

# OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

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## VESPA 125 primavera



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## INTRODUCTION

The **PIAGGIO CO.** wishes to welcome you into the family of Vespa owners and take this opportunity of thanking you for your preference. We feel sure that this scooter will give you complete satisfaction.

Because of its characteristics (comfort, limited consumption, easy driving, quiet running, clean lines, etc.) the Vespa has a wide range of uses for practical operation, pleasure trips. Lengthy journeys on the Vespa will not fatigue you and you will no doubt be quick to appreciate its excellent performance.

This booklet, with its **simple instructions** on operation and maintenance will furnish you all the information necessary for gaining a complete working knowledge of your vehicle.

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Fig. 1 - VESPA 125



## NOTICE

To maintain your Vespa in perfect running order and not to invalidate the guarantee offered by the contract, it is advisable to consult your dealer or Service Station, recognisable by the mark shown here regarding repairs.

**Demand exclusively original Piaggio spares.**

All PIAGGIO spare parts are produced from the same specific materials, have been subjected to the same machining operations and inspection as the component parts of your machine. This is guarantee for durability, performance and your personal safety.



1. Clutch control (lever) and gear change (twist grip) -  
 2. Front brake lever - 3. Throttle twist grip - 4. Main switch  
 unit - 5. Front brake shoes - 6. Rear brake pedal - 7. Kick-  
 starter - 8. Gear selector and gear control adjusting screws -  
 9. Rear brake shoes - 10. Clutch - 11. Carburettor and air  
 cleaner - 12. Choke control - 13. Fuel tap - 14. Lever for  
 removing engine flap.

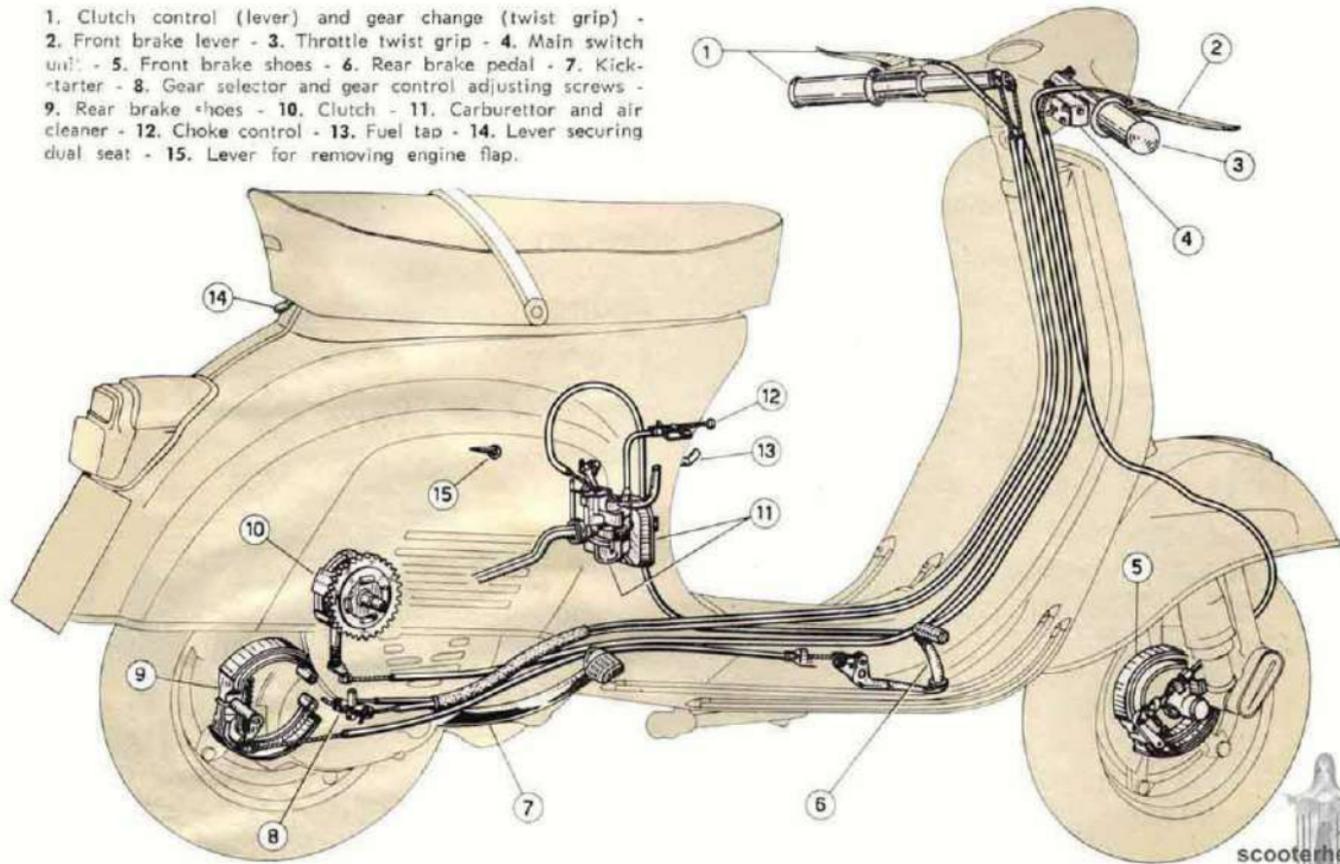


Fig. 2 - Installation of controls and transmission.



## PERFORMANCE AND SPECIFICATIONS

**Consumption** (accord to CUNA Standard):  
2 lt/100 Km. (118 mls/U.S. gal.; 142  
mls/imp. gal.), **gasoline - oil mixture i. e.**  
**2% oil.**

**Max. speed** (CUNA Standards) 85 Km/h  
(52.8 mph.).

**Carrying capacity** . . . . . 2 persons  
and 10 Kg. (22 lbs) of luggage.

**Range** . . . . . 280 Km (174 mls)

**Max fuel capacity:** 5.6 lt. (1.48 U.S. galls  
or 1.23 imp., galls (incl. 1 lt. - 0,26 U.S.  
galls or 0.21 imp. galls - of **reserve**).

**Wheel base** . . . . . 1180 mm (46".5 )

**Handlebar width** . . . . . 670 mm (26".4 )

**Total length** . . . . . 1665 mm (65".6 )

**Max height** . . . . . 1015 mm (40".0 )

**Min. ground clearance** 225 mm ( 8".86)

**Turning radius** . . . . . 1650 mm (64".9)

**Total dry weight** . . . . . 73 Kg. . .

**ENGINE:** Single horizontal cylinder two  
ke rotary distribution: i. e., carbureted mix-  
ture is regulated by the crankshaft valve.

Displacement 121.17 cc. - 7.39 cu. in.

Bore 55 mm - 2".16.

Stroke 51 mm - 2".01.

Compression ratio: 1:8.2.

Outer H. T. coil **ignition.**

**Spark advance:** 25° ± .

**Sparking plug:** B7  
pion L 86; AC 12 F;

1. Steering column and front suspension - 2. Engine - 3. Crankcase clutch side with swinging arm pivoted to frame - 4. Rear suspension spring and hydraulic damper assy. - 5. Screw securing carburettor - 6. Bolt securing damper of rear suspension - 7. Bolt securing engine

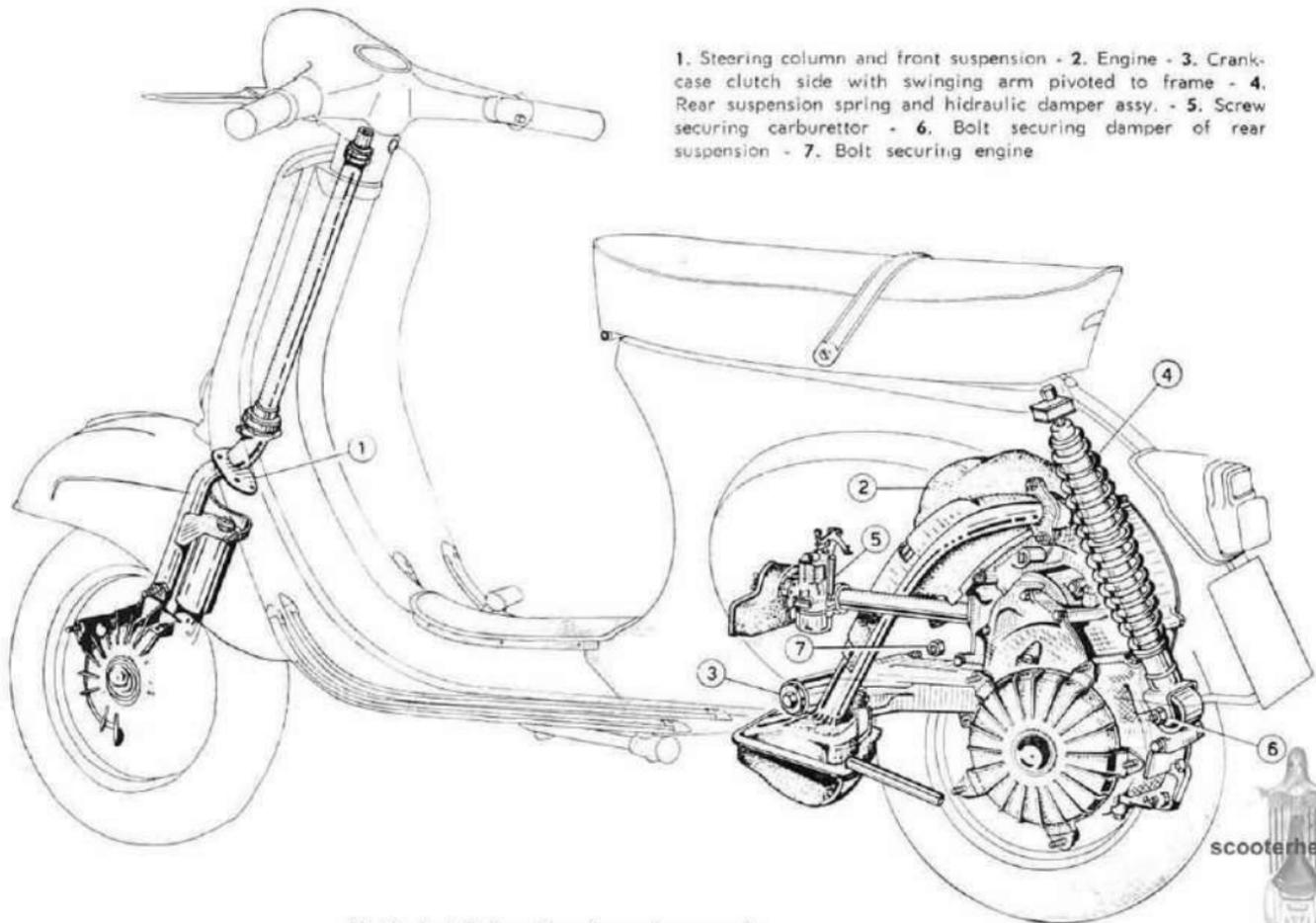


Fig. 3 - Installation of engine and suspension.



## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

| OPERATION                                                    | INSTRUCTIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | NOTES                                                                          |
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| <p><b>STEERING LOCK</b></p> <p>a) Locking the handlebars</p> | <p>To lock the vehicle, turn the handlebars anticlockwise up to the limit stop; <b>rotate the key and push inwards</b>, so that it thrusts the sliding bar against the steering column. To ease the insertion of the sliding bar into the hole of the steering column, slightly turn the handlebars from the limit stop clockwise.</p> <p>When the handlebars are locked, the key will now spring back to its original position and can then be withdrawn.</p> | <p>The key can be extracted from the lock even if the handlebars are free.</p> |
| <p>b) Unlocking the handlebars</p>                           | <p>To release the handlebars, insert the key in <b>the lock</b>, turn it <b>to the left and pull it back</b>; then turn the handlebars in the normal position.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                |
| <p><b>TOOL BOX LOCK</b><br/>(left hand side of vehicle)</p>  | <p>Security lock on the steering column and tool box lock are both actuated by a single key.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                |

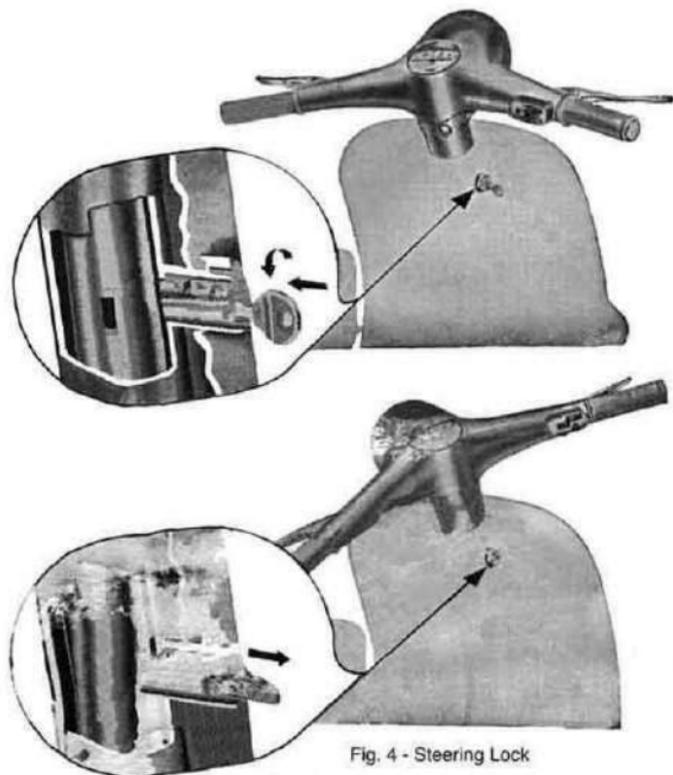
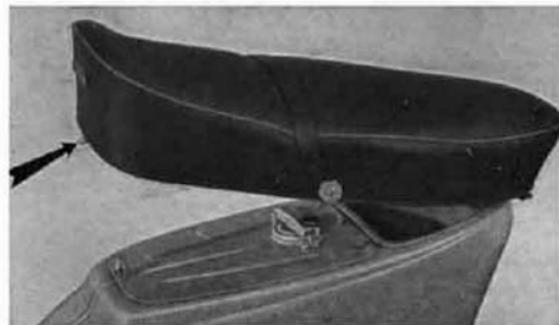


Fig. 4 - Steering Lock

1. Normal position - 2. Locked position

NOTE - The arrows indicate the operation to be carried out for locking (1) and for unlocking (2).



A)



B)

Fig. 5 - < A >. Dual Saddle (for pivoting the seat on its forward edge push lever indicated by arrow).

< B > Pillion seat. Act on the devices indicated by arrow.

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| OPERATION                                                                                                             | INSTRUCTIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | NOTES                                                      |
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| <p><b>FUEL SUPPLY</b></p><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><p><b>ACCESSING TO FUEL TANK AND TO TOOL BOX</b></p> | <p>Use a mixture of oil and petrol i. e. 2% Pure Mineral Oil SAE 30 (i. e. about 1/4 pint of oil per 1½ gals of petrol): ESSO 2 T Motor Oil; Shell Golden Motor Oil; Shell X-100 2 T; Total 2 T.</p> <p>The fuel tank is provided with a hinged plug located under the saddle.</p> <p>For access to fuel tank and to tool box, fig. 5 «A», when the dual saddle is mounted, pivot the saddle on its forward edge, after having released the rear attachment as shown at fig. 5.</p> <p>When the pillion seat (accessory) is mounted the fuel tank plug is yet free and the seat has to be pivoted on its forward edge only for accessing to tool box or to the parts located in the interior of the chassis.</p> | <p>Ensure that the fuel tank breather is always clear.</p> |

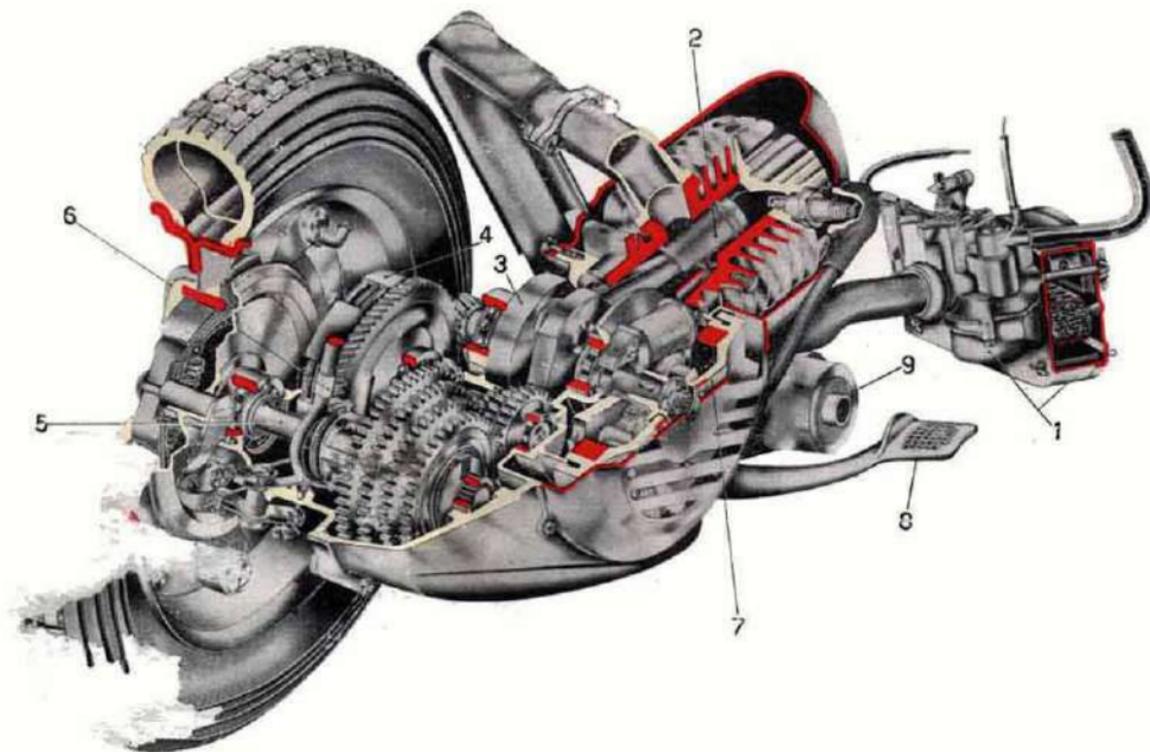


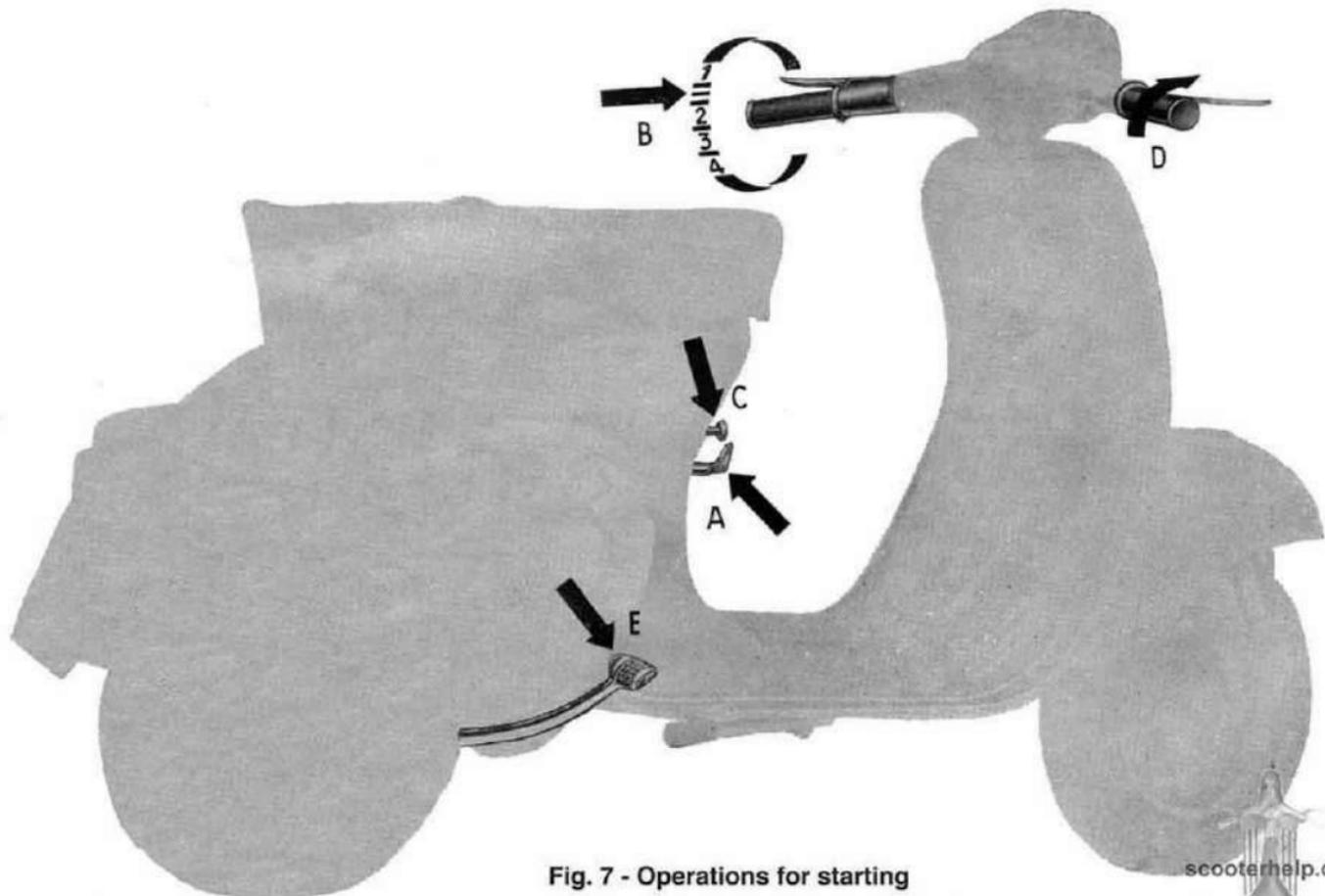
Fig. 6 - Engine section

1. Group Carburetor air cleaner - 2. Piston - 3. Crankshaft - 4. Clutch - 5. Mainshaft and gear pinion assy. - 6. Gear shifter - 7. Flywheel magneto - 8. Kickstarter - 9. Crankcase swinging arm clutch side (pivoted to the frame).



## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

| OPERATION                           | INSTRUCTIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | NOTES |
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| <b>BEFORE OPERATING THE VEHICLE</b> | Unscrew the plug on the gear box marked « OLIO » (fig. 11) and check that the oil is on a level with the hole when the vehicle is standing upright.                                                                                         |       |
| <b>RUNNING - IN PERIOD</b>          | <b>For running - in the first 1000 Km. (600 mls), do not maintain the throttle fully open for long periods.</b><br><br>After first 1000 Km. (600 mls) change oil in gear box (see fig. 11) and check that all nuts and bolts are not slack. |       |
| <b>TYRE PRESSURE</b>                | <b>Front</b> 1.25 Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> (17 p.s.i.): <b>Rear</b> 1.6 Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> (22.7 p.s.i.) with one up; <b>Rear</b> 2.3 ÷ 2.5 Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> (32.7 ÷ 35.5 p.s.i.): with two up.                                                 |       |



**Fig. 7 - Operations for starting**

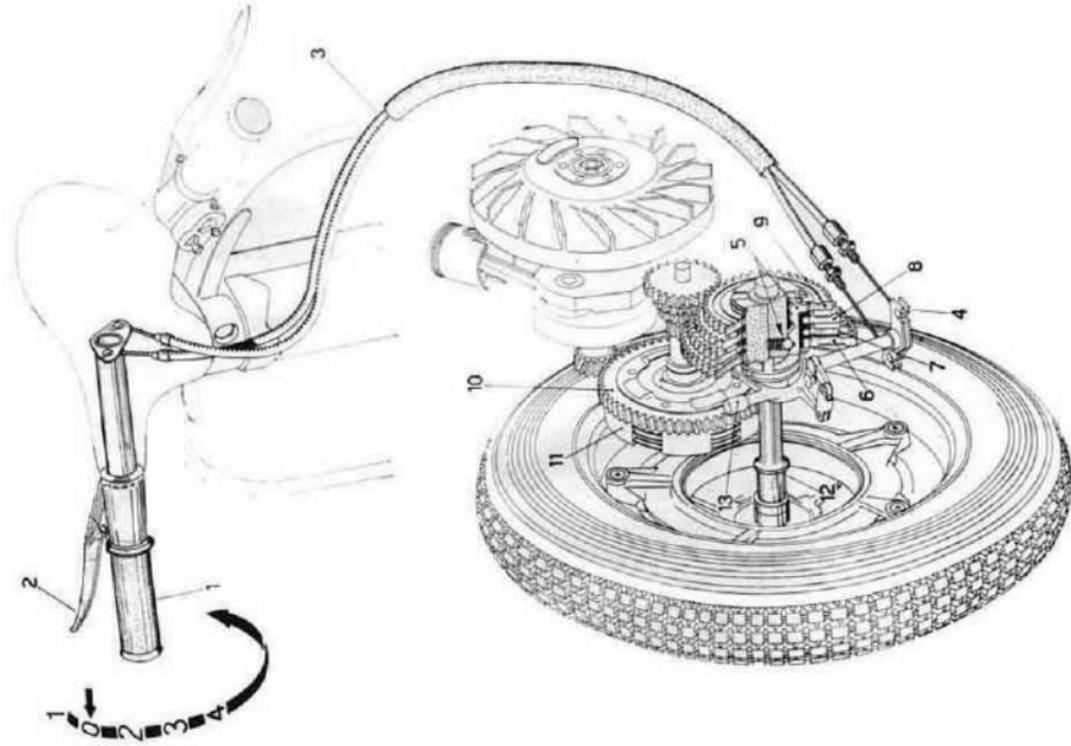
- A. Open the fuel tap - B: Selector in neutral - C: Pull out the choke control (with cold engine) - D: Bring throttle grip to idling position - E: Operate kickstarter.



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| <b>STARTING</b>                      | <p>— Carry out the operations indicated on fig. 7. Do not use the choke when the engine is warm; <b>as soon as the engine is running smoothly bring the choke control back to its normal position.</b></p>                          | <p>In case of hard starting see page 16.</p>                                                           |
| <b>SETTING THE SCOOTER IN MOTION</b> | <p>— With the engine running at idling speed declutch and rotate the gear change twist grip to the position of first gear (fig. 7). For setting the vehicle in motion slowly let in the clutch and gradually open the throttle.</p> | <p>Do not attempt to ride the vehicle unless the key is inserted and the handlebars rotate freely.</p> |
| <b>GEAR CHANGE</b>                   | <p>— Close the throttle, declutch and rotate the gear change grip to a higher or lower gear, as the case may be (fig. 8).</p>                                                                                                       | <p>When a gear change is necessary to decelerate do not hesitate in changing down</p>                  |
| <b>STOPPING THE ENGINE</b>           | <p>— Before stopping the engine change to « neutral » and then switch off the ignition.</p>                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                        |





**Fig. 8 - Gear transmission**

- 1. Gear change twist grip - 2. Clutch control lever - 3. Gear change cables
- 4. Gear shifter - 5. Selector group - 6. 1st gear - 7. 2nd gear - 8. 3rd gear
- 9. Top gear - 10. Spring gear - 11. Clutch - 12. Drive shaft - 13. Stirrup for gear

The positions 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 on the gear change twist grip correspond respectively to bottom, 2nd, 3rd and top gear; the « 0 » indicates neutral.



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### ADJUSTMENTS TO CARBURATTOR

**For adjusting the idling** turn the slow running adjuster screw (fig. 9 n. 2).

- On the carburettor body a set screw (« B » fig. 12) is provided for adjusting the throttle cable play; this screw is to be reset **only if necessary** or on dismantling and reassembly operations.
- On the air cleaner case, there is a spring loaded screw for adjusting the volume of mixture from idling jet (fig. 9, n. 3 and fig. 12, « C »).

To avoid carburation troubles we recommend that this adjustment is carried out by a Vespa dealer.

### STARTING UP when the engine is flooded:

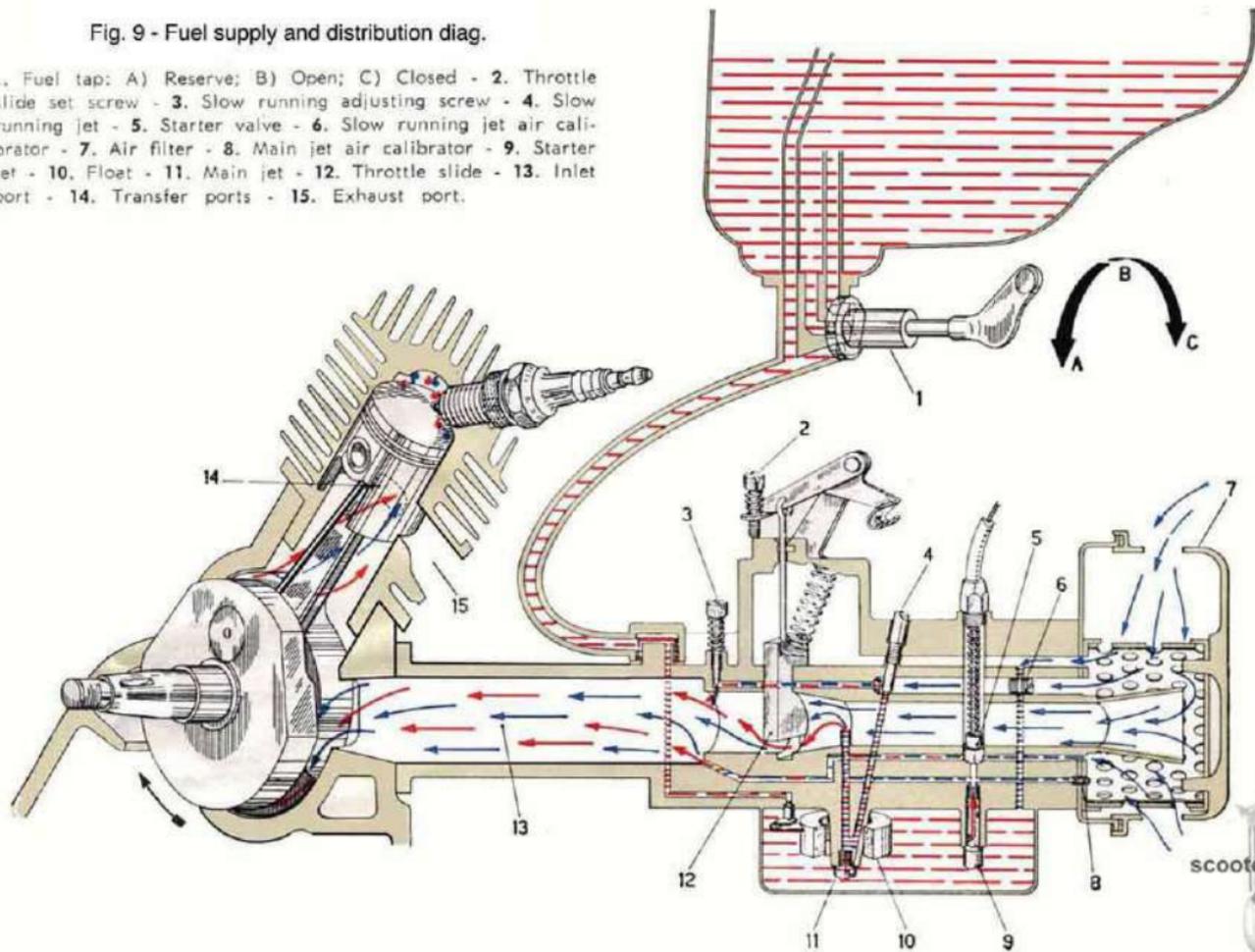
In the case of difficulties caused by flooding (presence of unvaporised mixture in the cylinder), the following methods can be used:

- Attempt push starting: engage the gear, declutch, push the vehicle to a certain speed, sharply release the clutch and when the engine starts declutch.
- Close the fuel tap, move the sparking plug clean; then kick over the engine times.
- Screw in the sparking plug, open the fuel tap and



Fig. 9 - Fuel supply and distribution diag.

1. Fuel tap: A) Reserve; B) Open; C) Closed - 2. Throttle slide set screw - 3. Slow running adjusting screw - 4. Slow running jet - 5. Starter valve - 6. Slow running jet air calibrator - 7. Air filter - 8. Main jet air calibrator - 9. Starter jet - 10. Floet - 11. Main jet - 12. Throttle slide - 13. Inlet port - 14. Transfer ports - 15. Exhaust port.



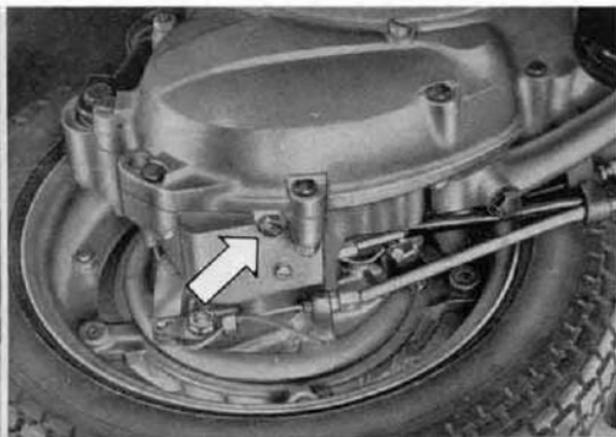
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| OPERATION                               | INSTRUCTIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | NOTES                                                                                                      |
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| <p><b>SPARKPLUG REMOVAL</b></p>         | <p>— For removing the spark - plug access panel, rotate the knob (fig. 2, Nr. 15) and strip off the panel ; disconnect the H.T. lead and extract the spark - plug using the box wrench (fig. 10).</p>                                                                                                                              | <p>On reassembling the spark-plug ensure that it is into the threaded hole at the correct inclination.</p> |
| <p><b>CHANGING OIL IN GEAR CASE</b></p> | <p>— Drain off through hole (fig. 11).<br/>                     — Introduce a small quantity of flushing oil, run the engine a few minutes to ensure thorough circulation and cleaning and drain off again.<br/>                     — Refill gear case with about 250 grs. of new oil (up to level of filling hole).</p>          | <p>This operation of changing oil should be carried out with the engine.</p>                               |
| <p><b>DISMANTLING AIR FILTER</b></p>    | <p>— For dismantling the air filter, pivot the seat forwards (fig. 5), remove the tool box and the choke control cable (the cable end ring can be seen on Fig. 12, « D » then dismount the fuel tap rod (see Fig. 12 « E ») ; next unscrew the two tee head bolts (Fig. 12 « F ») securing the air filter case and extract it.</p> |                                                                                                            |

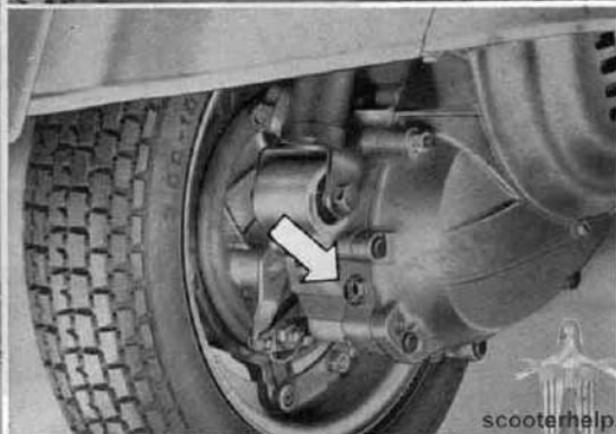




Fig. 10 - Dismantling spark - plug



A)



B)

Fig. 11 - < A > oil draining hole; < B > oil filler hole





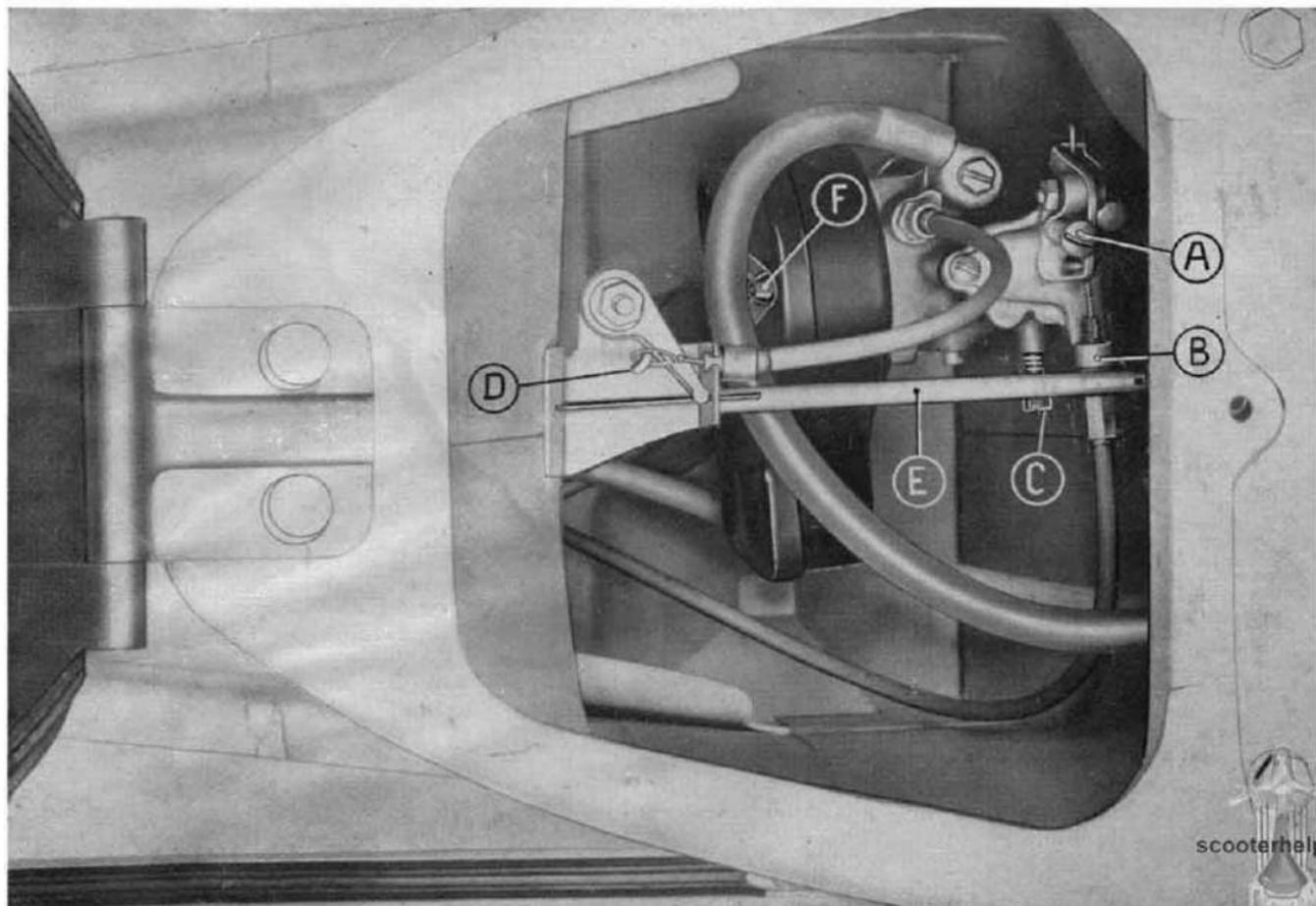


Fig. 12 - To approach the carburetor and air cleaner assy. (For details indicated on the figure, see pag. 16 - 18).

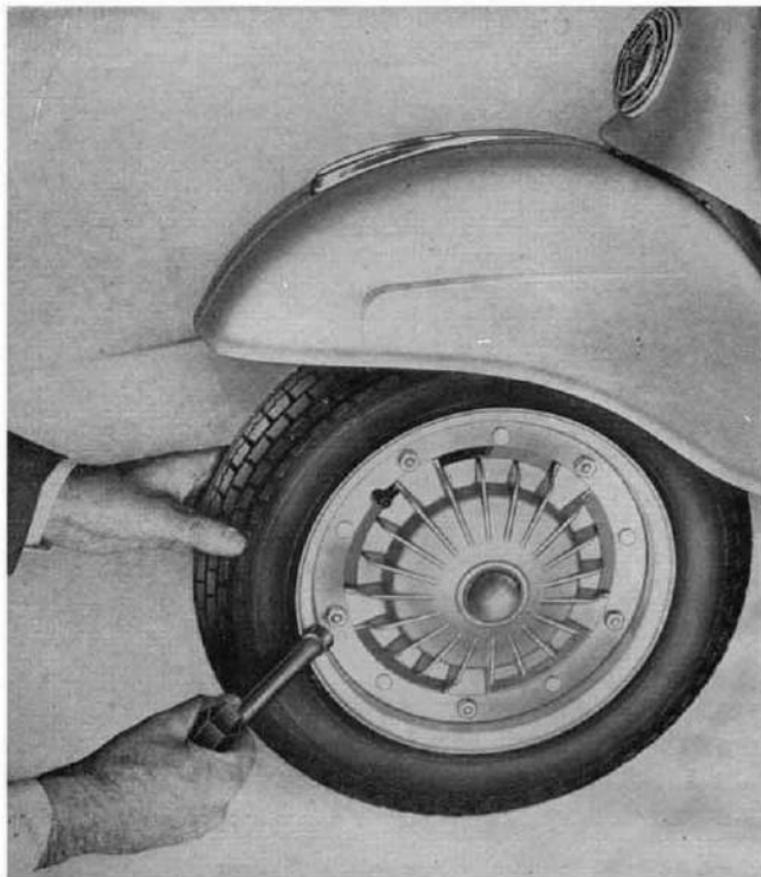


Fig. 13 - Removing wheel from vehicle

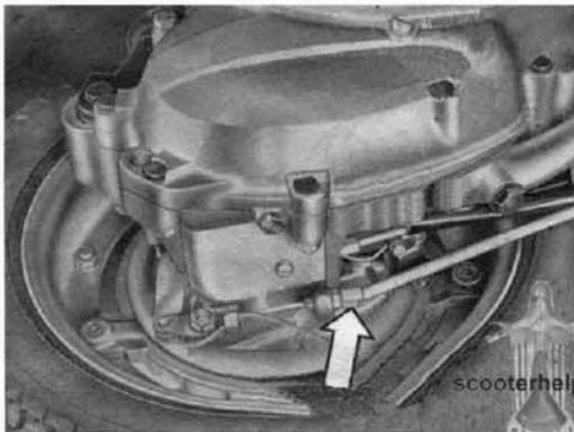
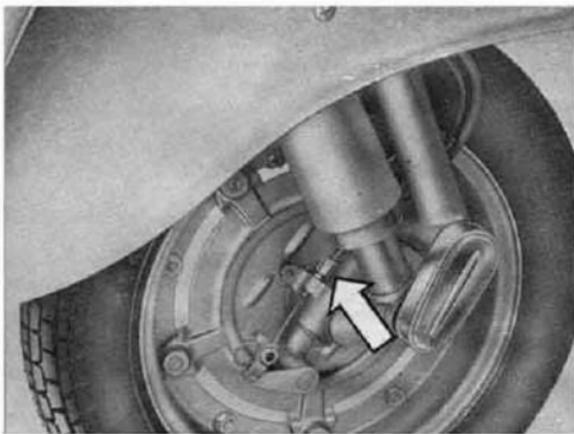


Fig. 14 - Brake radius mechanism

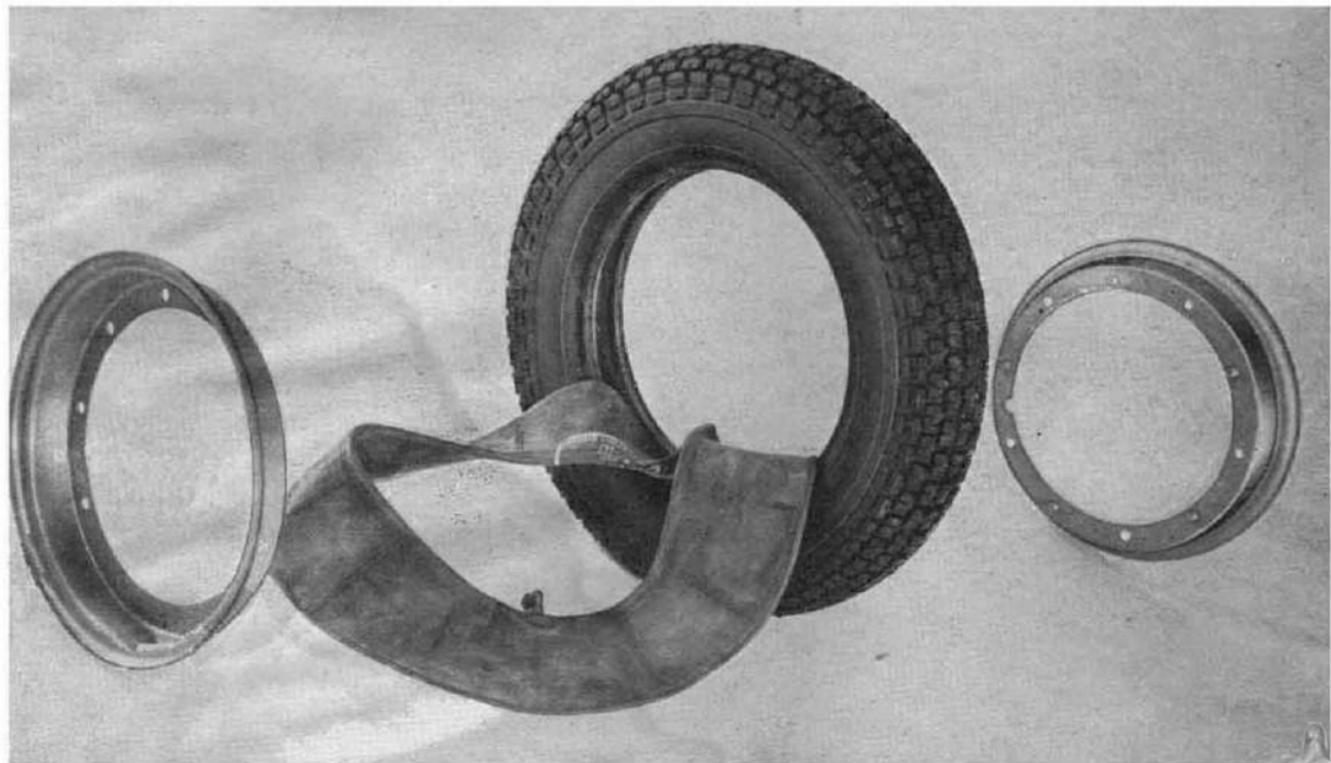


Fig. 15 - Tyre removal



## OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE: COMMON OPERATIONS TO CARRY OUT

| OPERATION                                                       | INSTRUCTIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | NOTES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <p><b>CHECKING AND SETTING THE FLYWHEEL MAGNETIC TIMING</b></p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Selector in neutral, take off the rubber plug located on the rotor and rotate it by hand until the contact breaker unit (fig. 16) is seen through the hole of the flywheel rotor.</li> <li>2) At the position indicated in the figure the contact breaker points « A » should start to open, i. e. when the extremity of the coil is at a distance of <math>2 \div 4</math> mm. (<math>0.078'' \div 0.15</math>) from the respective pole shoe.</li> <li>3) By rotating again the rotor by hand, <b>the max. opening</b> should be between the limits <b>0.3 to 0.5 mm. (<math>0.011''</math> to <math>0.019''</math>)</b>.</li> <li>4) If the conditions as per points 2) - 3) are not obtained, unscrew the screw « B » and rotate the cam « c » until for-said conditions are obtained.</li> </ol> | <p>In order not to disturb ignition timing, <b>do not slacken the stator plate or coil securing screws.</b></p> <p>If necessary to adjust the spark advance, <b>consult the Service Station.</b></p> <p>Ensure screw is tightened having finished the operation.</p> |



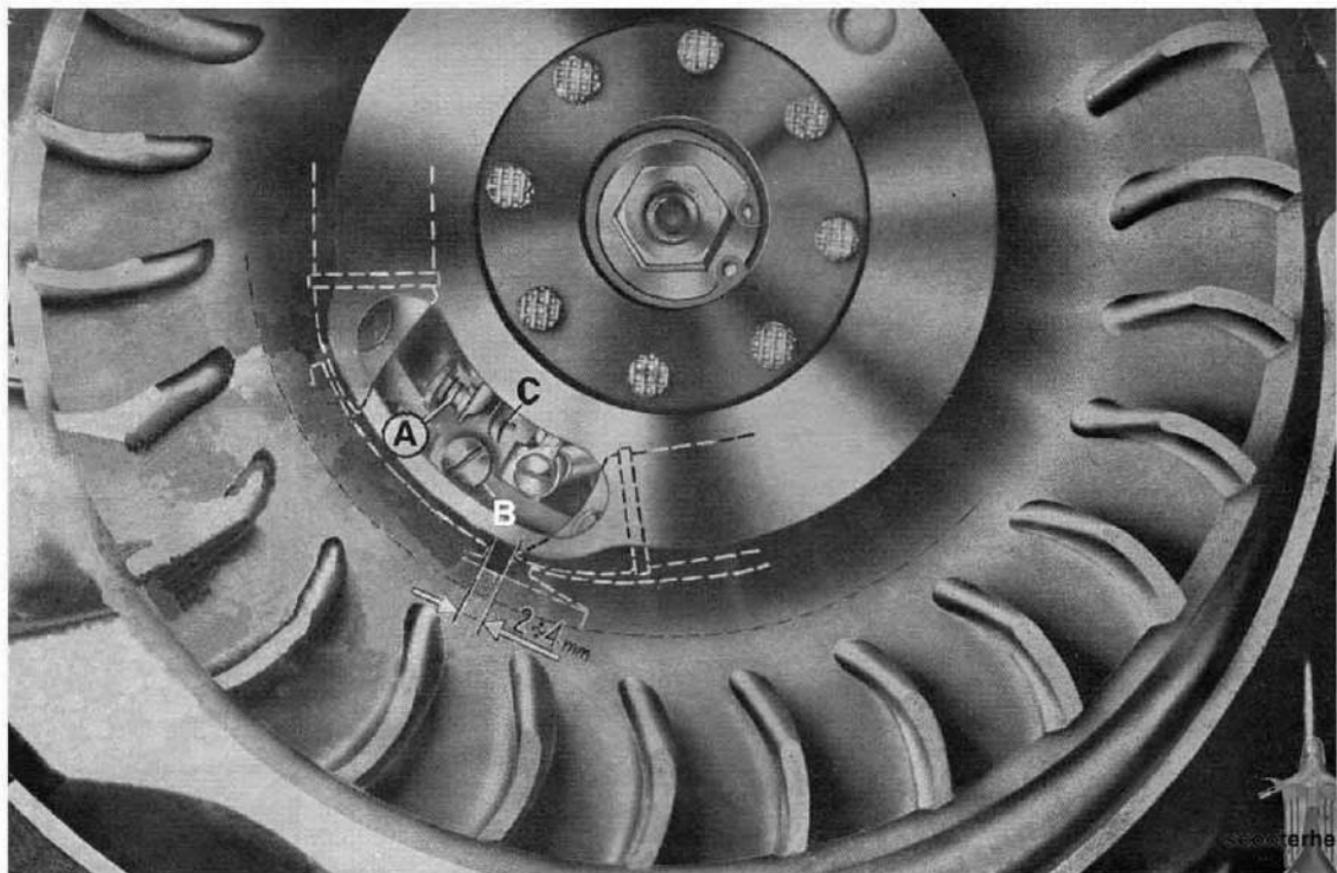


Fig. 16 - Operations for checking the <magnetic> timing of the wheel.

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| OPERATION                                                           | INSTRUCTIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | NOTES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <p><b>SUBSTITUTING BULBS</b></p> <p><b>SETTING THE HEADLAMP</b></p> | <p>Should one of the headlamp bulbs fail, before fitting a replacement, check the rear light bulb for serviceability and vice versa.</p> <p>The correct setting of the main beam can be obtained both horizontally and vertically as follows:</p> <p>Check that both front and rear tyres are inflated to correct pressures; i. e. 1.25 and 2.5 Kg/cm<sup>2</sup> (17 and 35.5 p.s.i.). Place the scooter on a level floor in front of a white wall as seen in Fig. 17. Start the engine, hold the throttle control twist grip at about 1/3 and set the switch on « main beam ».</p> <p>With two persons on the Vespa, slacken the two screws securing the headlamp, then move the latter as required, in order that the beam axis coincides with point « 0 » on the wall. Tighten the screw firmly.</p> | <p>Before switching on the new light bulbs, check (on assy.), that the socket contact points are efficient.</p> <p>This operation can be carried out also with the driver only sitting on the saddle. In this case, of course, the beam alignment should be altered whenever the scooter is being ridden by both driver and passenger.</p> |



## SETTING THE HEADLAMP

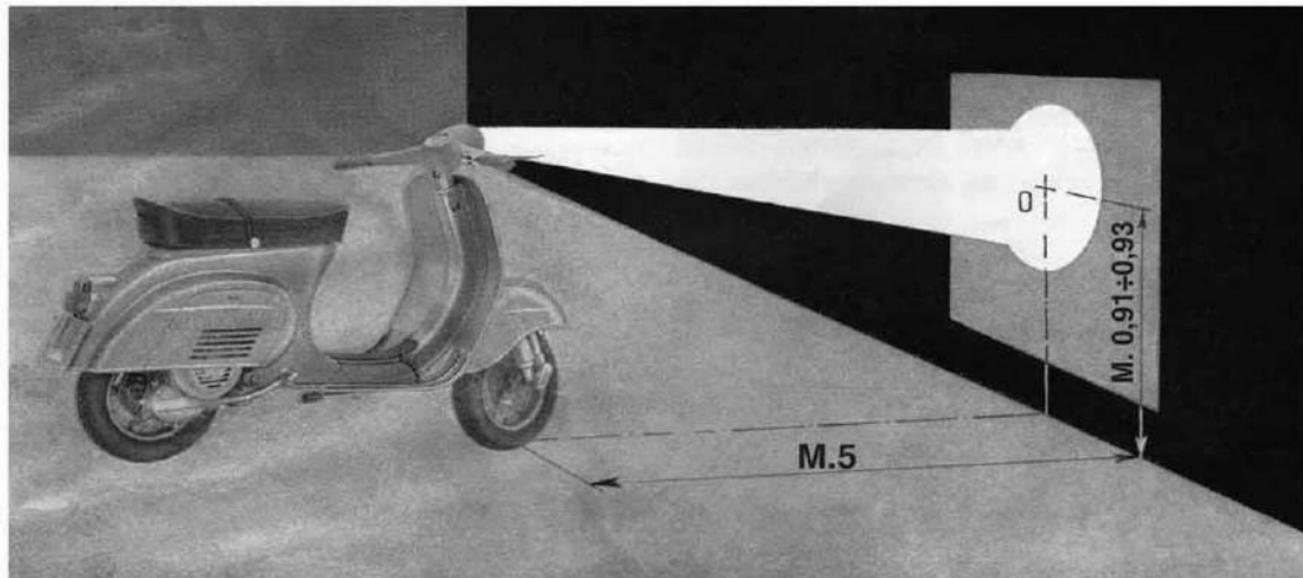


Fig. 17 - Setting the headlamp

N. B. - The point  $\langle 0 \rangle$  is valid for setting with one or two persons mounted.

Note: m. 5 = 16 FT approx.; m. 0.91 ÷ 0.93 = 3 FT approx.

## MAINTENANCE

When difficulties of starting or running occur, check the spark plug:

— Clean the spark plug electrodes with a steel wire or emery cloth and adjust the gap 0,6 mm. (0".023). Check porcelain insulation: if cracked or broken change the plug.

Clean in neat gasoline.

**It is advisable not to change the type of spark plug prescribed by factory.**

### Every 4000 Km (2400 mls):

- 1) - Check oil level in gear case.
- 2) - Clean the exhaust pipe using a hooked steel wire.
- 3) - De-coke the engine (see pag. 20) cylinder head, piston crown and cylinder ports). Ensure that not residual carbon deposits remain inside the cylinder.

4) - Lubricate the brake lever fulcrum points and the gear shifter.

5) - Remove air cleaner (see pag. 18) and wash it, in neat gasoline, air blast dry.

6) - Clean and grease the nipple of the front suspension (first detail, R. H. on fig. 18); remove the rubber plug of said suspension (fig. 18) and refill with grease the concerning housing.

### Every 8000 Km (4800 mls):

- 1) - Change oil in gear mechanism.
- 2) - Grease control cable and grease the felt lubricating pad in flywheel.
- 3) - Clean, and if necessary, register the contact breaker point (fig. 16). To avoid a faulty ignition or some other defects, **consult your Service - Station for this operation.**



## LAYING UP

We recommend that the following operations be carried out:

- 1) - Clean down the vehicle.
- 2) - With the engine stationary, piston at the lower dead center position, **remove the spark plug**, next, introduce through the

threaded hole of the latter 10 to 15 cc. of oil SAE 30. After said operation act on the kickstarter three or four times.

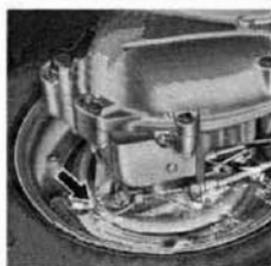
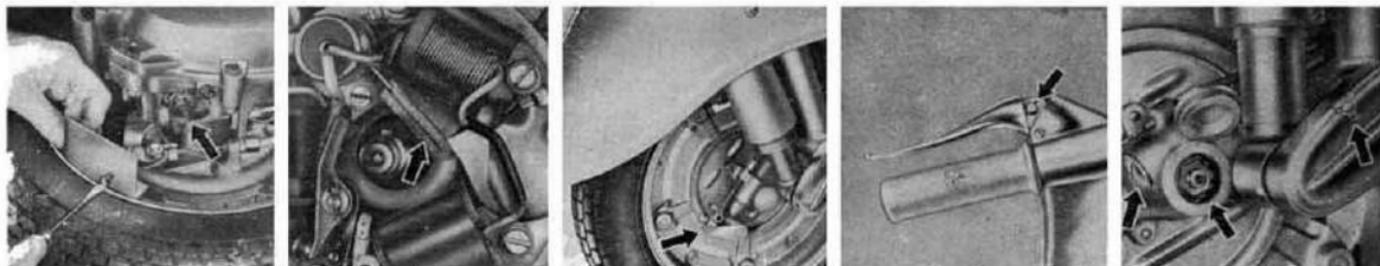
- 3) - Drain off all fuel contained in the fuel tank; then grease over all unpainted metallic parts; next raise the wheel off the ground by placing wooden chocks under the footrest.



## SUMMARY OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND LUBRICATION

| PRINCIPAL OPERATIONS TO CARRY OUT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Lubricants                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Notes                                  |
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| 4000 Km. (2400 mls)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Every 8000 Km. (4800 mls)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                        |
| <p><b>Gear box</b> (top up)</p> <p>Fulcrum points of <b>brake lever</b> and pedal</p> <p><b>Speedo</b> drive and transmission</p> <p><b>Gear selector</b></p> <p><b>Front suspension</b></p> <p>Decoking <b>silencer</b></p> <p>Decoking <b>cylinder head and piston</b> *</p> <p>Cleaning and adjusting sparking <b>plug electrodes</b></p> | <p><b>Gear box</b> (Change oil)</p> <p>Greasing <b>control cables</b> *</p> <p>Cleaning <b>air filter</b> (in petrol).</p> <p><b>Felt lubric. pad</b> on flywheel *</p> <p>Cleaning and adjusting <b>contact breaker points</b> (check timing *)</p> | <p>Oil SAE 30.</p> <p>} Esso Beacon 3<br/>Shell Retinax A<br/>Mobilgrease MP<br/>Total Multis.</p> <p>2% by volume pure oil SAE 30. (°)</p> <p>Esso Univis J 43 - Shell ...<br/>lus Oil 13 - Mobilfluid 62.</p> | <p>* Consult your Service Station.</p> |
| Engine: At each refilling (lubricated by oil in fuel).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                        |
| Front and rear dampers (only if defective *)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                        |





OIL SAE 30

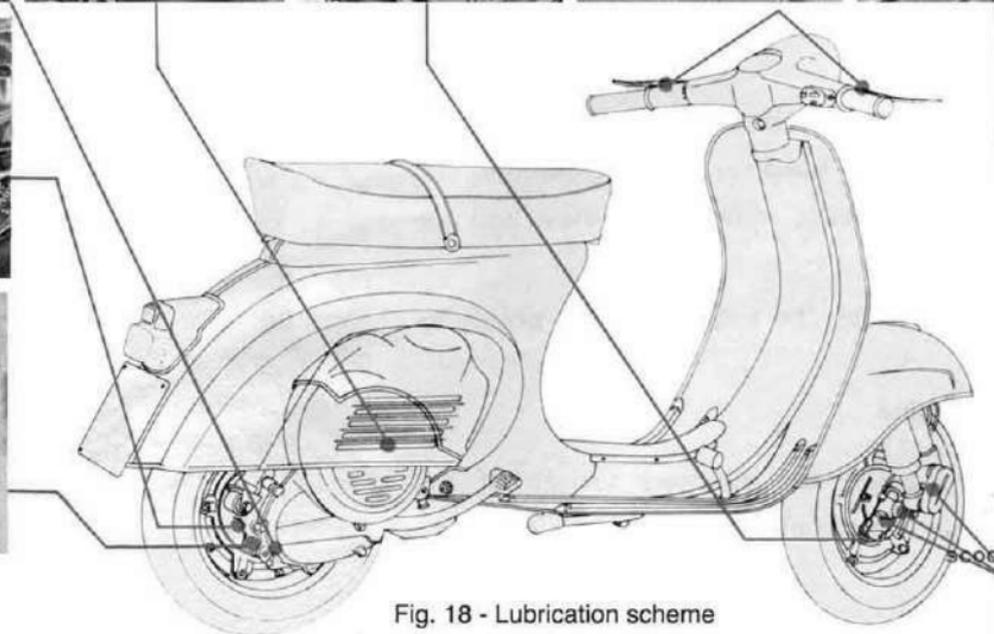


Fig. 18 - Lubrication scheme

Notice - For other lubricants see at page 30.



## CLEANING THE VEHICLE

### Notice :

**Washing and polishing operations** should not be carried out in the sun, particularly during the summer when the bodywork is warm.

**Under no circumstances should petrol or Diesel oil** be used for washing painted surfaces or plastic material as they will deteriorate.

Always wash the scooter before polishing.

### 1) Engine

For cleaning the exposed surface of the engine use paraffin, a brush and clean rags.

### 2) Bodywork.

#### — Washing.

Painted parts should be washed down using a low pressure hose. Do not use a high pressure system as grit may be forced into the paint.

When the dirt and grime becomes soft, sponge off using one of the « car type » shampoos available (use a product of the type Rolene and Teepol, which are used in aqueous solution, 3 ÷ 5% by weight). First, lightly wash the painted surface of the scooter, in order to avoid scratches. Thoroughly rinse with plenty of water and dry off using a clean chamois leather to avoid water marks.

#### — Spots.

To remove spots caused by tar, grease,



sects, etc., rub gently with a soft cloth dipped in oil or turpentine. More persistent marks can be removed with a solution of warm water and car shampoo.

Carry out this procedure periodically, to eliminate permanent paintwork damage.

#### — **Polishing.**

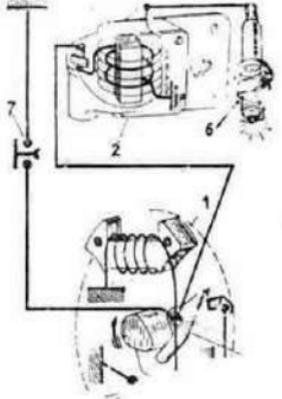
If after washing, as previously described, the original condition is not restored, apply evenly a thin coat of good quality wax polish and shine with a soft cloth, rubbing gently in a side to side manner.



## FAULT FINDING

When the machine does not run properly, inspect and rectify as explained below.

If the suggested remedies are not sufficient in eliminating the trouble, consult your Dealer.

| Fault finding                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Remedies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Notes                                                                                                                                 |
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| <p><b>HARD STARTING</b></p> <p>1. - Fuel system - Carburation - Ignition.</p> <p>Lack of fuel.</p> <p>Filter, jets, fuel tap, carburettor body clogged or dirty.</p> <p>Engine flooding.</p> <p>Air cleaner choked or dirty.</p> <p>Sparking plug dirty - Porcelain of sparking plug cracked.</p> <p>Breaker points dirty, worn or pitted; gap between point. incorrect.</p> | <p>Turn to Reserve and refill as soon as possible.</p> <p>Remove, wash in petrol and blow dry.</p> <p>See page 16.</p> <p>See page 18, fig. 12.</p> <p>Disconnect the plug lead. Check if sparking occurs between lead and crankcase when the kickstarter is operated.</p> <p>Consult your Dealer.</p> |  <p>1. Flywh<br/>3. - Fir<br/>breaker<br/>kick</p> |



| Fault Findings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Remedies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <p><b>VARIOUS RUNNING DEFECTS</b></p> <p><b>1. - Lack of power - High fuel consumption.</b></p> <p>spark plug misfiring (see fig. 19).</p> <p>Silencer (or engine) choked.</p> <p>Spark plug loose in the cyl. head.</p> <p>Cylinder head loose.</p> <p>Air filter choked or dirty or choke control incorrectly set.</p> <p><b>2. Defective electrical equipment</b></p> <p>Wire terminals disconnected or carelessly connected.</p> <p>Headlight beam incorrectly set.</p> <p>Defective bulb.</p> | <p>Clean or substitute. Clean the contact breaker - Check the electrode gap of the sparking plug; check the flywheel timing (see page 24 - 25).</p> <p>Clean (see page 28).</p> <p>Screw down with a wrench.</p> <p>Set head accurately and tighten nuts.</p> <p>Wash in neat petrol, air blast dry. Check choke control mechanism.</p> <p>Carefully check and connect.</p> <p>Adjust (see page 26).</p> <p>See page 26 for substituting.</p> | <p><b>Notice:</b> When the carburettor is defective, the engine is lack in compression, noisy engine, defective suspension and brakes, general mechanical failures, consult your Dealer.</p> |



## GENERAL SPECIFICATION

**Engine** (see fig. 6, performance and specifications at pag. 6): The engine is pivoted to the chassis of the vehicle through the crankcase swinging arm (clutch side).

The rear wheel is fitted on the outer side of the drive shaft.

**Lubrication** of engine components (piston, cylinder, crankshaft, main bearing - flywheel side) is effected by the oil in the fuel mixture.

The clutch, the main bearing - clutch side - and gear box function in an oil bath.

**Fuel supply** (see fig. 9): gravity feed with mixture of oil and gasoline.

Three way tap (« closed », « open », « reserve »).

Carburettor provided with a throttle slide and starter device; air intake located inside the frame.

**Clutch** (see fig. 6): multiplate on the layshaft. The unit is operated by opposite lever located on L. H. handlebars and adjustable cable.

**Gear box** (see fig. 8): four speed drive with mesh gears. Operated by the twist grip on L. H. handlebar which functions in conjunction with the **clutch** control lever.

Transmission ratio engine to driving wheels

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Bottom gear . . . . . | 1 : 14.74 |
| 2nd gear . . . . .    | 1 : 9.80  |
| 3rd gear . . . . .    | . : 7.06  |
| Top gear . . . . .    | 1 : 5.31  |

**Starting** (see fig. 7): by means of a kick-starter on the R. H. side of the vehicle.

**Cooling**: at all speeds by means of a trifugal fan.

**Integral chassis** (see fig sheet steel with streamline structure.



**Handlebars:** Light alloy casting comprising **speedometer**. All transmission cables and various controls are concealed therein.

**Suspensions:** front and rear suspensions with helical spring and hydraulic damper.

**Wheels:** Interchangeable and made up of 2 10" dia. pressed steel flanges, onto which mounted 3.00 - 10" tyres.

**Saddle:** dual saddle (optionally single saddle and luggage rack). The dual saddle provided with a clip.

**Brakes:** cable operated expanding type. Front brake is operated by hand-lever (R. H. handlebars); the rear brake is pedal operated on R. H. footboard.

**Parking stand:** a two legged stand with a central return spring.

**Steering lock:** this locking device operates by means of a sliding bar acting on the steering column (fig. 4).

## STANDARD TOOL KIT

**Wrenches:** 1 box wrench (11-13-21 mm.), 2 single open - ended wrenches (7 - 8 mm.).

**Screwdriver:** 1 item.

These tools are contained in a canvas roll together with this booklet which is placed in a tool box located under the saddle.

## A C C E S S O R I E S

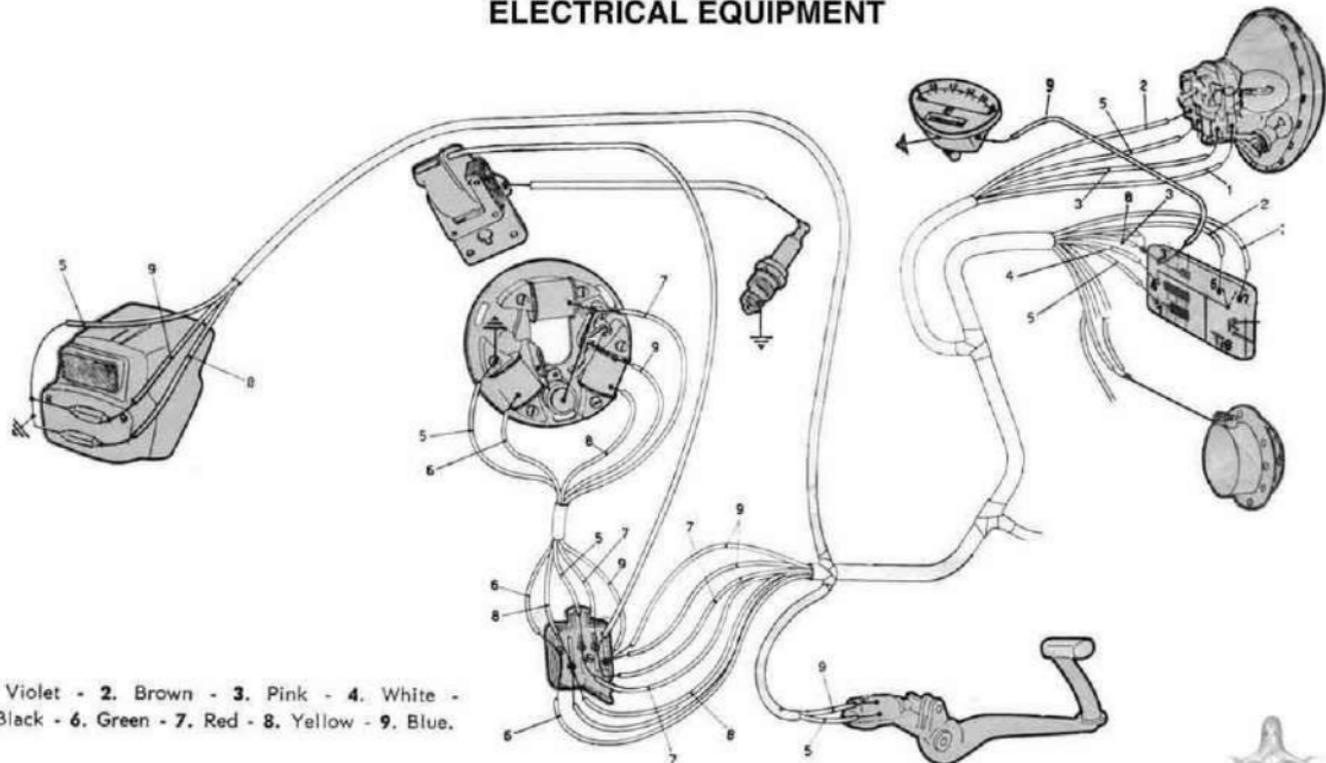
On request the vehicle can be furnished with a **foam rubber pillion seat**, which is to be applied over the luggage rack; with **spare wheel and bracket**, which can be secured to the vehicle a **windscreen**.

### Notice

For assembling said accessories we suggest to consult your Dealer.



## ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT



1. Violet - 2. Brown - 3. Pink - 4. White -  
5. Black - 6. Green - 7. Red - 8. Yellow - 9. Blue.

The electrical equipment is feed by alternating current, nominal voltage 6 V. This equipment consists of the following lighting and signalling devices: The headlamp, dia. 115 mm., 6 V - 25/25 W bulb (meat [ssdoterhelp.com](http://www.ssdoterhelp.com) ped beam); front pilot light and light for registration plate 6 V - 5 W; Stop light 6 V - 10 W (Horne 6 V c.); Speedometer bulb 6 V - 0,6 W.



## ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

Fig. 20 - 21 - Installation of electrical equipment - see Fig. at page 38 and electrical connections - see Fig. at the present page.

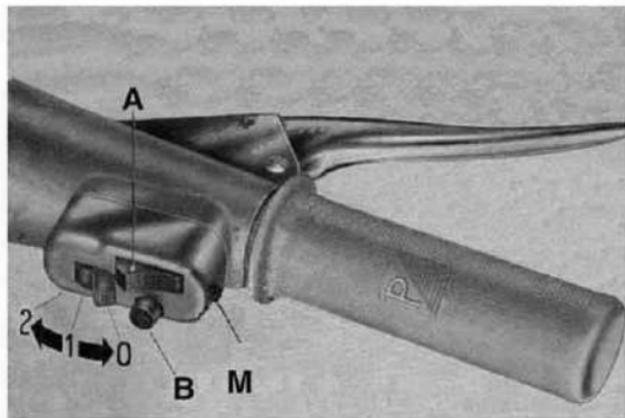
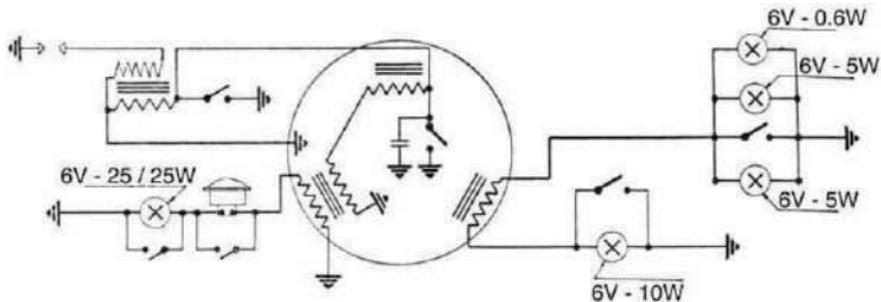


Fig. 22 - Light and dip switch

0 - 1 - 2: Switching lever positions. - 0, Lights off. - 1, Pilot light and tail lamp on. - 2, Head light and tail lamp on - A: Main and dipped beam switch - B: Horn button - M: Engine cut-out.



## IDENTIFICATION DATA

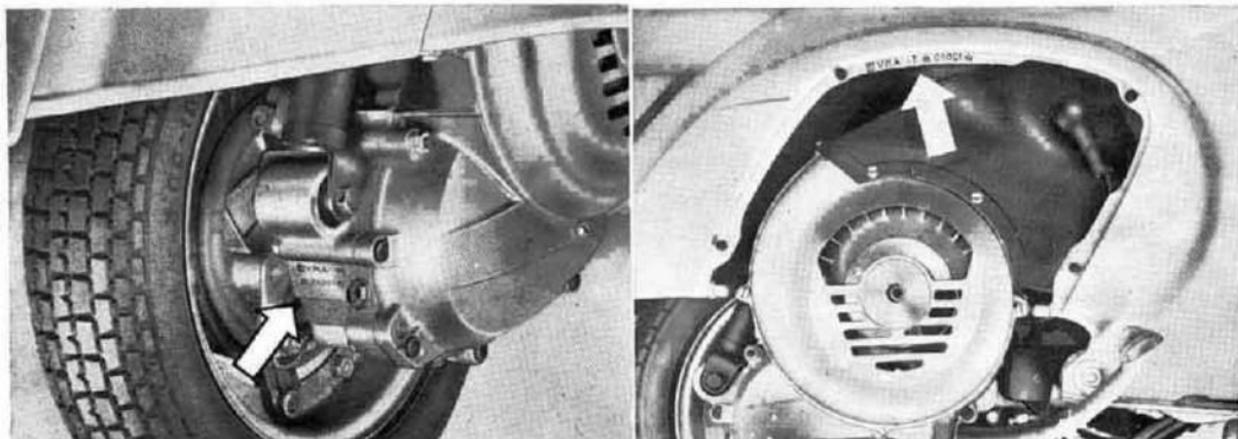


Fig. 23 - Serial number stamped on engine VMA 2 M..... and serial number stamped on frame VMA 2 T..... the respective progressive numbers.

**Notice** - These numbers should be quoted when ordering Spare Parts.

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# VESPA

Your vehicle differs from that one illustrated on the booklet « Operation and Maintenance » mainly because it is endowed with an electrical equipment with front and rear turn signal lamps (see electrical diagram).

We point out that the engine ignition is of the type with flywheel magneto; the battery feeds the lighting and signalling devices. The battery charge current, supplied by the alternator flywheel, is controlled by a proper electronic regulator, but it does not work if the battery is quite discharged.

In order to avoid a possible cause of discharge of the battery **don't let never a long time the key of the switch « D » on the position 1 or 2** (inserted key) with the engine cut-out. If the battery is quite discharged, disconnect it from the circuit and recharge from the outside.

When the battery is re-installed on the vehicle take care that **the breather tube of battery vapours is introduced into the proper hole on the bottom of the cowl.**

Except for the cases of emergency, don't use the vehicle when the battery is disconnected as the electronic regulator can be damaged.

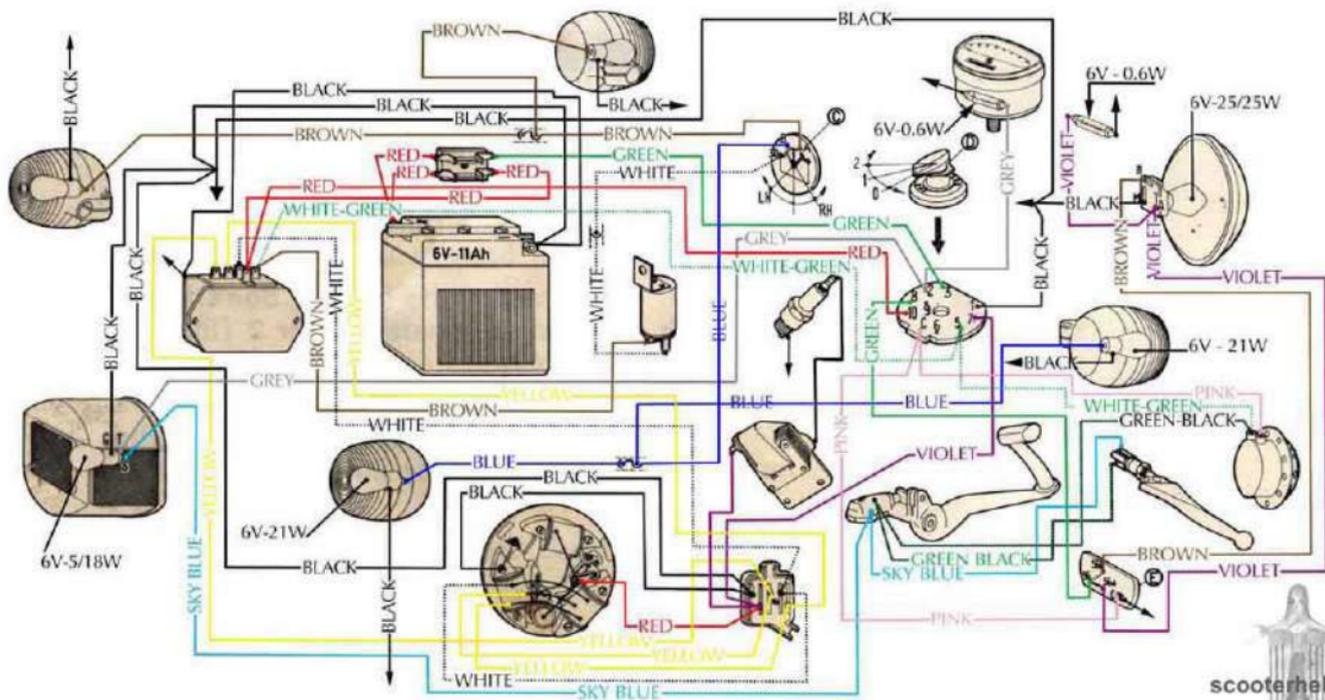


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## Wiring Diagram Vespa Super and Sprint - Veloce (Safety Standards 1973)



**Turn signal lamps switch « C » LH:** Turn signal lamps (left hand) — **R. H.:** turn signal lamps (right hand).

**Ignition key switch « D » 0:** Engine cut-out, ignition to ground (contacts 1, 7 units out circuit) — **1:** Engine running, direct current to horn, Stop light, and turn signal lamps; (contacts 10 (a), 5) — **2:** Engine running, direct current to horn, Stop light, turn signal lamps, headlamp, main beam warning light, speedometer and licence plate (contacts 10 (a), 5 and 2, 3, 8).

**Switch « E »** — Endowed with lever for switching headlamp lights, and horn push-button.



# VESPA

## NOTICE

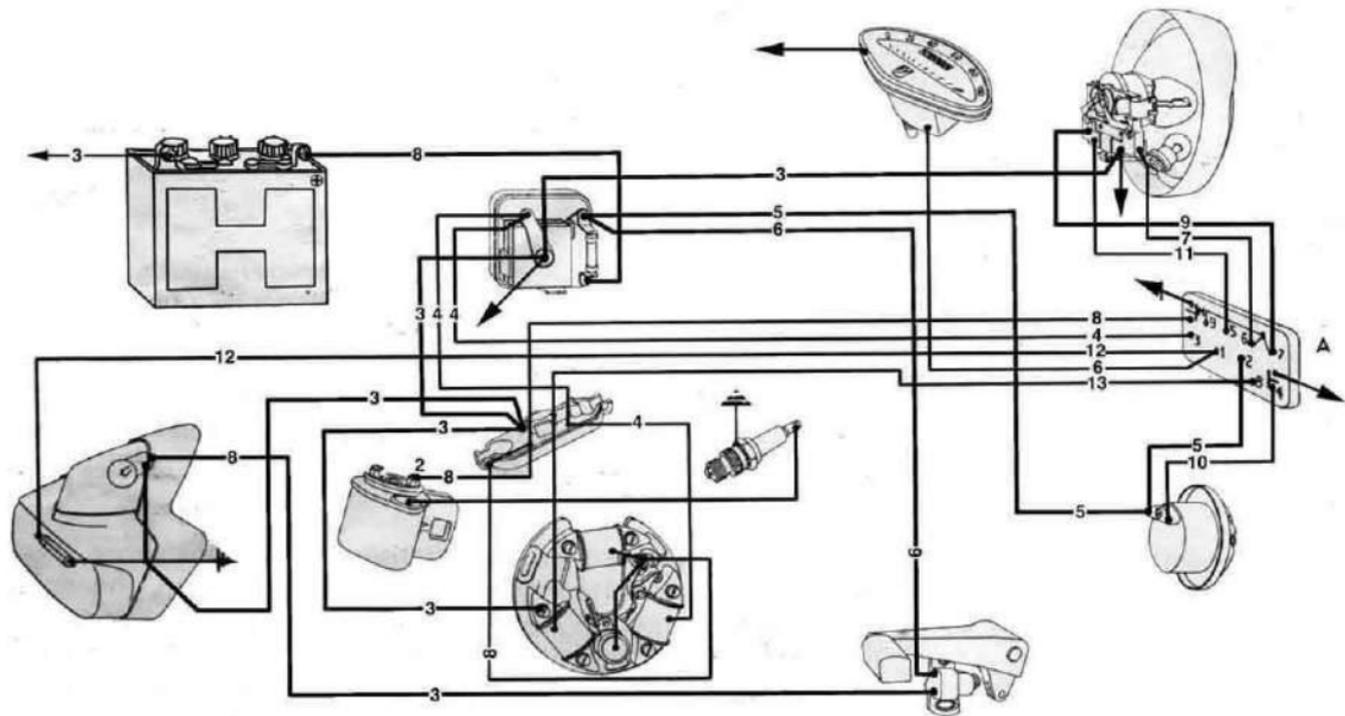
Sur ce véhicule l'installation électrique présente de meilleures caractéristiques par rapport à celles illustrées dans le livret « Emploi et Entretien », étant donné que le klaxon, le feu Stop, le feu de position AV. sont alimentés en courant continu (6V - 7 Ah) au lieu d'être alimentés en courant alternatif; le feu AR. et le cadran du compteur - kilométrique sont alimentés en courant alternatif ou bien en courant continu selon que soient allumés le projecteur ou bien les feux de position (voir le schéma de l'installation dans les deux figures de cette page).

On this vehicles the electrical plant has improved characteristics respect to those illustrated in the booklet « Operation and Maintenance », insomuch as, the horn, the stop light, front pilot light are fed by a d. c. (6V - 7 Ah battery) instead of an a. c.; the rear light and that of the speedometer dial are fed in a. c. or d. c. depending on as to whether the headlamp or the pilot light are on (see electrical plant and wiring diags).



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**Ampoules**  
**Bulbs**  
**Birnen**  
**Bombillas**

- 6V - 25 25 W: phare AV. - Headlamp - Scheinwerfer - Faro delantero.
- 6 V - 3 W: feux position AV. et AR. - Front and rear lights - Vordere und hintere Standlichter - Luz de posición delan. y trasera.
- 6 V - 0,6 W: Compteur Kms (pas montée sur le mod. 125) - Kilometerzählerbeleuchtung (nicht auf Modelle 125 montiert) - Iluminación cuentakm. (no montada en la Vespa 125).
- 6 V - 10 W: feu stop - Stop light - Stoplicht - Luz de paro. (For the English Markt the bulb is



**A:** Plaque à bornes du commutateur - déviateur - **2:** Bornes br ext - **3:** Noir  
**5:** Vert - **6:** Bleu - ciel - **7:** Marron - **8:** Rouge - **9:** Violet - **10:** Rose - **12:**

**A:** Switch board - **2:** External ignition coil clamping nuts - **3:** Black - **4:** Yellow - **5:**  
**7:** Brown - **8:** Red - **9:** Violet - **10:** White - **11:** Pink - **12:** Grey - **13:** Yellow black

**A:** Umschalterplatte - **2:** Zündspulenklammern - **3:** Schwarz - **4:** Gelb - **5:** Grün - **6:** Hellblau - **7:** Braun  
**8:** Rot - **9:** Violett - **10:** Weiß - **11:** Rosa - **12:** Grau - **13:** Schwarz - gelb.

**A:** Placa de bornes del conmutador - desviador - **2:** Bornes de la bobina A. T. exterior - Negro  
**4:** Amarillo - **5:** Verde - **6:** Azul - **7:** Marrón - **8:** Rojo - **9:** Morado - **10:** Blanco - **11:** Rosa - **12:** Gris  
**13:** Negro - amarillo.

**N. B.** - Sur les Vespa 125 la bobine H. T. est constituée par la même bobine d'allumage placée dans le volant magnétique.

**N. B.** - On the Vespa 125, the H. T. coil is constituted from the same ignition coil mounted on the fly wheel magneto.

**N. B.** - Auf der Vespa 125 ist die Hochspannungsspule die im Schwungradmagnetzünder angebrachte Zündspule selbst.

**N. B.** - En las Vespas 125 la bobina es la misma bobina de encendido situada en el volante.



## ANMERKUNG

Die elektrische Anlage auf diesem Fahrzeug weist bessere Eigenschaften auf als jene im Büchlein « Bedienungsanleitung » illustrierte, denn die Hupe, das Stoplicht, das vordere Standlicht sind anstatt mit Wechselstrom mit Gleichstrom gespeist (6V - 7Ah Batterie); die Schlußleuchte und Kilometerzählerbeleuchtung sind durch Wechsel- oder Gleichstrom gespeist, je nachdem ob der Scheinwerfer oder das Standlicht eingeschaltet sind (siehe das Schema der elektrischen Anlage auf den beiden Abbildungen dieses Zettels).

## ADVERTENCIA

Sobre este vehículo la instalación eléctrica presenta mejores características con respecto a las ilustradas en el folleto « Empleo y Entretenimiento », pues el claxon, la luz de paro, la luz de posición delantera son alimentadas en corriente continua (batería 6V - 7 Ah) en lugar de corriente alterna; la luz trasera y la luz del cuentakilómetros son alimentadas en corriente alterna o bien en corriente continua según estén prendidos el faro o las luces de posición (ver el esquema de la instalación en las figuras de esta página).



## **ANWEISUNGEN ZUR INBETRIEBSETZUNG DER TITANO BATTERIE TYP 3 P 3 6V - 7 Ah (TROCKENLADUNG) IN 20 STUNDEN.**

Diese Batterie ist mit Trockenladungsplatten hergestellt, das heißt sie kann mit einer sehr reduzierten Ladungszeit gebrauchsfertig gemacht werden. Die Batterie muß mit 31 Bè (1270) Schwefelsäure bis zur Zwischenplatte gefüllt werden. Für 2 Stunden ruhen lassen und dann mit derselben Säure den Stand wiederherstellen.

Ladungsstrom  $0,7 \div 1$  Amp. für 6-8 Stunden einhalten. Kontrollieren, daß die Batterie  $45^{\circ}\text{C}$  nicht überschreitet. Ist dies der Fall, so muß der Strom auf die Hälfte oder auf  $\frac{1}{4}$  verringert werden, indem die Ladungszeit dementsprechend verlängert wird. Sollte das nicht genügen, dann muß der Strom für einige Stunden ausgeschaltet und mit niedrigen Stromwerten wieder begonnen werden.

Während der letzten Ladungsstunde überprüfen, daß die Spannung ungefähr 2,7 Volt pro Zelle erreicht und sich für mindestens 2 Kontrollen, die in Abständen von ungefähr  $\frac{1}{2}$  Stunde ausgeführt werden, konstant hält. Ist das nicht der Fall, die Ladung für einige Stunden verlängern. Wenn nötig während der Ladung den Elektrolytstand mit destilliertem Wasser (bis zur gelöcherten Zwischenplatte) wiederherstellen.

Wenn nötig die überschüssige Säure beseitigen.

## **ANWEISUNGEN ZUR WARTUNG DER BATTERIE**

Die Batterie stets bei niedriger Polarität aufladen, indem man das Positiv der Batterie (+) an das Positiv (+) der Leitung anschließt.

Die Entlüfter-Pfropfen während der Ladung lockern und nach erfolgter Ladung wieder festmachen.

Die entladene Batterie mit Ladungsstrom  $0,7 \div 1$  Amp. wiederaufladen bis zur konstanten Spannung von 2,6-2,7 Volt pro Zelle (gewöhnlich genügen 12 Stunden); dabei kontrollieren, daß  $45^{\circ}\text{C}$  nie überschritten werden.

Jeden Monat mit destilliertem Wasser den Stand bis zur Zwischenplatte wiederherstellen.

Die Packel trocken halten und die Polklemmen mit Vaseline einfetten. Bei längerer Nichtbenutzung 3 Stunden monatlich mit  $0,7 \div 1$  Amp. aufladen.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE INITIAL CHARGE OF THE BATTERY TITANO MOD. 3 P 3 (DRY CHARGED) 6V - 7 Ah IN 20 HOURS.

This battery is constructed with dry charged plates, that is to say the initial charging time is considerably reduced. The battery must be filled with sulphuric acid, density 31 Bè (1270) up to the level of the perforated separator plates. Let the battery stand for two hours, and if necessary after this period top up with the same acid.

Start charging with a current intensity of  $0,7 \div 1$  A for a period of 6 to 8 hrs.

Check that the temperature of the battery does not exceed  $45^{\circ}\text{C}$ . If this results, decrease the charging current to a  $\frac{1}{2}$  or a  $\frac{1}{4}$  of its value and prolong the charging time in proportion to the new intensity. If this is still not sufficient, cease charging for some hours; then restart with a further reduction of intensity.

During the final hour of charging check that the tension in each cell reaches 2,7 V, and remains constant for the following two inspections, carried out at intervals of  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr. If this is not the case, prolong the charge for some hours. During the charging, if necessary, top up the electrolyte level (up to that of the perforated spacer plates) with distilled water. If necessary eliminate excessive acid.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE BATTERY

Ensure that on charging, the positive (+) pole of the battery is connected to the (+) cable.

Loosen the breather caps during the charging operation and reighten on completion of charge.

Recharge the discharged battery, at a current intensity of  $0,7 \div 1$  A until a constant tension of 2,6 to 2,7V per element is obtained (normally only 12 hours are necessary), check that the temperature does not exceed  $45^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Top up each month with distilled water so as to keep the level up to perforated separator plates.

Carefully dry the cell caps and coat the terminals with vaseline. Get long periods of storage charge for a period of three hours at a current intensity of  $0,7 \div 1$  Amps.



**NORMAS PARA LA PUESTA EN SERVICIO DE LA BATERIA TITANO TIPO 3 P 3 (CARGADA SECA) DE 6V - 7 Ah EN 20 HORAS**

Esta batería está construida con chapas cargadas-secas, es decir puede ponerse en servicio, con una carga muy reducida. Por lo tanto es suficiente llenar la batería con ácido sulfúrico de densidad 31 Bé (1270) hasta la chapa agujereada. Dejar descansar durante 2 horas y re-establecer el nivel con el mismo ácido. Cargar con  $0,7 \div 1 \text{ A}$  por  $6 \div 8$  horas.

Verificar que la temperatura de la batería no sobrepase los  $45^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Si así fuera reducir a la mitad o a  $\frac{1}{4}$  la intensidad aumentando en proporción el tiempo de carga. Si esto no fuera suficiente interrumpir durante unas horas la carga y luego cargar a régimen reducido.

En la última hora de carga verificar que la tensión de cada elemento sea aproximadamente  $2,7 \text{ V}$  y quede constante por lo menos durante 2 lecturas efectuadas cada  $\frac{1}{2}$  hora. Si así no fuera aumentar el tiempo de carga durante unas horas.

Durante la carga, de ser necesario restablecer con agua destilada el nivel del electrolito (hasta la chapa agujereada).

Terminada la carga, el nivel debe quedar a hilo de la chapa: quitando, de ser necesario el ácido excedente.

**NORMAS PARA LA MANUTENCION DE LA BATERIA**

Cargar siempre la batería con la correcta polaridad conectando el positivo (+) de la línea con el positivo (+) de la batería.

Destornillar los tapones durante la carga y atornillarlos apretándolos después de la carga.

Recargar la batería descargada con  $0,7 \div 1 \text{ A}$  de intensidad hasta la tensión constante de  $2,6 \div 2,7 \text{ V}$  por cada elemento; (normalmente son suficientes 12 horas), verificar que la temperatura no sobrepase nunca de los  $45^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Añadir cada mes agua destilada hasta el nivel de la chapa agujereada. Mantener cuidadosamente secos los tapones y engrasar con vaselina los bornes. Durante un largo período de inactividad, cargar por tres horas cada mes a  $0,7 \div 1 \text{ Amp}$ .



## INSTRUCTIONS POUR LA MISE EN SERVICE DE LA BATTERIE TITANO MOD. 3 P 3 (CHARGÉE SECHE) DE 6V - 7Ah EN 20 HEURES.

Cette batterie est construite avec des plaques chargées-sèches, c'est-à-dire qu'elle peut être mise en service avec une charge très réduite. C'est pourquoi il suffit de remplir la batterie d'acide sulfurique d'une densité de 31 Bè (1270) jusqu'à la plaque perforée. Mettre en charge à l'intensité de  $0,7 \div 1$  A pendant 6 à 8 heures. Contrôler que la température de la batterie ne dépasse pas  $45^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Si cela se produisait réduire l'intensité de moitié ou à  $1/4$ , en prolongeant le temps de charge proportionnellement. Au cas où cela ne suffirait pas, interrompre la charge pendant quelques heures puis rétablir la charge à régime réduit.

Pendant la dernière heure de charge vérifier que la tension de chaque élément atteigne environ 2,7 V, et reste constante au moins pendant deux contrôles effectués à intervalles d'une  $1/2$  heure.

Au cas où cela ne se vérifierait pas, prolonger la charge pendant quelques heures.

Pendant la charge, si cela est nécessaire rétablir le niveau de l'électrolyte (jusqu'à la plaque perforée) avec de l'eau distillée, une fois la charge terminée éliminer, s'il le faut l'acide en surplus.

## INSTRUCTIONS POUR L'ENTRETIEN DE LA BATTERIE

Charger toujours la batterie à la polarité juste en reliant le pôle positif (+) de la batterie au câble positif (+).

Dévisser les bouchons pendant la charge.

Recharger la batterie déchargée à l'intensité de  $0,7 \div 1$  Amp. jusqu'à une tension constante de 2,6 à 2,7 Volts par élément (normalement 12 heures suffisent), en contrôlant que la température ne dépasse jamais  $45^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Rétablir le niveau de l'électrolyte chaque mois au moyen d'eau distillée. Essuyer soigneusement les couvercles et enduire les bornes de vaseline. Pendant un long emmagasinage charger pendant trois heures par mois

$0,7 \div 1$  Amp.



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