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## MALOSSİ END PLATE

One of the latest innovations from Malossi is the roller bearing gearbox end plate available for Piaggio/Gilera and Minarelli engines. The standard gearbox plate relies solely on lubricant between direct metal to metal surfaces, which if not maintained, over time leads to wear either in the gear mounting recesses or wear to the gears and shafts themselves, meaning a costly repair. The Malossi unit has replaced these direct metal to metal contact points with needle and ball bearing races to lower friction on the gear set by up to 8% for the MHR version.

Info: sales@ve-uk.com/www.ve-uk.com



## NEW BUFF HEADWEAR STYLES

Buff Headwear has extended its product portfolio by introducing five new styles to its range. The new Buff styles are: Reversible Storm, Hood, Hoodie, Bandana and Reversible Headband. Prices start at £21.

Info: www.buffwear.co.uk



## ATHENA 80CC POWER VALVE KITS

Athena has come up with an 80cc kit for the popular Minarelli AM6 engine. The aluminium barrel now comes equipped with a power valve enabling low-down torque while keeping full power up at high RPMs. The power valve system is diaphragm actuated, which means it relies completely on exhaust gas pressure; this makes it reliable and easy to set up. Athena claims a very usable 22bhp with the correct exhaust system and carburettor. RRP is £404.88.

Info: www.adrenalin-pedstop.co.uk

## PERFORMANCE EXHAUST

Artek's new K2 performance exhaust system is a useful addition for any 50/70cc scooter. The K2 exhaust ticks the boxes for sporty looks, with 'E' marking for road use and the boost in performance that owners crave. Produced from mild steel, the system is finished with a matt black oval muffler. The range covers over 30 models from leading manufacturers including: Aprilia, Benelli, CPI, Keeway, Malaguti, MBK, Peugeot and Yamaha. RRP prices are available from your local VE appointed dealer.

Info: sales@ve-uk.com/www.ve-uk.com



## LOOK AFTER YOUR HELMET

The new Oxford Helmet Care Kit comprises everything needed (within reason) to maintain your helmet. It comes in a protective case which contains the following items: Internal helmet sanitizer, visor anti-fog spray, helmet/visor external cleaner and a micro-fibre application cloth. The RRP is £14.99.

Info: www.oxprod.com or call 01993 862300.



## ROLL-TOP WATERPROOF BAGS

Tough, practical and easy to use, this new Oxford Products range of bags is packed with innovative features which will make you wonder how you managed without them before! There are different sizes, styles and prices to suit everyone. Info: www.oxprod.com or call 01993 862300.

## ARTEK DAMPERS

Artek performance scooter parts are imported by VE (UK) and this includes the Artek range of performance gas dampers for popular models of 50cc automatic scooters. These offer all the damping performance upgrades that a gas adjustable damper brings – consistency, reliability and ease of suspension tuning, to suit the rider's requirements. Finished in anodised red and black alloy, the units are supplied with all the mounting hardware required. Available for over 45 models of scooters from Piaggio, Vespa, Gilera, Honda, Peugeot, MBK and Yamaha. RRP prices are available from your local VE appointed dealer.

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### MALOSSI RS24 SHOCKS

It's not often the missus tells you to spend money on your scooter, but after selling my old GTS 300, which was fitted with Bitubo shocks, and buying a brand-new standard GTS 300 she was less than impressed with the quality of the ride – which just goes to show how much difference upgraded suspension makes.

The Bitubos were very good, but this time I opted for a pair of Malossi RS24s. The twin rear shocks are adjustable for preload only. They're relatively easy to fit and just require the airbox loosening, rear side panel removing and the plastic surround around the fuel filler taking off. The front is both preload and rebound adjustable (to about 20 settings) and is straightforward but you have to remove the front wheel and caliper, it's also a bit fiddly getting the top shock bolts into position. It should only take around an hour to fit all three shocks though.

Build quality and finish on the RS24s is impressive and I've covered over 3000 miles since fitting them; they still look as good as new. Ride quality over standard is much better and I've only altered the position on the rear shockers by one notch; the front is still on the factory settings. Thankfully the other half is impressed as well, so it's money well spent – just as well really because they cost £246.52 for the rear pair and £190.91 for the front. Visit [www.ve-uk.com](http://www.ve-uk.com) for your nearest stockist.

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### GIVI E300 TOPBOX

The nature of my job means that I often have to carry a lot of gear around with me and if I'm using my KYMCO Downtown 300i long-term as transport I sometimes need that little bit extra space. All right, the Downtown has a more-than-generous carrying capacity anyway, with an underseat storage space capable of taking two full-face helmets. But add to that other essentials (I never travel anywhere without taking a basic tool kit, a can of tyre inflator and a set of waterproofs as a minimum) and that space soon gets eaten up, not leaving any room for the tools of my trade, like camera kit, computer etc.

More carrying capacity was desperately needed and I decided to fit a Givi E300 Monokey topbox. Bigger topboxes are available from the Givi range, but the E300 suited my needs perfectly with its 30-litre carrying capacity.

The topbox comes in two colour options, black or silver – I opted for black as it matched to the Downtown's colour scheme better. However, I did have one concern – the Downtown was a loan scooter and the last thing I wanted was to have to think about drilling and adapting it for the topbox to fit. My concerns were unfounded because Givi produces a universal range of fitting systems which allow fitting either to an existing tubular carrier, or directly to the scooter itself. In my case, a specific KYMCO Downtown mounting plate which cleverly fitted over the rear grab handles with the extended mounting bolts replacing the manufacturer's original fitting – a perfect solution to all my fitting concerns and space problems!

For more information on the full range of Givi scooter products, visit [www.givi.co.uk/My-motorcycle/](http://www.givi.co.uk/My-motorcycle/)  
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### KNOX ZERO GLOVES

These gloves use Knox's patented OutDry® lamination process, which means the waterproof and breathable membrane is bonded directly to the external shell which creates a unique body and seals the stitching and any other potential water entry point.

Products using OutDry® technology will dry much faster as a result. This lamination process also blocks the wind on the outer surface, reducing the effect of wind chill and since there is no gap for air between the shell and the membrane, cold air cannot circulate. This allows a layer of warm air to develop, dramatically reducing the risk of condensation from excessive perspiration.

The gloves also feature the dialled-in Boa Lacing System that uses a dial to draw 'side pods' over the wrist for multi-adjustable closure, the wearer can get hands in and out of the Zero quickly and easily, even operating the Boa dial with a gloved hand. Boa's micro-adjustment helps to eliminate tight spots and restriction to blood flow, which can contribute to cold hands and fingers, and allows proper positioning of the Zero's cuffs over thick winter riding jackets, helping to keep out wind and rain.

We've not tried the Zero gloves in winter yet, but can certainly vouch for their waterproof and comfort claims. I've been using them since April and recently had a very wet 300 mile round trip to London on the scooter, my hands stayed dry and warm. They retail for around £129.99 and more information can be found at [www.knox-lab.com](http://www.knox-lab.com)

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