coming season has been augmented by the announcement, made this week, that they are now importing the 175 c.c. overhead-valve single-cylinder Gilera.

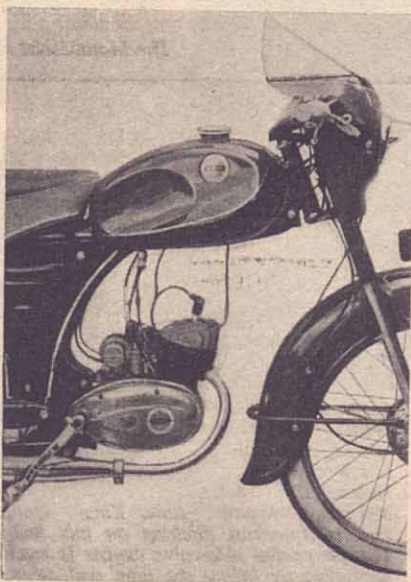
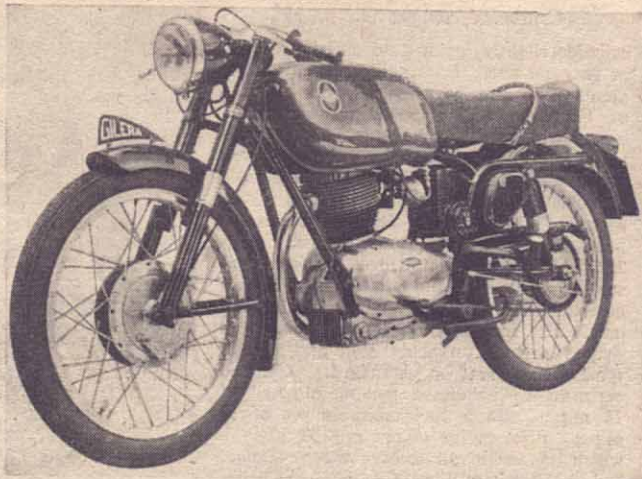
The majority of machines are in the 50 c.c. bracket, and undoubtedly the most popular of these is the 49 c.c. two-stroke Motobécane "Mobylette." This model, possibly the most widely known mo-ped in the world, gives speeds of up to 25 m.p.h. and has a fuel consumption, verified by *Motor Cycling*, of about 200 m.p.g. Its extreme simplicity gives it great appeal to the beginner and its low price, £45 10s. 11d., makes it one of the cheapest machines in its field. For an extra £4, the De Luxe model, with its advantage of a fully automatic centrifugal clutch, is possibly even more competitively priced. Higher in price (£79 8s.), the "Mobymatic" is the grown-up brother of the "Mobylette" and features telescopic forks, plunger rear suspension and a fully automatic infinitely variable gear and clutch. This model is finished in blue stove enamel, the "Mobylettes" in beige.

The other model from the French Motobécane factory is the "Moby" scooter, which now has a two-colour finish and several detail changes for next year at the price of £159 19s. 3d.

Two light scooters are included in the range for next year. The recently introduced Italian-designed Alpino, with its 75 c.c. two-stroke engine and three-speed gear unit, has already achieved considerable popularity. Attractively finished in pearl grey and blue, it will make a strong appeal to anyone looking for a machine to carry two at the very minimum running cost. Its price of £109 17s. 4d. includes a speedometer.

The other light scooter is the Kreidler R50, which has a 50 c.c. fan-cooled two-stroke

*The new 175 c.c. Gilera will make a strong appeal to the sporting riders.*



*Sleek lines are featured on the H.M.W. "Supersport."*

engine in unit with a two-speed gearbox. Suspension is by telescopic fork at the front and pivoted fork at the rear. Finish of this model is in two-tone blue and its price is £99 14s. 3d.

Also finished in two-tone blue, the Kreidler J51 two-speed springer mo-ped employs a similar engine-gear unit and bottom link forks. It is priced at £69 19s. 6d.

Three models of the popular H.M.W. range are being handled next year. The exceptionally stylish "Luxus" mo-ped employs the well-known H.M.W. engine two-speed gear unit, with bore and stroke measurements of 38 mm. by 44 mm., giving a swept volume of 49.9 c.c. A pressed-steel frame incorporating a 1½-gallon petrol tank is equipped with pivoting-fork rear suspension and leading-link front forks. Full-width hubs and headlamp cowling are included in the price of £79 19s. 1d. The "Supersport" model, a test report on which was published in our August 1, 1957, issue, is available with either two-speed or three-speed engine-gear unit at £89 19s. 6d. and £94 19s. 4d. respectively. Designed especially for the sporting rider, the model has a foam-rubber dual seat, shapely fuel tank and sports headlamp-cowling-cum-racing screen.

Both motorcycles which Motor Imports Co., Ltd., are now handling are made in Italian factories with names that are household words among the racing fraternity. From the Guzzi concern comes the 98 c.c. "Zigolo," which has a horizontal single-cylinder two-stroke built-in unit with a three-speed, foot-operated gearbox. The machine is almost completely enclosed, with beautifully styled dual pressings which form the rear mudguard at their after ends and side panels, incorporating a toolbox, at the front. The rear swinging fork has adjustable friction dampers and the wheels carry 17-in. light-alloy rims. Attractively finished in bright red and chrome, this little model presents a striking appearance and, with its performance (up to 50 m.p.h. and 130 m.p.g.), makes a strong appeal at £135 8s. 3d.

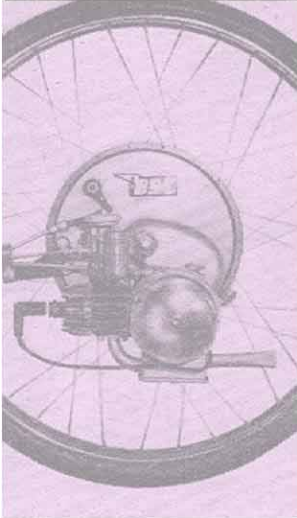
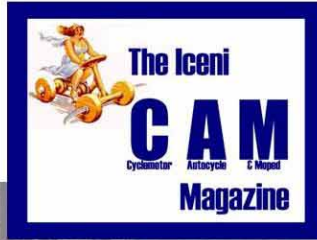
The other Italian model, as mentioned earlier, is the 175 c.c. Gilera. This is entirely new for next year and has not previously been available over here. The engine, a single-cylinder o.h.v., is built in unit with the four-speed gearbox and has its



*A luxury light scooter is the 75 c.c. Alpino.*

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