



FIRST IMPRESSIONS

The ITOM "ESPERIA"

*A modest priced mo-ped
with ASTOR engine and
components*

A NEW mo-ped from Italy that is likely to set fresh standards in performance and value is the *Itom Esperia* just introduced by Adimar of 61 Clapham Road, London, S.W.9.

The engine is for all practical purposes the same as that used in the famous *Astor* light motor cycles, the only differences being that the gearbox is a two-speeder and there are pedals instead of the footrests and kick-starter. Most of the engine parts are interchangeable.

Also identical with the *Astor* are the wheels with full width hub brakes and high quality chromed finish. Front forks are of the bottom link type and rear springing by swinging arm with telescopic spring units. A refinement we have never seen on any moped before is the provision of "paired" tyres, ribbed at the front for super steering and studded on the rear for tractive grip.

A brief test run indicated a very lively performance; top speed over 35 m.p.h., very good acceleration and hardly any vibration. There was no mechanical noise at all although the exhaust could be heard from the saddle. Steering is absolutely first class, coupled with good roadholding and exceptional braking. Both saddle and handlebars are adjustable for height and any sized rider can be accommodated in comfort.

Itom quality and performance have been well mated to mo-ped handiness and at a remarkably modest price.

Right: The ITOM engine in its two-speed form. Note the finned and polished crankcase.

Below: The ESPERIA is a conventional modern Italian machine.

