

# OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

# VESPA RALLY





### INTRODUCTION

The PIAGGIO Co. takes this opportunity of thanking you for your preference for this excellent model Vespa. We feel sure that this scooter will give you complete satisfaction.

You will appreciate the matchless performance of the Vespa « RALLY » both as regards to its sports and touristic aspects (high speed, brillant pick - up, very good suspensions and road - holding, quiet engine, elegance, and the comfort of the new saddle).

Long journeys on your scooter will not fatigue you and you will quichly appreciate its first class performance and its high speed.

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

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#### 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.

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#### PERFORMANCE AND SPECIFICATIONS

Consumption (according to CUNA Stan- Min. ground clearance dards): 2.8 lt/100 km. (85 mls/U.S. gals; 102 mls/imp. gals), gasoline - oil mixture i. e. 2% oil.

Max. speed (CUNA Standards) more than Km/h (62 mph).

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

Range . . . . . 300 Km (180 mls)

Max fuel capacity: 8.2 lt. (2.13 U.S. galls or 1.8 imp. galls) (incl. 1.8 lt. - 0.47 U.S. galls or 0.39 imp. galls of reserve).

Wheel base . . . 1230 mm (48".4)

Handlebar width. 670 mm (26".3)

Max hair. . . . 1070 n 421.1)

Turning radius . . . 1400 mm (55".0)

Total dry weight. 102 Kg. (224.5 lbs)

ENGINE: single horizontal cylinder, two stroke rotary distribution: i. e., carburated mixture is regulated by the crankshaft rotation, with three transfer ports.

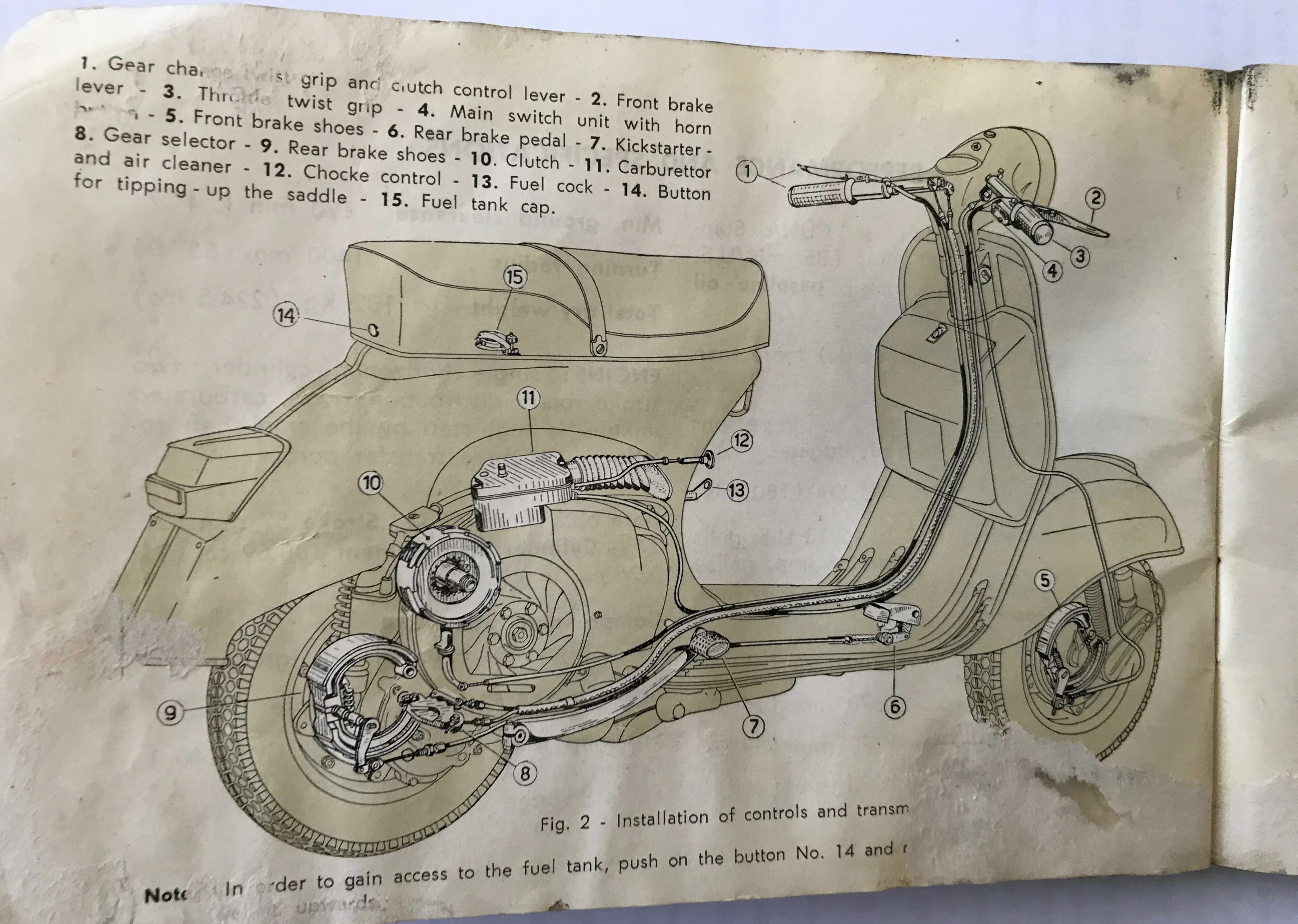
Bore 63.5 mm (2".5); Stroke 57 mm (2". 24); Cylinder displacement 180.69 cc. (11. 0.26 cu. in.).

Compression ratio: 1:8.

H. T. Flywheel external coil ignition.

Spark advance: 22°±1° before T.D.C.

Sparking plug types: Marelli CW 240 L; Champion NA 8; Bosch W 240 T2; K.L.G. FE 80; Lodge 2 H LN.



#### OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

OPERATION	INSTRUCTIONS	NOTES
SECURITY LOCK	The vehicle is provided with two security locks, the one relates to the steering column (locking and unlocking the handlebar) and the other one for locking the front tool box. Both operated by the same key.	The security locks should <b>not</b> be lubricated, eventually use colloidal graphite.
1 Steering lock. a) Locking the handlebars	To lock the vehicle, turn the handlebars anticlockwise up to the limit stop; rotate the key anticlockwise and push inwards. So that it thrusts the slinding bar against the steering column (see fig. 3).	The key can be extracted from the lock even if the handle-bars are free.
	To ease the insertion of the sliding bar into the hole of the steering column, slightly turn the handlebars from the limit stop clockwise. When the handlebars are locked the key will now spring back to its original position and can then be withdrawn.	

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b) - Unlocking the handlebars	To release the handlebars, insert the key in the lock, turn it to the left and pull it back; then turn the handlebars in the normal position.	
2. Front tool box lock	To open the flap door of the front box insert the key in the lock and turn it fully anticlockwise, then slide down the external plaque of the lock (fig. 4). In order to close it, close the flap door until the lock clicks against the tool box; then turn the key clockwise and withdraw.	
I THE VEHICLE	Unscrew the plug on the gear box marked « OLIO » (fig. 16) and check that the oil is on a level with the hole when the vehicle is standing upright.	

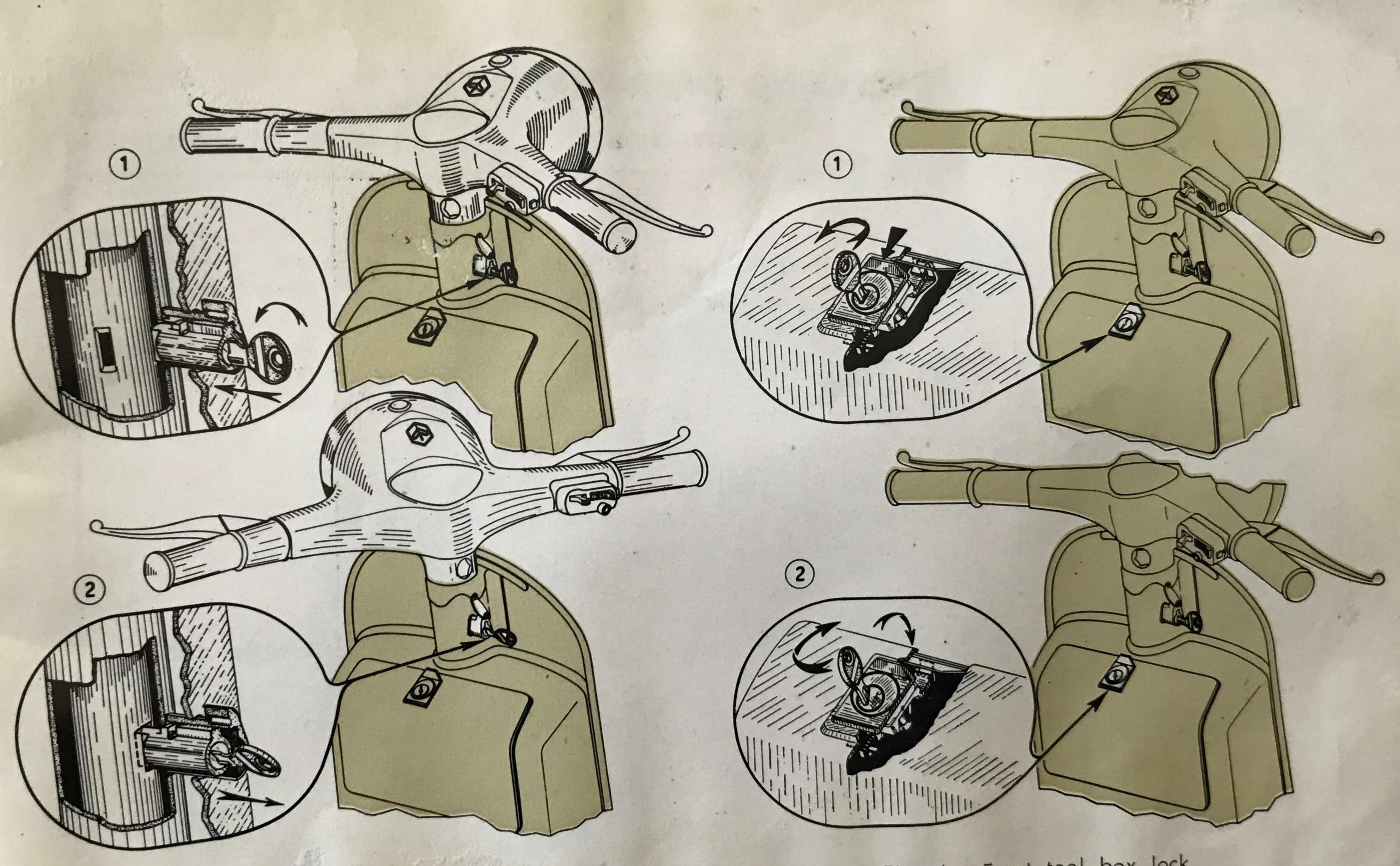


Fig. 3 - Steering lock on the steering column

1. Normal position and locking operation - 2. Locked position and unlocking operation.

Fig. 4 - Front tool box lock

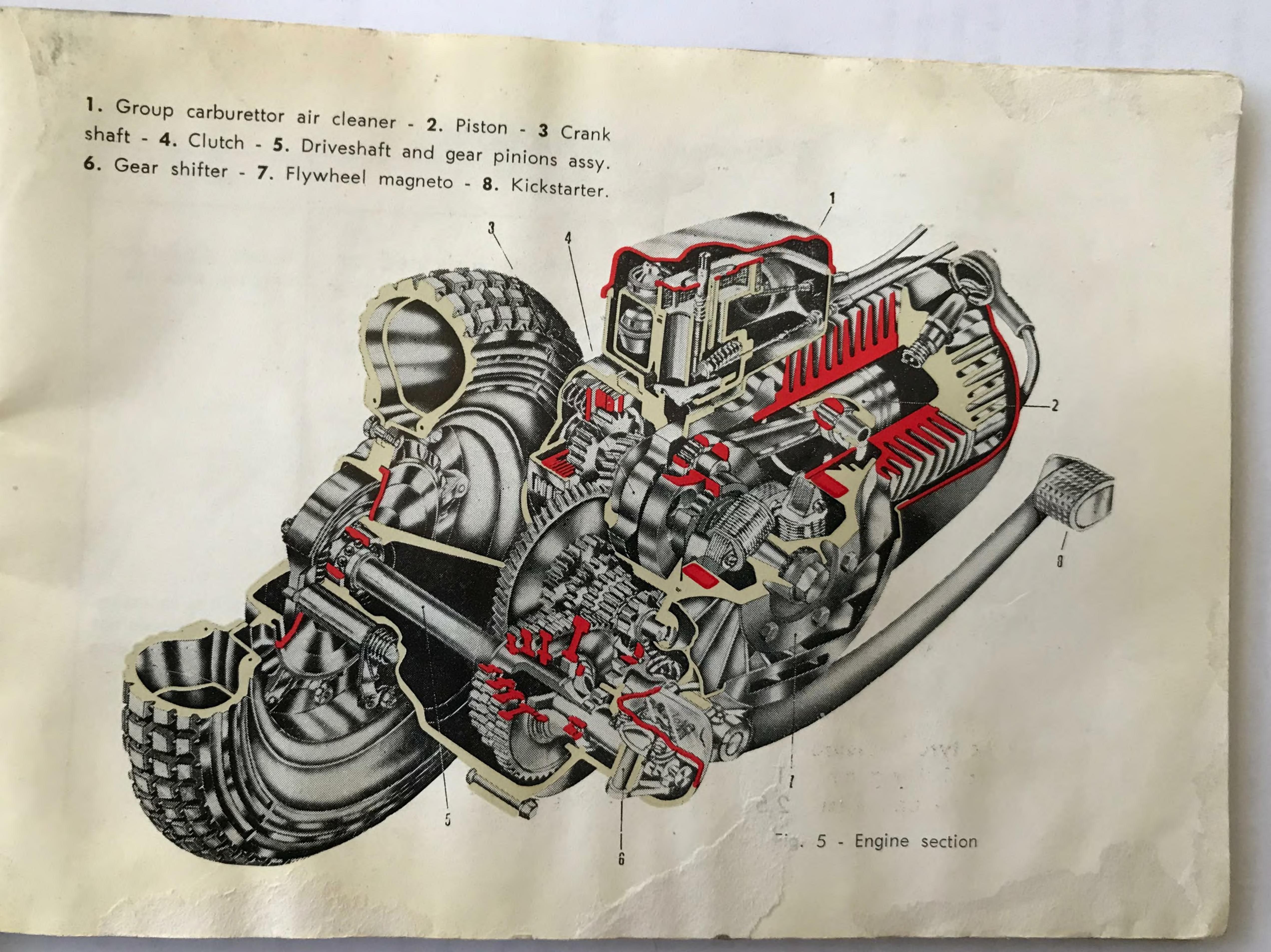
N. B. - The arrow indicates the operation to be carried out for unlocking (1) and for locking (2) the tool hours

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FUEL SUPPLY	Use a mixture of gasoline (petrol) and pure mineral Oil SAE 30 at 2%: (Esso 2-T Motor Oil; Shell Golden Motor Oil, Shell X-100 2T; Total 2T).  The mixture should be at 2% of oil by volume (½ pint of oil to ½ gals of gasoline (petrol).  For access to fuel tank pivot the saddle on its forward edge, after having released the rear attachment as shown at fig. 2.	Ensure that the fuel tank breather is always clean.  Use a mixture 2% by volume during and after running in.

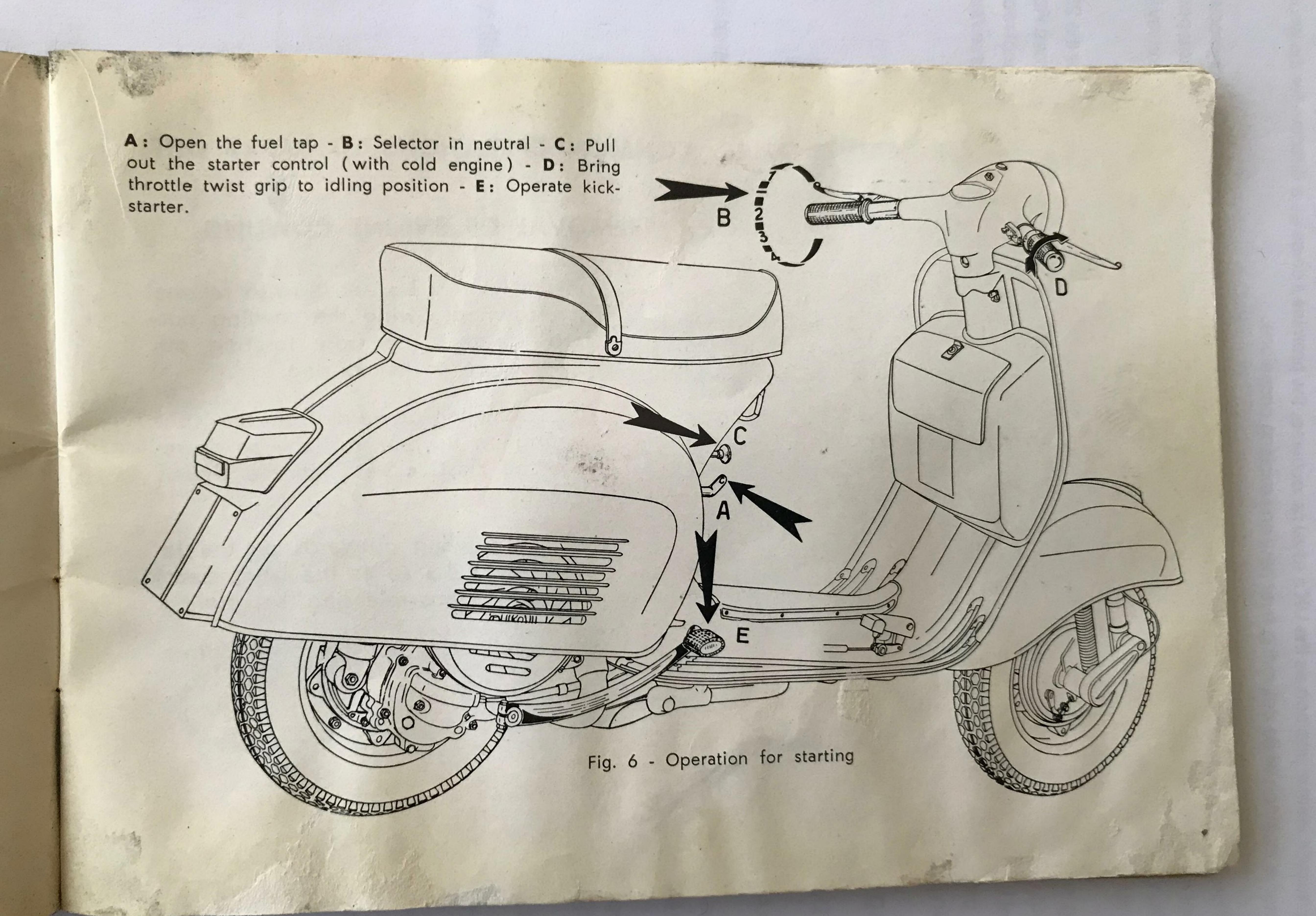
For running in first 2000 Km. (1200 mls), do not maintain the trottle fully open for long periods.

- After first 1000 Km. (600 mls) change oil in gear box (page 22) and check that all nuts and bolts are tight.
- Check tyre pressure:
  Front: 1.2 Kg/cm<sup>2</sup> (7 lbs/sq. in); Rear: 1.75 Kg/cm<sup>2</sup> (25 lbs/sq. in)
  with one up; Rear: Kg/cm<sup>2</sup> (35 lbs/sq.in) with two up.



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OPERATION	INSTRUCTIONS	NOTES
STARTING	Varry out the operations indicated on fig. 6. Do not use the choke when the engine is warm; as soon as the engine is running smoothly bring the starter control back to its normal position.	In case of hard star. ting see page 16.
SETTING THE SCOOTER IN MOTION	— With the engine running at idling speed declutch and rotate the gear change twist grip to the position of first gear (fig. 6). For setting the vehicle in motion slowly let in the clutch and gradually open the throttle.	
GEAR CHANGE	— Close the throttle, declutch and rotate the gear change grip to a higher or lower gear, as the case may be (fig. 6).	When it is necessary to decellerate do not hesitate in changing down.
STOPPING THE ENGINE	Before stopping the engine change to « neutral » and then switch off the igni- tion.	



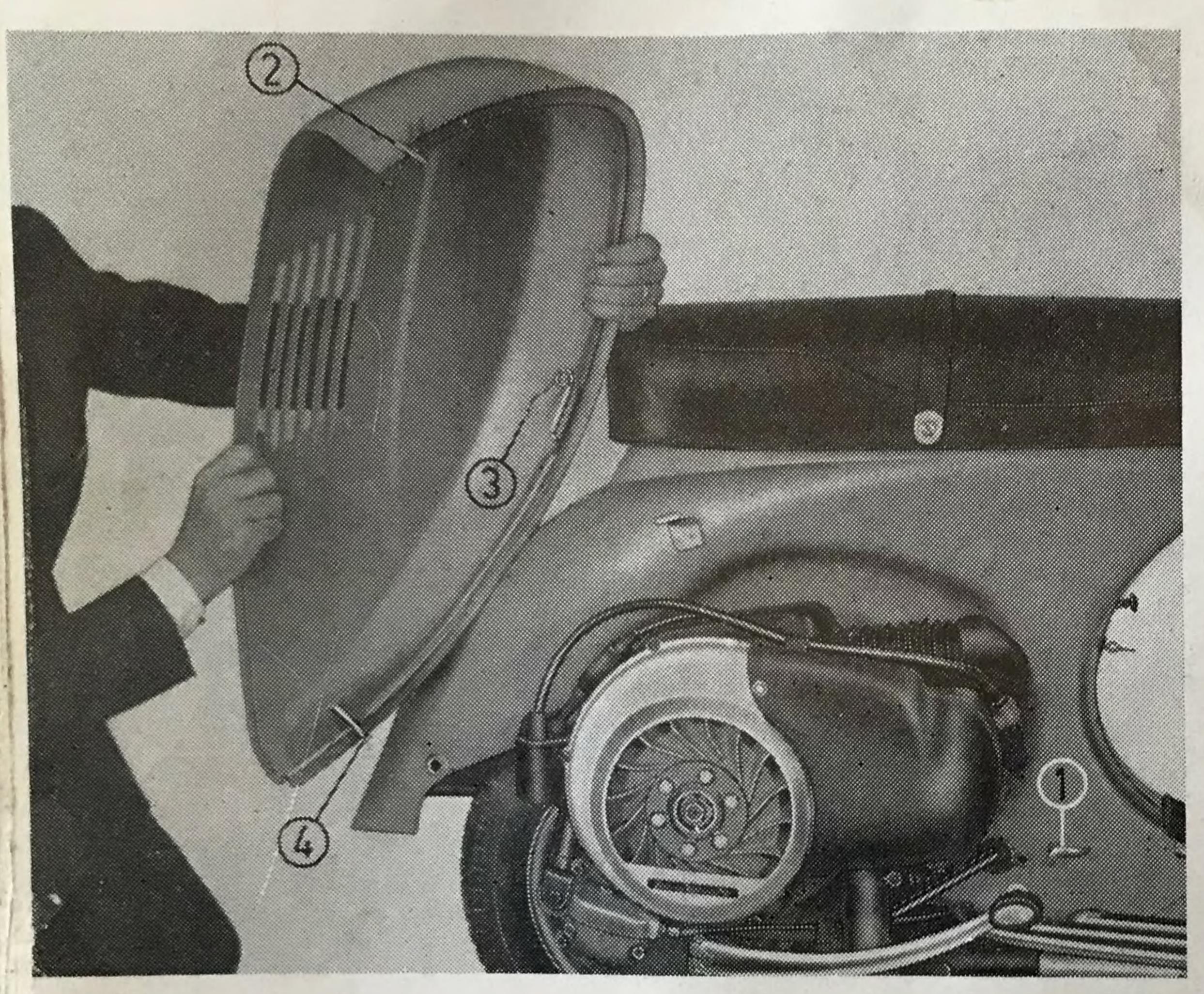


Fig. 7 - Removing engine cowling

- 1. Lever for locking cowling.
- 2. Front locating pin.
- 3. Clasp securing cowling to chi...
- 4. Rear hooked pivot pin.

### REMOVAL OF ENGINE COWLING

- Pull the lever « 1 » and turn to release from cowling. Swing the cowling outwards so that the front locating pin « 2 » is free of its housing.
- Lift the cowling upwards from the front pivoting on its rear section: so as release the clasp « 3 » from the chassis bracket.
- Pull the cowling outwards on the locating pin « 4 » so as the latter clears its housing, thus releasing the cowling.

For reassembly carry out the reverse procedure.

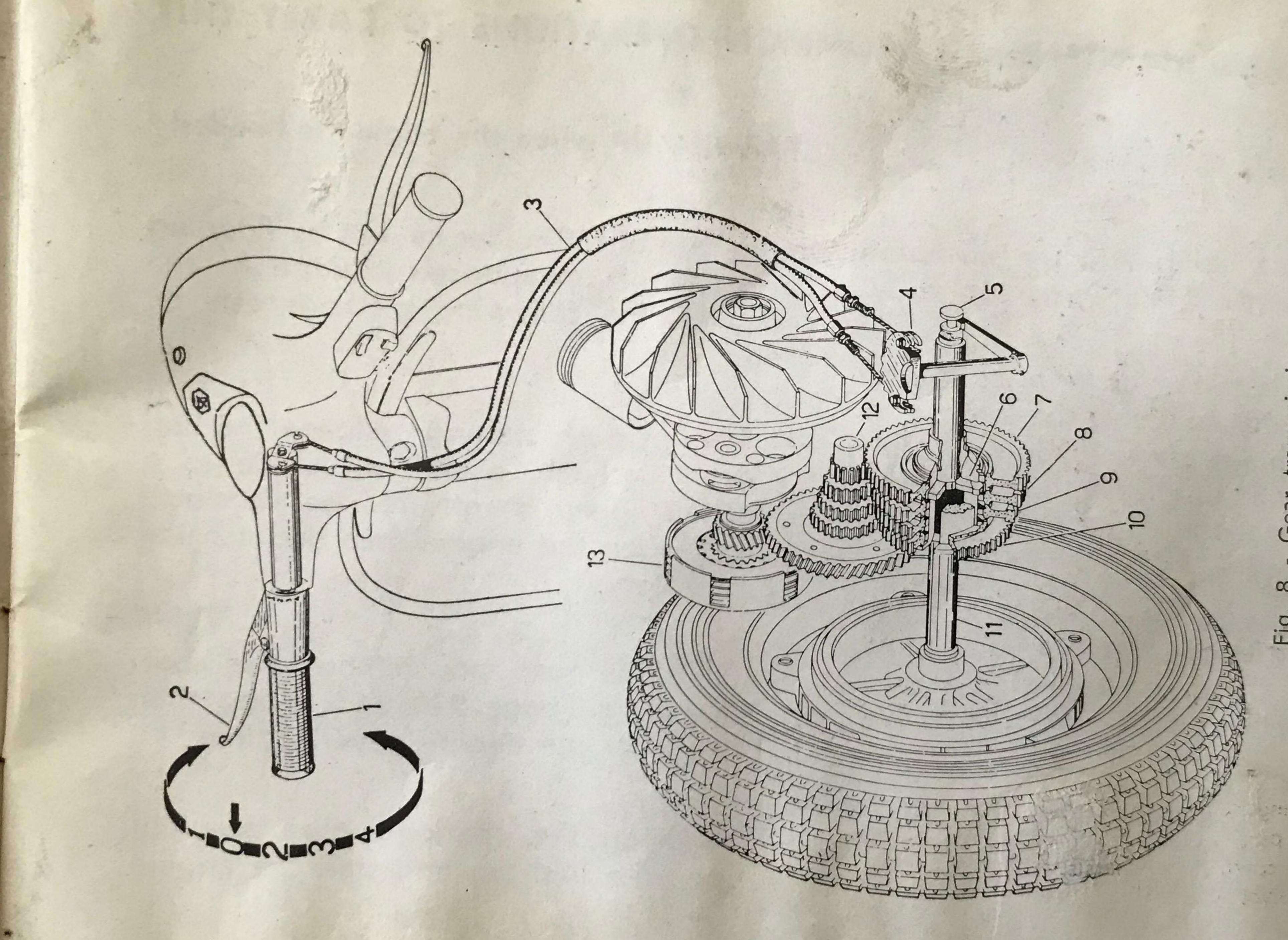


Fig. 8 - Gear transmission

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#### ADJUSTMENT ON CARBURETTOR

For adjusting the idling turn the slow running adjuster screw (Fig. 9, n. 5).

- On the carburettor body a set screw 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, opposite to said screw, is a plugged hole. When this plug is removed the spring loaded idler adjusting screw is accessible (Fig. 9, n. 14).

To avoid carburations 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 2nd gear, declutch, push the vehicle to a certain speed, sharply release the clutch and when the engine fires declutch immediately.
- Close the fuel tap, remove the sparking plug (page 22) and clean; then kick over the engine several times.

Screw in the sparking plug securely, open the fuel tap and start the engine.

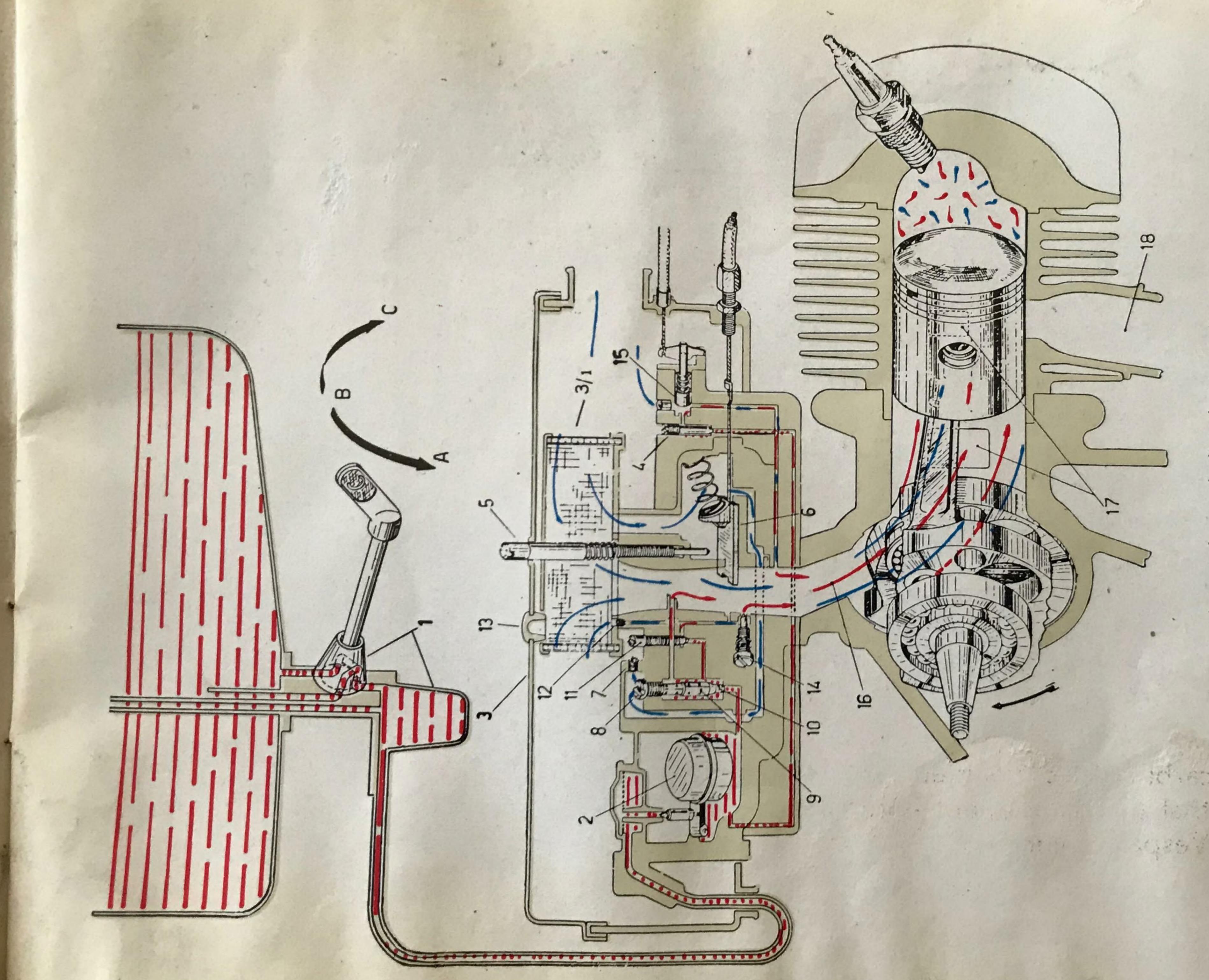


Fig. 9 - Fuel supply and distribution diagram

OPERATION	INSTRUCTIONS	NOTES
CHANGING WHEELS AND TYRES	vehicle remove the nuts as indicated in fig. 10.	geable one with ano-
DISMANTLING THE SPARE WHEEL	Dismantle the spare wheel cowl, following the instructions given for engine cowl (see pag. 14). To release the wheel unscrew the bolt securing it to the lower section of the protective plate, then the two bolts securing the upper part of the wheel (fig. 12).	

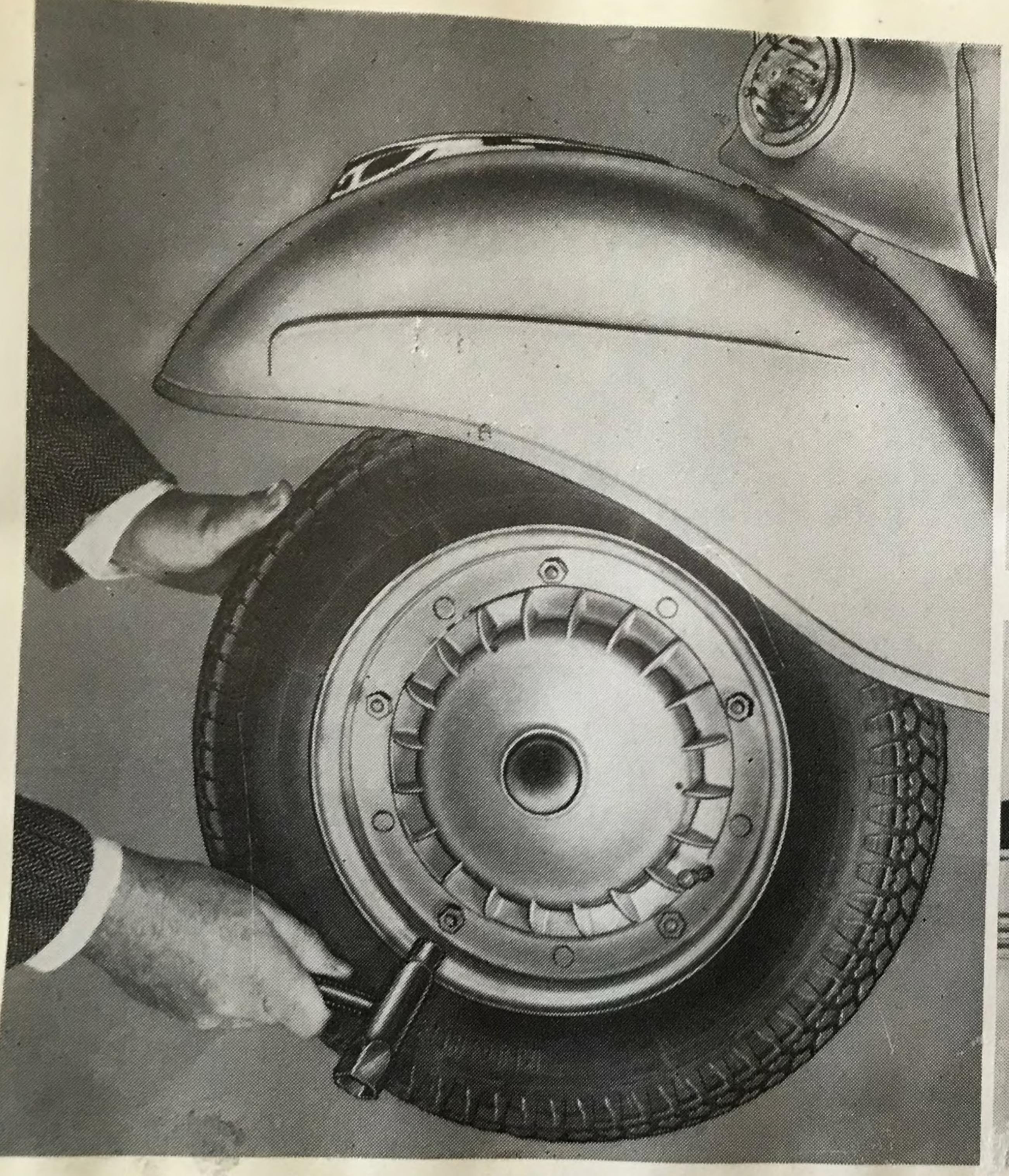


Fig. 10 - Removing wheel from vehicle



Fig. 11 - Tyre removal

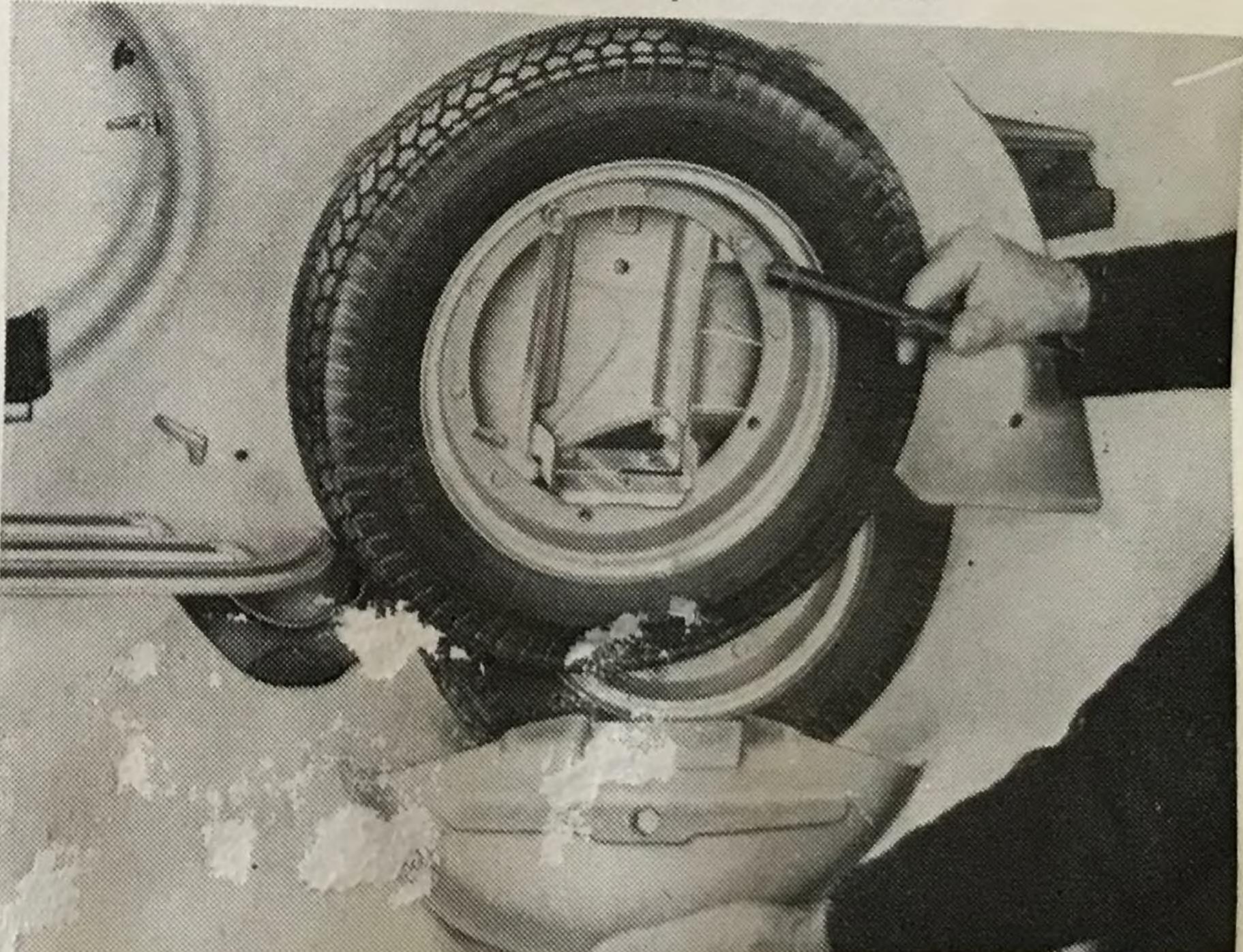


Fig. 12 - Dismantling of spare wheel

OPERATION	INSTRUCTIONS	NOTES
BRAKE ADJUSTMENT	— Rotate the adjusting screws indicated in fig. 13 so that the wheel is completely free to rotate when the lever and brake pedal are in the resting position. The braking action should commence immediately the respective controls are operated.	
DISMANTLING AIR FILTER	<ul> <li>For extracting the air filter «A» (fig. 14) from the air filter case remove the engine cowl (fig. 7) and air cleaner case cap.</li> <li>Unscrew the two screws «B» securing the air filter and extract the latter component.</li> </ul>	The air cleaner case cap can be extracted by dismantling the two securing screws.

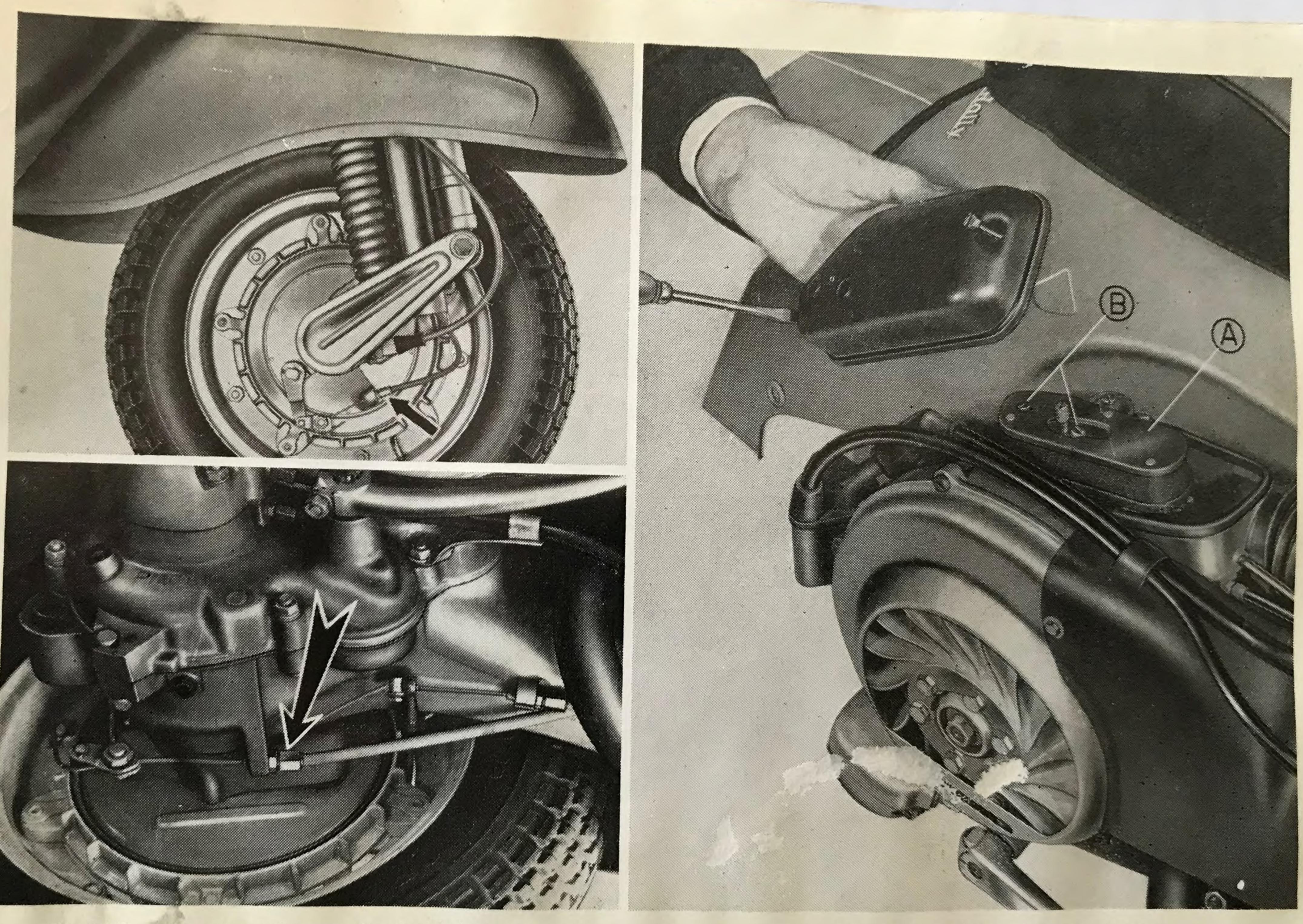


Fig. 13 - Front and rear brake adjustement.

Note - If the air cleaner case is taken off, it is also possible to gain access to the carburet.

OPERATION	INSTRUCTIONS	NOTES
SPARKPLUG REMO- VAL	— Remove engine cowl (Fig. 7), disconnect the H. T. lead and extract the spark - plug using the box wrench as indicated in Fig. 15.	On reassembling the spark - plug ensure that it is fitted into the threaded hole at the correct inclination.
CHANGING OIL IN GEAR CASE	— Drain off through hole (Fig. 16). Clean carefully the plug of said hole.	This operation of changing oil should be carried out with warm engine.
	— Introduce a small quantity of flushing oil, run the engine a few minutes to ensure thorough circulation and cleaning and drain off again.	warm engine.
	— Afterwards refill gear case with about 250 grs. of new oil (up to level of filling hole).	

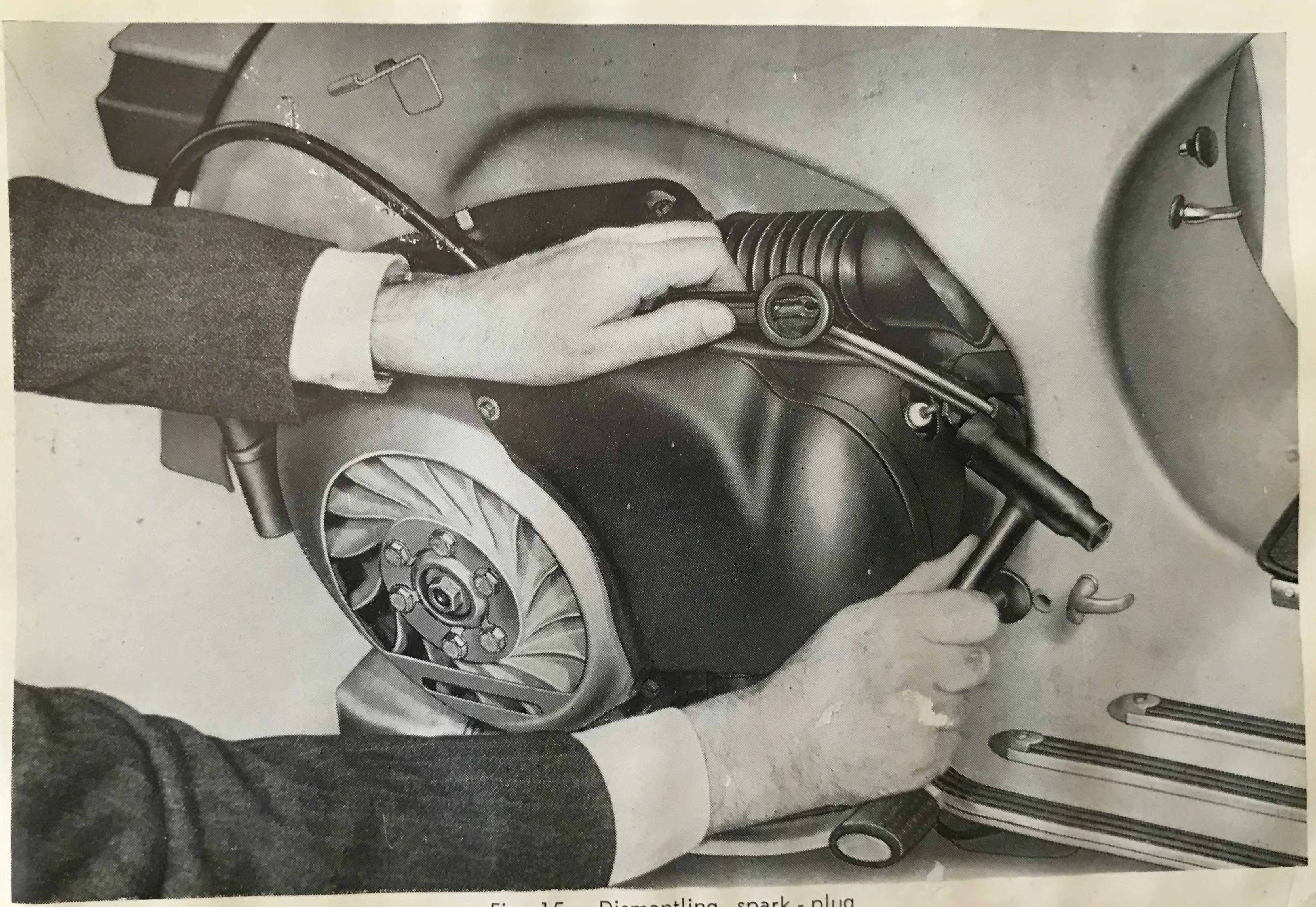


Fig. 15 - Dismantling spark - plug

OPERATION	INSTRUCTIONS	NOTES
DISMANTLING CYLINDER HEAD	— Strip off engine cowling, (Fig. 7), disconnect the H. T. lead, dismantle the « Cooling hood » (fastenings « B » - « C », fig. 17) and unscrew the 4 securing nuts by means of a box wrench.	For dismantling the air cleaner see at page 20.
SUBSTITUTING BULBS	— Should one of the bulbs fail, before fitting a replacement, check that the socket contact points and the general funtioning of the electrical plant are efficient.	
CHECKING THE TIMING	— In order to obtain maximum performance at all times, periodically check the ignition timing as indicated at page 26.	If necessary to adjust the spark advance, consult the Service Station.

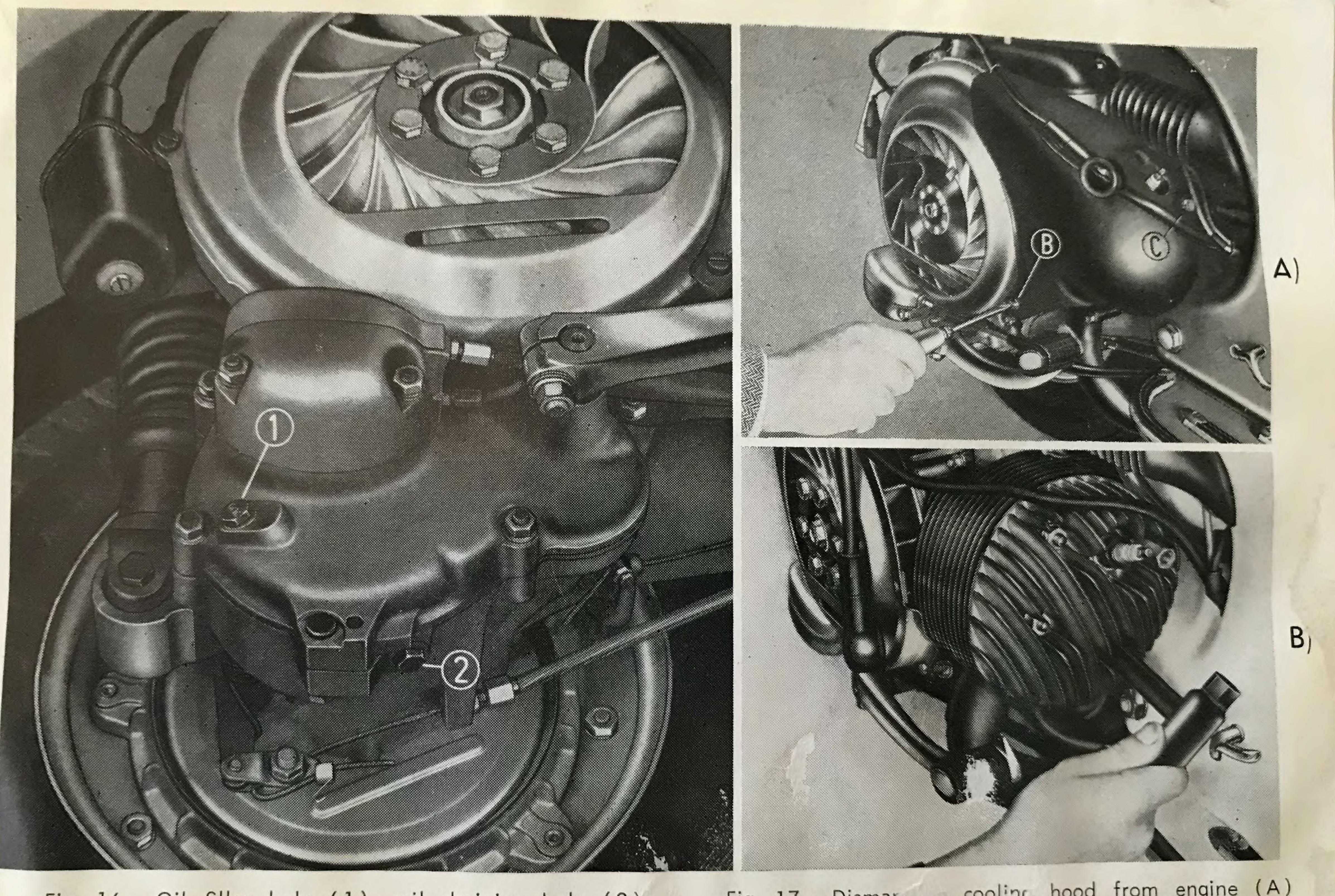


Fig. 16 - Oil filler hole (1); oil draining hole (2)

Fig. 17 - Dismar and

cooling hood from engine (A)
B).

OPERATION	INSTRUCTIONS	NOTES
CHECKING AND SET- TING THE FLY- WHEEL MAGNETIC TIMING	removing the nuts securing it to the hub « A » (on the Fig. 18 the rotor is already dismantled).	
	2) Selector in neutral, rotate by hand the hub « A » and line up the mark « B » with the centre of the crankshaft and with the extremity of the coil «C» (see Fig. 18).	
	3) At the position as per point 2) the contact breaker points « D » should start to open; the max. opening, by rotating again the hub « A » by hand, should be between the limits 0.3 to 0.5 mm. (0.011' to 0.019").	do not slacken the stator plate or coil
	4) If the conditions as per point 3) are not obtained, unscrew the screw « E » and act on the eccentric « F » until foresaid conditions are obtained.	Ensure screw « E » is tightened before refitting rotor.

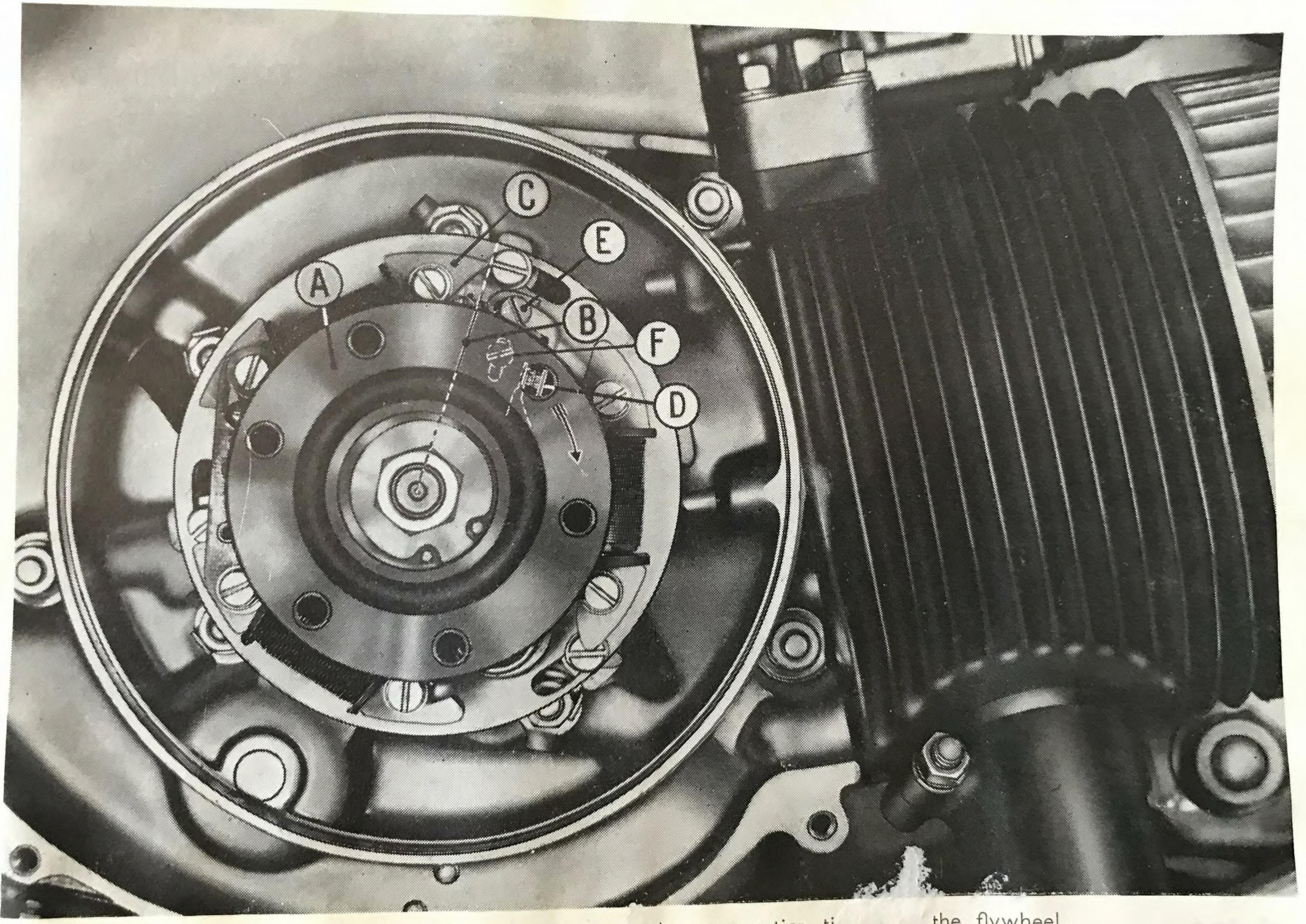


Fig. 18 - Operations for checking the «magnetic» ti

the flywheel.

OPERATION	INSTRUCTIONS	NOTES
SETTING THE HEAD-LAMP	The correct setting of the main beam can be obtained both horizontally and vertically as follows:  Check that both front and rear tyres are inflated to correct pressure; i. e. 1.2 and 2.5 Kg/cm² (15.5 and 35.5 p.s.i.). Place the scooter on a level floor in front of a white wall as seen in Fig. 19. Start the engine, hold the throttle control twist grip at about 1/3 and set the switch on « main beam ». With two persons on the Vespa, slacken the screws securing the headlamp, then move	Do not wipe down with a cloth or contact with finger the reflector.  This operation can be carried out also with the driver only sitting on the machine. In this case, of course, the beam alignement should be altered whenever the scooter is beeing ridden by both driver
	the latter as requiered, in order that the beam axis coincides with point «+» on the wall. Tighten the screws firmly.	and passenger.

### SETTING THE HEADLAMP

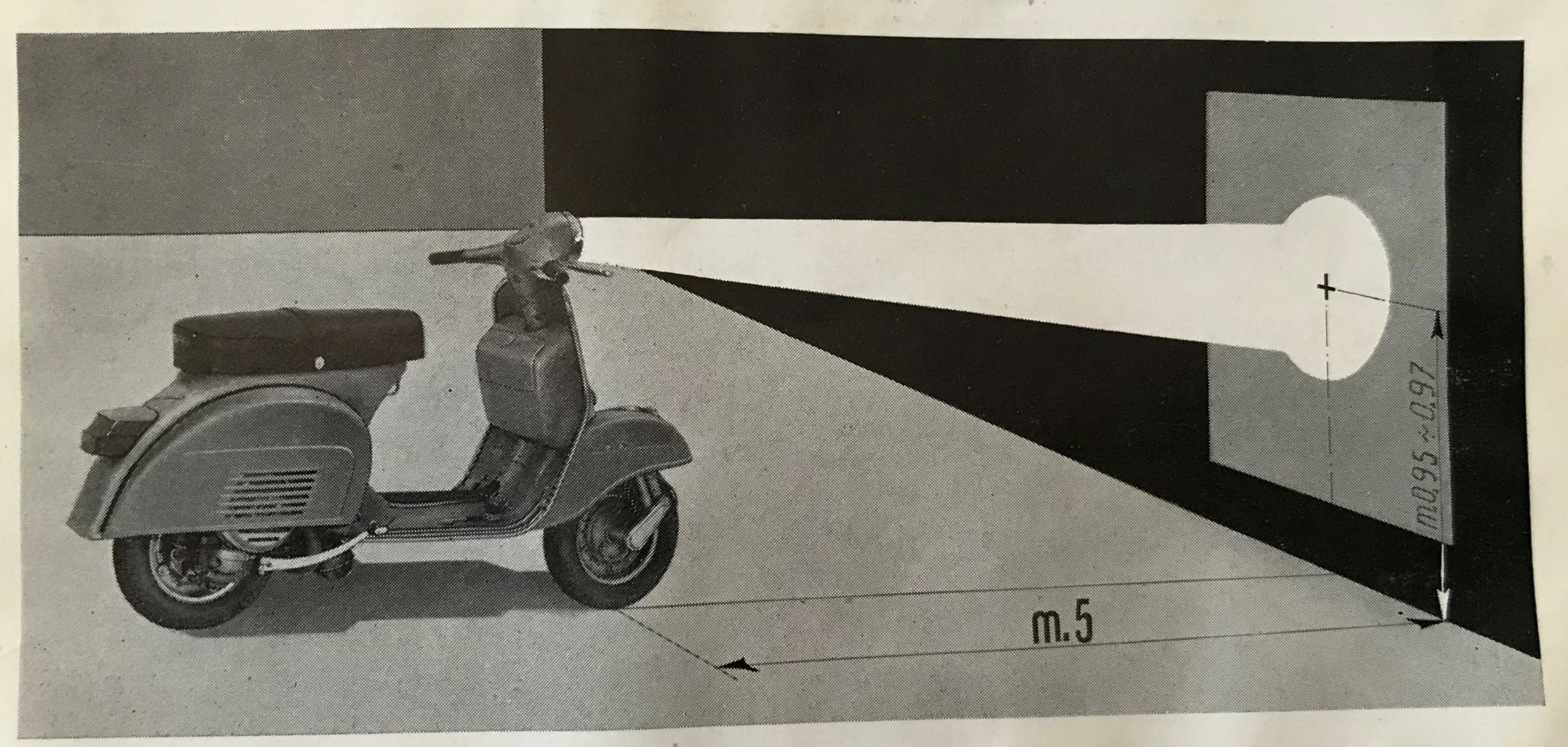


Fig. 19 - Setting the headlamp

N. B. - The point «+» is valid for setting with one or two persons mounted.

Note: m. 5 = 16 FT approx.: m.  $0.95 \div 0.97 = 3$  FT approx.

#### MAINTENANCE

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

— Clean the spark plug electrodes with a wire brush or emery clotch and adjust the gap 0.6 mm. (0".023). Check porcelain insulation: if cracked or broken change the plug.

Clean in neat gasoline (petrol).

It is advisable not to change the type of spark plug as recommended by the manufacturer.

#### Every 4000 Km (2400 mls):

- 1) Check oil level in gear box (Fig. 16).
- 2) De coke the engine (cylinder head, piston crown and cylinder ports, see at page 24). Ensure that not residual carbon deposits remain inside the cylinder. Clean the exhaust pipe using a hooked steel wire.

- 3) Grease front hub throught the appropriate nipples and lubricate the speedometer drive and transmission, the brake lever and gear selector.
- 4) Remove the air filter, (see page 20), clean by agitating in an oil gasoline (petrol) bath and if possible air blast dry.

### Every 8000 Km (4800 mls):

- 1) Change oil in gear box (see page 22). The oil should be changed also after the first 1000 Km.
- 2) Lubricate control cables transmissions and felt lubricating pad on flywheel. (Consult your Service Station).
- 3) Clean, and if necessary, reset the contact breaker points (Fig. 18). To avoid faulty ignition or other defects consult your Service Station for this operation.

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#### LAYING UP

We recommend that the following operations be carried out:

- 1) Clean down the vehicle.
- 2) With the engine stationary, and throttle fully opened, introduce 40 cc. of oil

SAE 30 through the appropriate hole in the air cleaner case (see page 20).

After said operation depress the kickstarter three or four times.

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

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# SUMMARY OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND LUBRICATION

PRINCIPAL OPERATIONS TO	CARRY OUT	
EVERY 4000 Km. (2400 mls)	EVERY 8000 Km. (4800 mls)	LUBRICANTS
Gear box (top up)	Gear box (change oil)	Oil SAE 30 (+)
Fulcrum points of brake lever and pedal - Gear selector - Front suspension - Speedo- meter drive and transmission	Greasing control cables *  Felt lubricat. pad on fly- wheel *	Shell Retinax A. Esso Beacon 3. Mobilgrease MP. Total Multis.
Cleaning air filter in gasoline (petrol).		
Decoking cylinder head and piston		
Cleaning and adjusting sparking plug elec- trodes	Cleaning and adjusting contact breaker points (check timing *)	
Decoking silencer.		
Engine: At each refilling (lubricated by oil	in mixture).	2% by volume pure minera Oil SAE 30 (+)
Front and rear dampers (only if defective)		Esso Univis J 43 Shell Tellus Oil 13 Mobilfluid 62

<sup>\*</sup> Consult your

#### 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.

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

#### - Spots.

To remove spots caused by tar, grease, in-

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.

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#### - 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
HARD STARTING  1 Fuel system - Carburation - Ignition.		
<ul> <li>Lack of fuel.</li> <li>Filter, jets, fuel tap, carburettor body clogged or dirty.</li> <li>Engine flooding.</li> <li>Air cleaner choked or dirty.</li> <li>Sparking plug dirty - Porcelain of sparking plug cracked.</li> </ul>	crankcase when the kickstarter is operated.	Fig. 21  Ignition circuit  Flowbook coil - 2. H. T. coil
Breaker points dirty, worn or pitted; gap between points incorrect.	Consult your Dealer.	3. Flywheel cam - 4. Contact breaker - 5. Condenser - 6. Spatishing plug - 7. Engine cut - out

Fault finding	Remedies	Notes
VARIOUS RUNNING DEFECTS		
1 Lack of power.  Spark plug misfiring (see Fig. 21).	Clean or substitute. Clean the contact	
Spark plug mishing (see rig. 217)	breaker - Check the electrode gap of the sparking plug; check the flywheel timing (see page 26).	
Silencer (or engine) choked.  Sparking plug loose in the cyl. head.  Cylinder head loose.	Clean (see page 30). Screw down with a wrench. Set head accurately and tighten nuts.	
<ul> <li>2 High fuel consumption.</li> <li>a) Air filter choked or dirty or choke control incorrectly set.</li> </ul>	Wash in neat petrol (gas), air blast dry. Check choke control mechanism.	
b) Other causes (carburettor, lack in compression etc.).	Consult your Dealer.	
3 Noisy engine - Defective su- spension - Mechanical failures.	Consult your Dealer.	
4 Defective electrical equipment.		
Wire terminals disconnected or carelessly connected.	Carefully check and connect.	
Headlamp beam incorrectly set.	Adjust (see page 29).	
Defective bulbs.	See page 24 for substituting.	

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#### GENERAL SPECIFICATION

Engine (see characteristics at pag. 5 and Clutch (see fig. 5): multiplate. fig. 5): the engine is pivoted to the chas sis of the vehicle (fig. 22). The rear wheel is fitted on the outer side of the drive shaft.

Lubrication of engine components (piston, cylinder, crankshaft main bearings) is effected by the oil in the fuel mixture.

Clutch and gear box function in an oil bath.

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

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

Carburettor provided with a throttle slide.

Ignition by means of an external H. T. coil, fed by the flywheel coil.

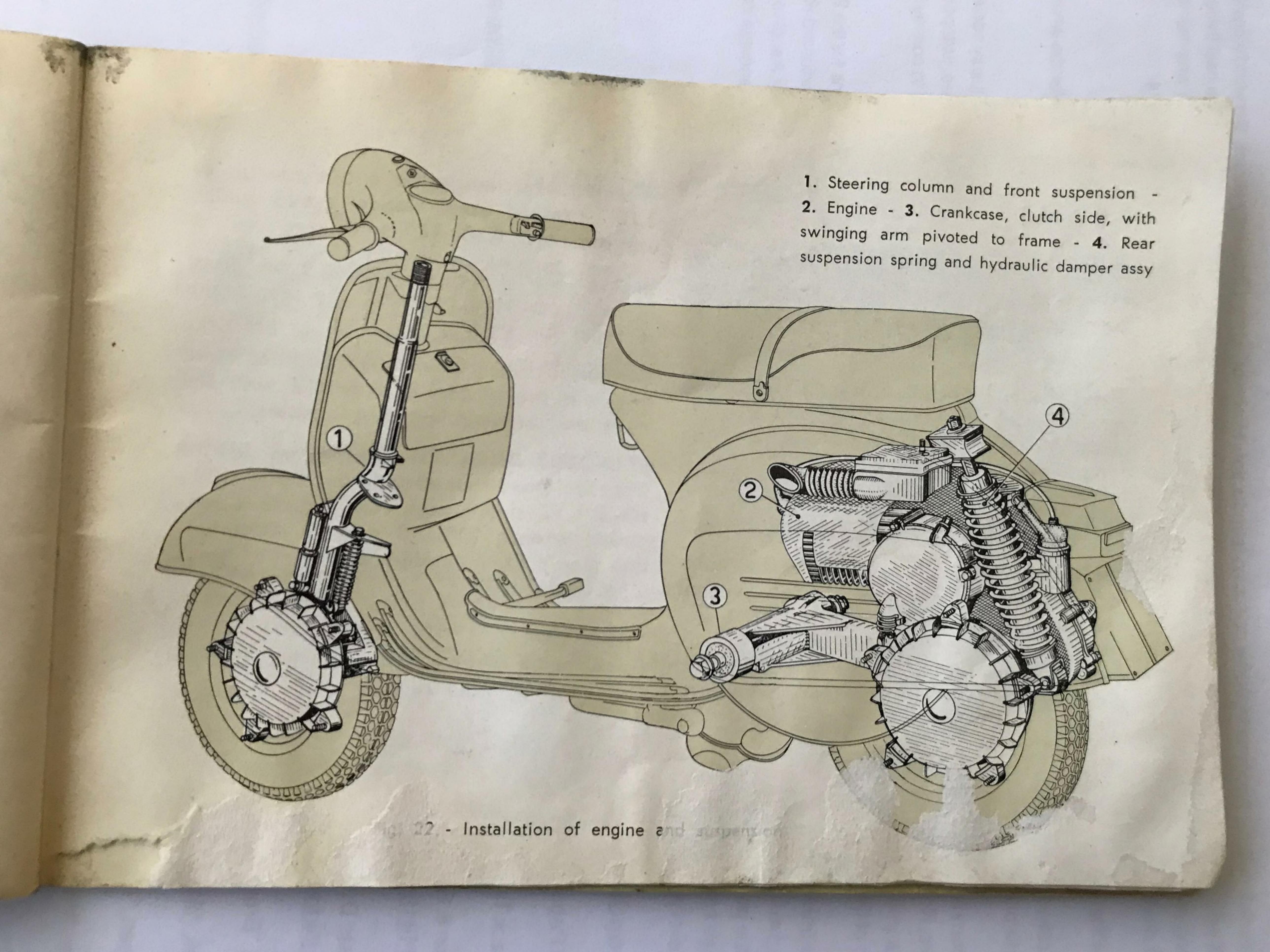
Gear box (see fig. 8): four speed drive with mesh gears. Operated by the twist grip on L. H. handlebars which functions in conjunction with the clutch control lever.

Transmission ratio engine to driving wheels:

Bottom gear . . . . . 1:14.47 2nd gear . . . . . 1: 9.84 3rd gear . . . . . . 1: 6.81 4th gear . . . . . 1: 5.08

Starting (see Fig. 6): by means of a kickstarter.

Cooling by means of a centrifugal fan.



#### FRAME

INTEGRAL CHASSIS (see fig. 1): of pressed sheet steel with streamlined monocoque type structure. It is completed, for protective means, by lateral cowls and mudguard.

Handlebars: Light alloy casting comprising speedometer and headlamp Ø 130. All transmission cables and various controls are concealed therein.

It is arranged for easy fitting of a windscreen (accessory).

end of the steering column is pivoted One screwdriver. the front wheel swinging hub. Front and rear suspensions with helical spring and double acting hydraulic damper. Dual saddle. Security lock on the steering column.

Wheels: Interchangeable and made up of 2.10" pressed steel flanges, onto which are mounted 3.50 - 10" tyres.

Brakes: Mechanical, expanding type. Front brake is operated by hand, the rear brake is pedal operated.

Controls: clutch, gear box, throttle, front and rear brake, choke, provided with flexible and adjustable control cables.

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STANDARD TOOL KIT (contained in the front tool box) four ended box wrench (11-13 - 21 - 22 mm.) and two double openended wrench (11-13 and 7-10 mm.); Steering column, suspension: On the lower one single open - ended wrench (8 mm.).

A full range of accessories can be supplied and fitted by your dealer.

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#### ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

A six pole flywheel magneto-nominal voltage 6 V-supplies alternating current to the electrical equipment. All the controls (switching levers, horn button, engine cutout) are located on the handlebars, R. H. into the main light and dip switch (Fig. 23). This equipment consists of the following lighting and signalling devices:

- The headlamp, Ø 130, has a 25/25 W bulb (main and dipped beam) and a 5 W bulb (pilot light and front parking light).
- The rear lamp, with red reflector, is provided with a 5 W bulb (red pilot light and light for registration plate) and a 10 W bulb (Stop light).
- Horn.
- Speedometer light and checking light for headlamp are both 6 V 0,6 bulbs.

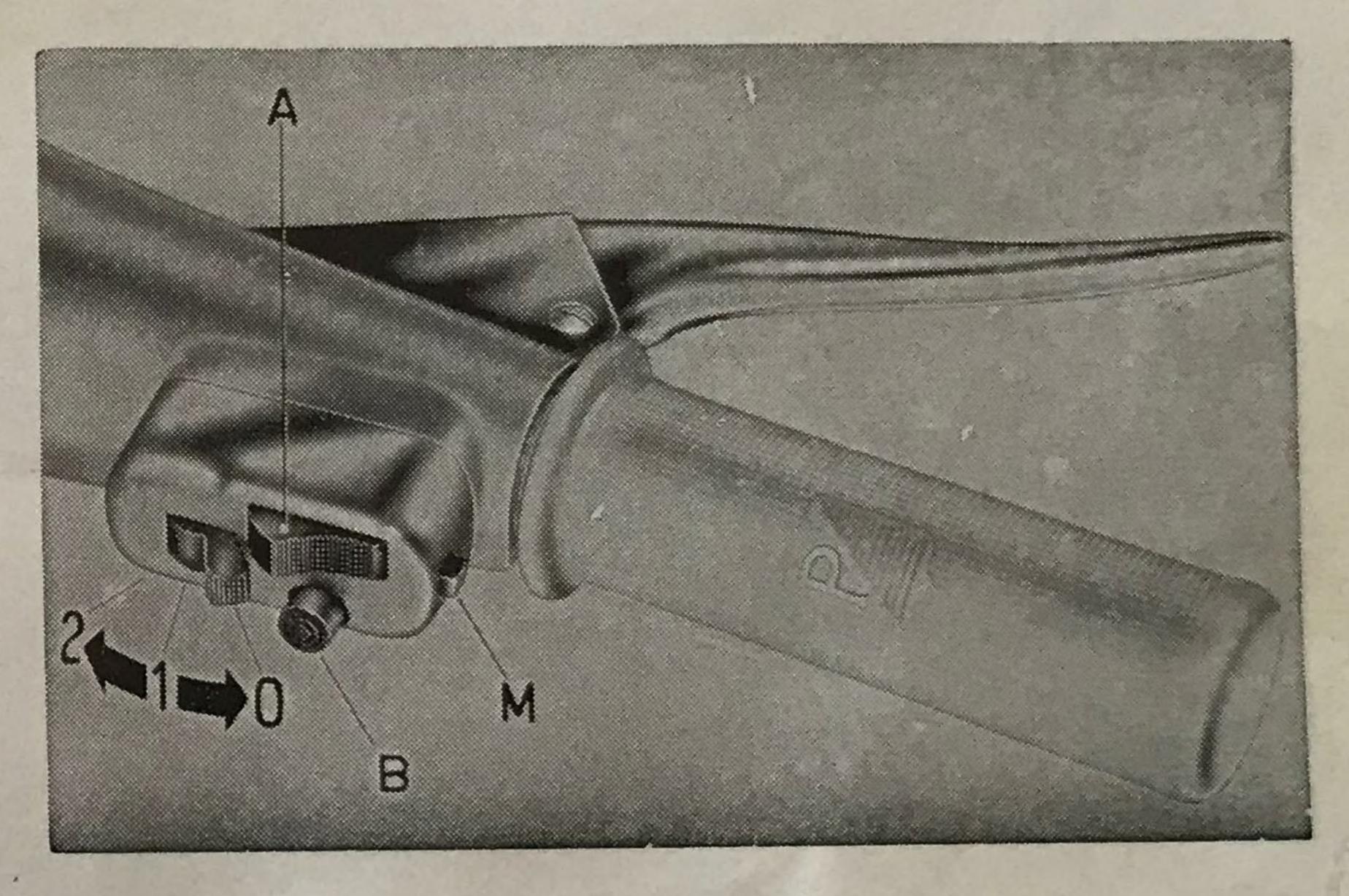


Fig. 23 - Light and dip switch

Switching lever:

0: lights off.

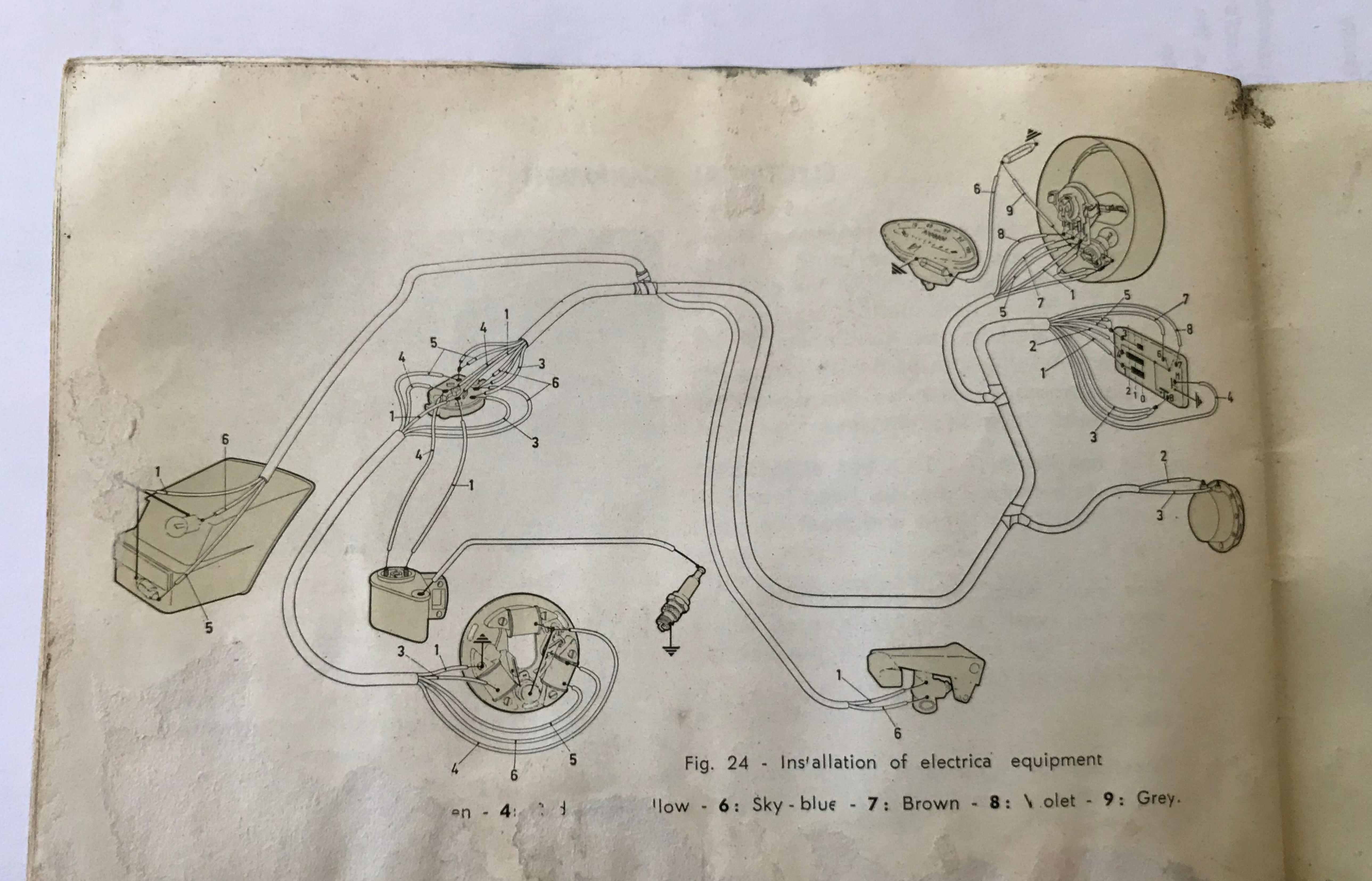
1: pilot light and tail lamp on.

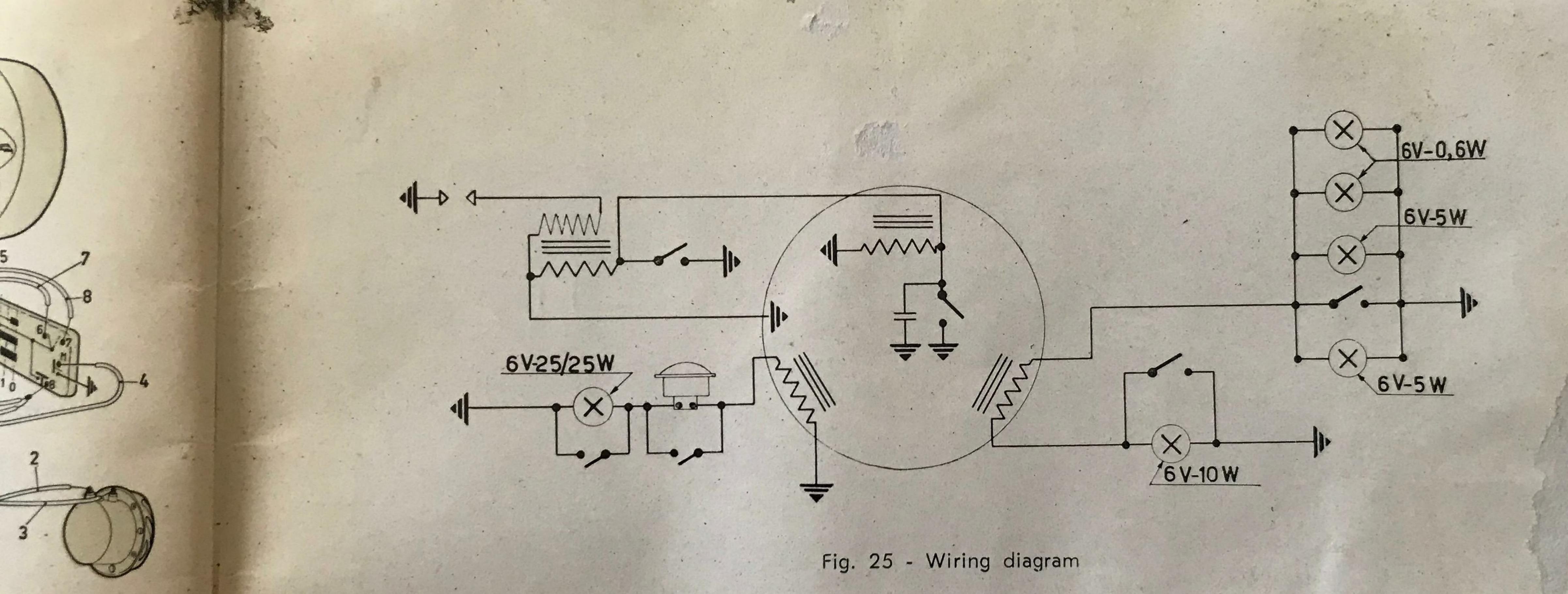
2: head light, front parking light and tail lamp on).

A: Switch (dipped and main beam).

B: Horn button.

M: Engine cut-out.





#### NOTICE:

The loads on the bulbs and horn are connected in series with respect to the flywheel magneto coils the switch units are in parallel to the bulbs: the insertion of the lights and horn comes about the control switches.

#### IDENTIFICATION DATA

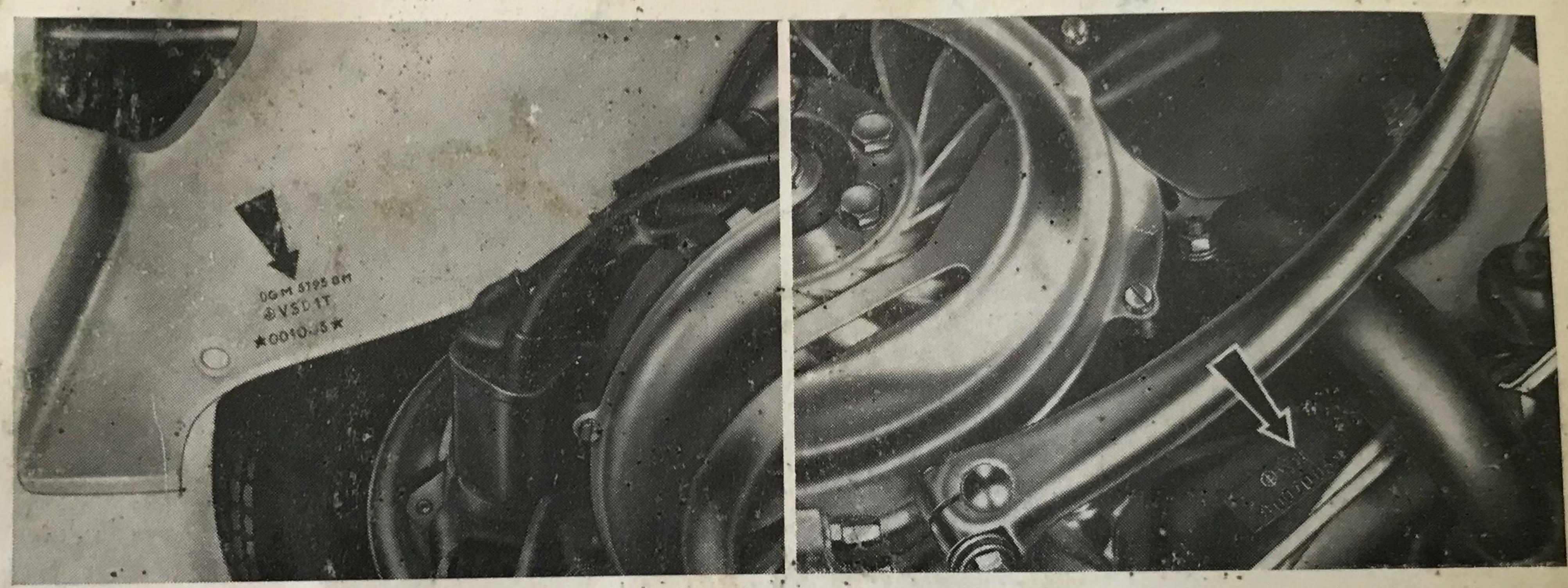


Fig. 26 - Serial number stamped on frame (VSD 1 T.....) and on engine (VSD 1 M .....).

Notice - These numbers should be quoted when ordering spare parts.

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