

# MONTESA



A shot from the Pop Cycle test on the super neat 348 Cota Malcolm Rathmell Replica trials machine. Test to appear next month.



Montesa Enduro 250



Montesa Cappa 125 VB

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Most exciting news from the Spanish Montesa factory for 1977 is that the company has completely revamped the Cappra range of motocross machines. The 125, 250 and 360cc machines are super trick and could well put Montesa right back on the map of competitive racing machines.

Also new from Montesa is a new 125cc enduro machine, an updated and improved version of the Cappra-based 250cc enduro, and a refined (if that's possible!) Cota 348 Malcolm Rathmell Replica trials bike.

The motocross machines are direct descendants of the machinery used in GP competition last season. The 125 VB is the most improved of the three, with a number of engine improvements, nine-inch travel gas Telesco shocks and 9¼-inch travel Betor front forks. The bike comes with Akront mudless rims, Pirelli tires, fiberglass tank, plastic fenders, neat chain tensioner, Motoplat

ignition, Twin-Air filter and a thicker seat.

The 250 and 360 Cappra VB models are, according to Montesa, direct replicas of the machinery that Hakan Anderson rode in 1976 Grand Prix competition. They do represent the very latest state of the art in motocross machinery.

Features include an all new chrome-moly frame, with 9.8-inch travel magnesium Marzocchi forks and 9-inch travel Betor bi-tube gas shocks. The wheels have lightweight hubs, Akront rims and Pirelli tires.

Both the 250 and 360 versions have improved engines, with stronger and lighter pressure cast crankcases, strengthened crankshafts, new rods, central exhaust exit, Mahle pistons and a smaller magneto unit.


Other features include plastic fenders, Motoplat ignition, larger Twin-Air filter, improved transmissions, larger

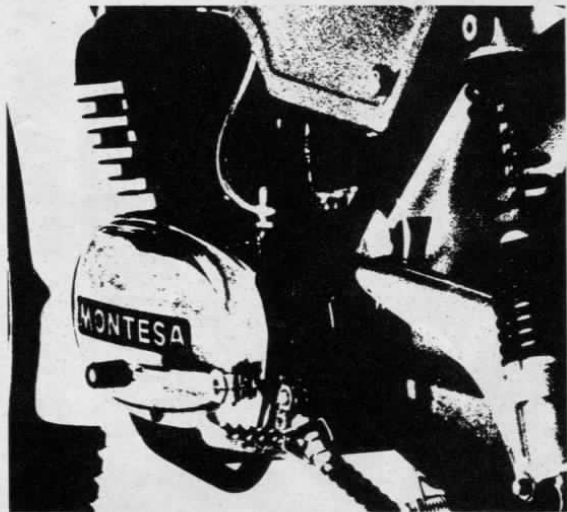
fuel tanks, chain tensioner, and thicker seats.

Montesa states emphatically that the 348cc Malcolm Rathmell Replica trials machine is the most successful trials machine ever produced by the factory, and they are right.

Pop Cycle is halfway through testing a new 348 (see test next month) and we can tell you that this is perhaps the best trials motorcycle ever built.

The motorcycle is so well designed and built that a field survey of Montesa riders and dealers suggested absolutely no changes for 1977, but the factory did make a few, very minor changes. Basically though, the Cota 348 is the same bike as last year. Buy one and go win a World Championship.

We're going to hold off telling you more about the 348, so that you'll buy next month's issue with the full test of the bike. 



Montesa Cappra 250 and 360 VB



Montesa Enduro 125



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