

SOUPER SCOOTER

Build a better 'bretta with this tuning advice from Rafferty Newman's racing shop



Scooter sport is most certainly increasing, judging from the events planned for next season, and it is gathering a growing band of enthusiastic followers.

Machines vary from the virtually standard to the fullblown racing variety like the outfits pictured above.

Down at the Rafferty Newman shop in West Street, Fareham, where they build their own racers and do a good job making other people's scooters go quicker, Les Rafferty showed us how he builds up a racing Lambretta.

To start, you don't need to take the motor out of the

frame it can be stripped *in situ*. Les started on a 200 which had had the crankshaft removed. The gearbox and clutch were still *virgo intacto*, as the saying goes.

The best crankshaft to use is the GP-type–it has a stronger conrod and the taper is better for the later type flywheel.

The shaft web is the full circle type, with a couple of holes in it. These can be filled up to reduce crankcase volume, and Les uses cork discs made from bottle corks from the chemist. Aluminium plugs could also be made; in either case, they are stuck in with Araldite. When you fit the nearside crankcase cover or bearing housing, don't fit the gasket. This allows the housing to go further into the case and reduces volume still more. Use nonsetting jointing compound to keep the seal.

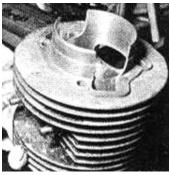
The next step is for racers only. The flywheel can be cut down substantially-see photograph above-and the coils removed from the stator, leaving the contact breaker unit. Rafferty Newman will do this for you if you give them the flywheel and some money.

Ignition is then supplied from a battery, through a coil to the contact breakers.

The barrel can be altered



Starting at the crankshaft the two holes in the flywheel can be filled with aluminium or cork plugs held by Araldite



The ports in the barrel may be modified, as described In text below. Make sure that the transfer ports match cutaways on piston



There is no special exhaust pipe available but, one can easily be made up for use with silencer- see below

fairly drastically by opening the ports and by overboring to a larger size. The ports go like this: exhaust–raised 2.5 mm, sideways 1 mm each way; transfer–just make sure they both open at the same time; intake–lower by 2 mm, widen by 3 mm on right-hand side (offside).

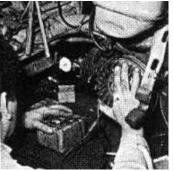
overbored

Bore conversations complete with pistons will give the following increases: 150-175 cc, 175-200 cc, 200-225 cc, and Rafferty Newman can supply special Dykes pistons for these and the standard 200.

One point-they have the



The timing side case can be fitted without a gasket to reduce crankcase clearence. Use a jointing compound



Timing can be set most accurately with a dial gouge and AVO- motor or light bulb connected across the contact breaker points



If a central plug is fitted. The cylinder cowl will need an extra hole. Never run without the cowling fitted

ring pegs at the rear, so make sure they're fitted the right way round. The arrow stamped on the crown points towards the exhaust port.

Ignition timing, on the hairier motors, is recommended by Les as 2.5 mm btdc. He sets it up with a dial gauge and a continuity tester on the cb points.

Cylinder heads can be machined down to give a high compression ratio, the one Les was building was running on 10.5:1. Also heads with a central squish band can be altered to fit a central plug. This necessitates cutting a suitable hole in the cowling.

To prevent cowlings,



For racing, the lighting coils can be removed and the flywheel cut down as shown. Ignition Is by battery and coil



Cylinder heads can be machined down to give higher compression ratio. Central plug may be fitted to central squish-type head

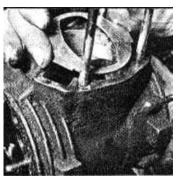


A larger carb may require a cut away in the cover–this kind of air scoop can easily be made up and flitted

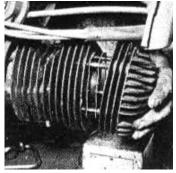
coming adrift, use Allen screws to hold them down, and wire the screw heads together,

The engine will need a bigger carburettor to breathe through, and intake manifolds are available to suit Amal, Phillips, or a 30 mm Dell'Orto. The Amal used is the 930 (30 mm) Concentric.

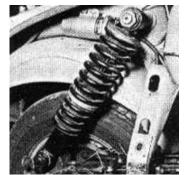
Finally, there are several engine sprockets available and gear clusters are interchangeable, giving a variety of gears-for more information, we recommend Ken Herlingshaw's book, *Performance Tuning end Conversions.*



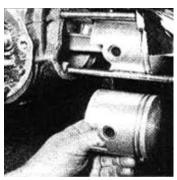
This crankcase packing plate is a help to all models except the GP which already has a web to take up crankcase clearance



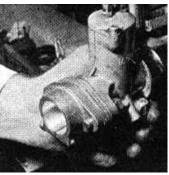
Use the standard gaskets on both the cylinder hood and the cylinder base. Changing base gaskets will affect timing



The original dampers soon lose their efficiency; these Girling units are much stronger. The spring rate Is not changed



The Dykes piston shown fitted is of high silicon alloy and doesn't smear. Ring position gives better port timing. Comp ratio is the same



The standard carburettor can be changed for an Amal, Phillips, or larger Dell'Orto, using this manifold flange.



Front brake cables brought over the front of fork leg may need a guard–an alloy sheet like a this can be made up easily

Price List

| | £ | s | d |
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| Girling damper | 4 | 7 | 6 |
| engine sprocket | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| modified flywheel | 1 | 10 | 0 exchange |
| 6 - Volt Battery | 2 | 9 | 6 |
| Coil | 2 | 10 | 0 exchange |
| modified barrel (ports) | 6 | 10 | 0 exchange |
| overbored barrel | 2 | 10 | 0 exchange |
| Dykes piston (for 225) | 4 | 5 | 0 |
| (others) | 3 | 19 | 6 |
| skimmed head and central plug | 5 | 0 | 0 exchange |
| crankcase packing plate | | 12 | 6 |
| flywheel padding kit | | 7 | 0 |
| intake manifold (Amal. etc) | 1 | 5 | 0 |

Note: all parts available from Rafferty Newman, 260 West St. Farham, Hants. There is no postage charge for normal spares, but for conversions and modifications it is 8s 6d.