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It's a weel bargain, me ol' mate. Look, I'll fwow in some 'igh quality engineering and the lowest price tag yer've evver seen. Now yer can't say more than that, can yer? Olly Duke browses amongst a new range of Chinese bikes and finds some real bargains.

heap, well-made, reliable transport. Or just a joke. While Chinese-made bikes may raise a titter from hardened motorcyclists, to one man they are the future.

With the exchange rates forcing the Japanese Yen through the roof, machines from the Land of the Rising Sun are becoming less and less affordable to yer average British biker.

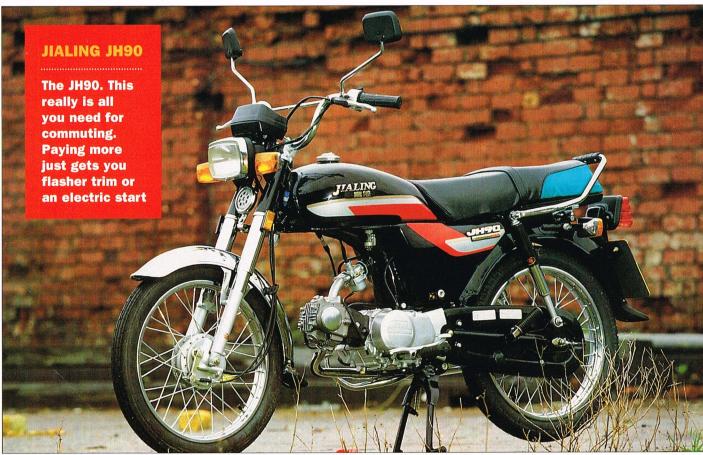
Which is where Cyril Chell of Easy Rider Ltd. steps in. He is importing a range of motorcycles which reflects the new China and its mushrooming industry, rather than the paddyfieldsand-boiled rice image of the past.

"I've had my eye on this market for some time now," explains Chell "Without cheap and reliable machines being available, motorcycling will continue to go downhill. there has been a dramatic improvement in the quality of Chinese-made bikes in the last couple of years, which means they offer great value for money."

His range of machines seems almost ridiculously cheap ranging from just £399 for a scooter to £1,499 for a 125cc trailie. He points to his comparison chart "You see," he enthuses, "the last time a similar trail bike sold for that price was in 1990. And my CJ50K scooter's price goes back to 1985."

He then marches throught the workshop and instructs his mechanic to show me engine parts. "Look at the workmanship on the barrel and cylinder head - they're equal to anything Japanese. And the valve gear - it's beautifully made."

He's right. There's not a fault to be found. These



bikes may look like something out the '80s, but they certainly seem to offer value for money.

The learner-legal JH125L Trail Blazer, for instance, isn't going to blaze pasty anything. With 11bhp on tap and a top speed of around 65mph, it is a bit of a slug, but who can argue with its price tag of £1,499?

The welding is a bit messy, but overall this trailie looks smart and the build quality is otherwise up to Japanese standards. It features 12 volt electrics, a tin bash plate, an easy-access tool box, lacquered fork legs and a decent paint job. Easy rider graphics are added on in Britain to brighten it up.

The four- stroke engine with CDI ignition, is a carbon copy of the old Honda XL125 unit. Japanese-made items on this bike include suspension, switchgear, locking filler cap and generator, while the drive chain comes from DID. Manufacturer Jialing is so switched on that it now even supplies pistons to the Japanese.

There's a familiar '80s feel to the JH125L, with twin rear shocks, drum brakes front and rear, and kick start only. But it bursts into life easily, and in town and off-road it is particularly pleasant to ride. The air-cooled motor is a bit of a damp squib. Even if you rev to the 10,500 red line it feels gutless and overtaking with traffic moving more then 40mph can be entertaining, if not a little frightening. But it competes well enough in the hustle and bustle of urban life and it will just about smoke a Metro.

The five-speed gearbox is surprising slick, while the clutch lever action is light. First and second gears are short, just perfect for green laning, which is where the JH125L is happiest. At 242lbs and with wide bars, the Trail Blazer is effortless to control, and the tallish seat gives you a clear view of the queue of traffic you'll fight to get past.

The tyres are semi-knobbly and Chinese-made, but not the disaster you might expect. The compound is soft enough to give decent grip, even in the wet.

The seat is wide, soft and comfortable, but pillions'legs will shudder at every pothole as the footpegs are fixed to the swingarm. There is no centre stand and the old-style Honda tacho and speedo are easy to read. The JH125L comes in two versions: the normal twin seat, or an optional single seat with carrier.

For pure townies, Chell offers the JH90. If you want to tazz round for under a grand, this is the bike for you. It's almost quaintly period, with an engine that is lifted from the Honda Cub and styling that's almost classic.

The mudguards are pressedsteel, the fuel tank is rounded and sleek, brakes are drum, the chain is fullyenclosed and there's kickstart only.

It looks belie its ability, for the JH90 is nippy and fast enough to get away from the pursuing hoard of four wheelers. At 180lbs, it makes the ideal urban transport for anyone with a styling black spot.

The air-cooled, four-stroke engine is extremely smooth, even when revved., and although it only produces 6bhp and has a top speed of just 50mph, it still feels lively.

The rotary gearbox is dead confusing to use, because the heel-and-toe gear lever takes you straight from fourth into first - not a good idea! Chell's workshop can convert the box to a conventional one within half an hour - well worth the wait.

The forks and shocks are made in China, and are crude compared to Japanese

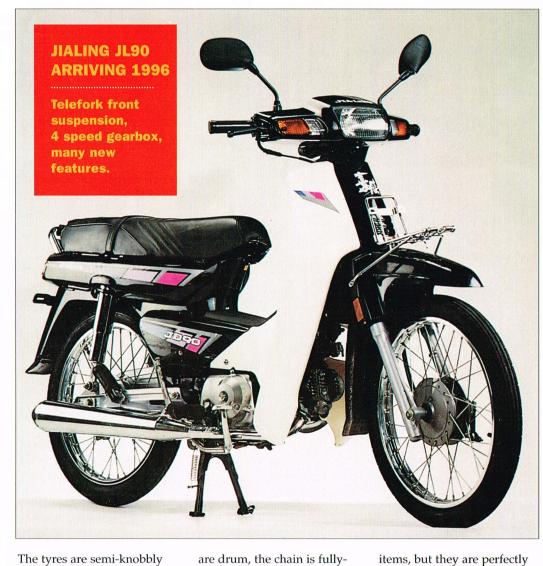
adequate for two-up riding around town.

Electrics are 12-volt with a CDI Ignition and the brakes are strong enough to lock up the wheels. The riding position is comfortable, but again the pillion pegs are attached to the swingarm.

Both the JH125L and the JH90 are competent transport. Spares are readily available and the engines are simple enough to be serviced by even the most mechanically inhibited.

If neither of these two bikes takes your fancy, Easy Rider has a wide range available, from the CJ50K scooter at £399 to the miniscule QM50 scooter at £699, to the JH70 at £961.

And even if you buy one and you end up as the butt of joke or three, remember that us Brits were laughing at all that 'Jap crap' stuff just 20 years ago...?

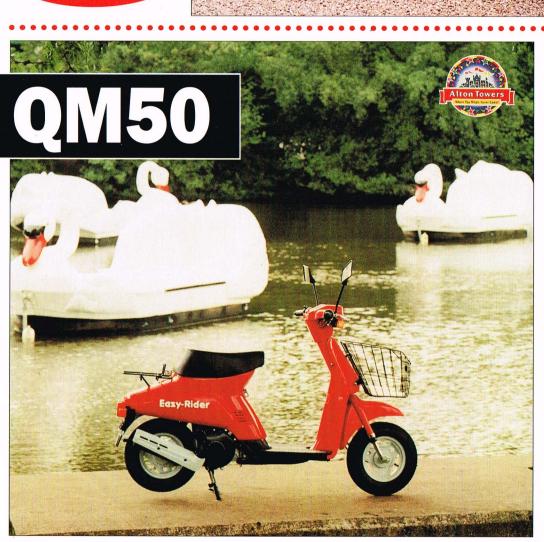


CJ50F

This basic moped features

- Automatic Clutch
- •C/D Ignition System •Locking Fuel Cap
- Kickstart
- •Supplied with rear view mirror
- *MOPED LICENCE





Stylish lightweight 50 cc Scooter featuring:

- Automatic Clutch Kickstart
- •Oil Ignition
- •C/D Ignition
- •Supplied with mirror, front basket and rear rack

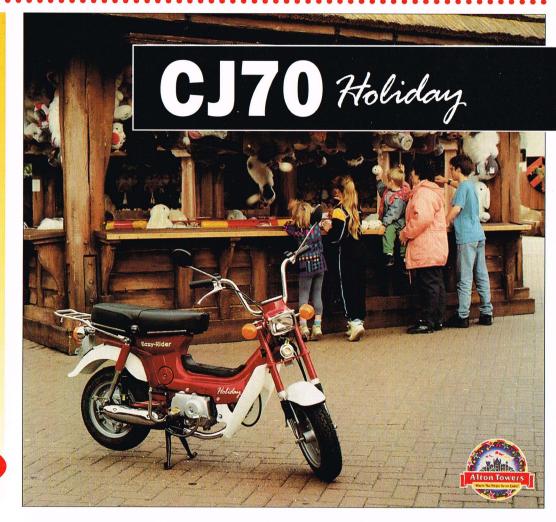
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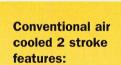


70cc 4 Stroke **3 Speed Commuter** featuring:

- Versatile
- Economical
- •Ideal for caravanning, camping and boating
 • Easily transportable
- •Supplied with mirrors and rear rack



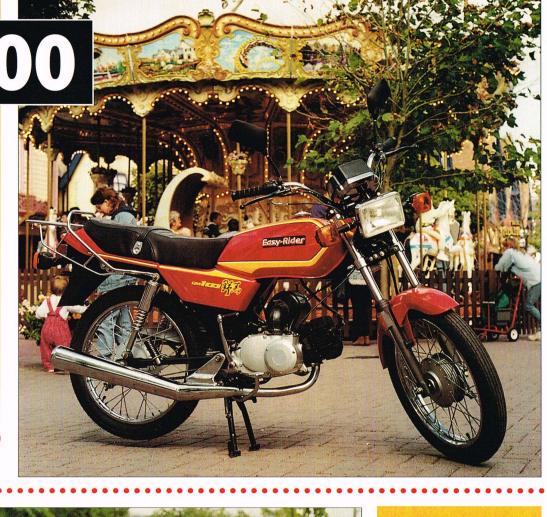
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- •100cc
- •Kickstart
- •4-speed
- •C/D Ignition •Supplied with rear view mirror and rack

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JH50/70 III

- 4 Stroke
- 4 Speed

Conventional Styling Featuring:

- Kickstart
- •C/D Ignition
- Supplied with mirrors and rear grab rail
- Alloy wheel and chrome fenders

JH50/70 Economy model with spoked wheel

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Step Through with popular styling now featuring:

- •Manual Clutch
- •4 Speed gearbox
- Kickstart
- •C/D Ignition
- •Supplied with rear view mirrors

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Conventional alternative transport featuring:

- 4 stroke, 125cc, OHC
- Kickstart
- C/D Ignition
- Cast Wheels
- Front disc brake
- Supplied with rear mirror and grab rail

JH125

Economy specification model also available

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EASY RIDER & JIALING SPECIFICATION

	CF50F	QM50	LX50	CJ70	QM100	JH125L	JH50	JL70(JD70)	JH70	JH70III	JH90	JH125	JH125B	JH125L&F
ENGINE	AIR COOLED	AIR COOLED	AIR COOLED	AIR COOLED	AIR COOLED	AIR COOLED	AIR COOLED	AIR COOLD	AIR COOLED	AIR COOLED	AIR COOLED	AIR COOLED	AIR COOLED	AIR COOLED
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TRANSMISSION	BELT DRIVE	CHAIN AND CLUTCH IN OIL AUTOMATIC		3 SPEED GEARBOX WITH TOE OR HEEL LEVER	GEARBOX WITH TOE OR HEEL	GEARBOX THROUGHT CHAIN	4 SPEED ROTARY GEARBOX WITH TOE AND HEEL LEVER	WITH TOE OR	WITH TOE OR		4 SPEED ROTARY GEARBOX WITH TOE OR HEEL LEVER	GEARBOX THROUGH CHAIN	5 SPEED GEARBOX THROUGH CHAIN FINAL DRIVE	5 SPEED GEARBOX THROUGH CHAIN FINAL DRIVE
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SEAT HEIGHT	30"	27"	29"	28"	31"	33"	29"	29"	29"	29"	29"	30"	30"	33"



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