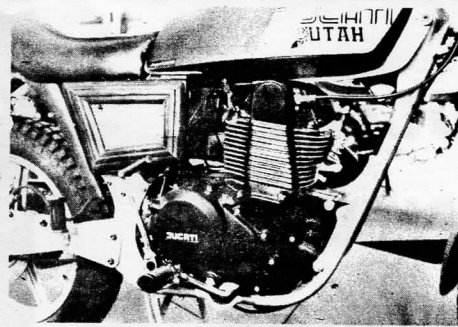


MILAN'S THREE-FIFTY LINE-UP

Ducati's new electric start 350 cc single has rubber belt drive to the desmo cams and a swinging arm mounted on the rear of the gearbox.



Leo Tartarini styled the off-road Utah version of the 350 cc Ducati with a black and gold finish.

DUCATI UNVEILS NEW MODELS AT THE MILAN SHOW

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Every year motorcycle shows are held all over the world. One of the most interesting ones is the Milan show. This is where the majority of all the Italian goodies are shown. At this show Ducati showed a couple of all new models, amongst them were the 500 Vee Twins and the new singles with the belt drives.

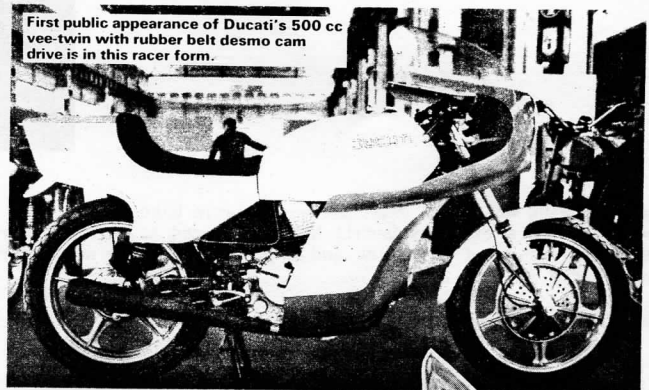
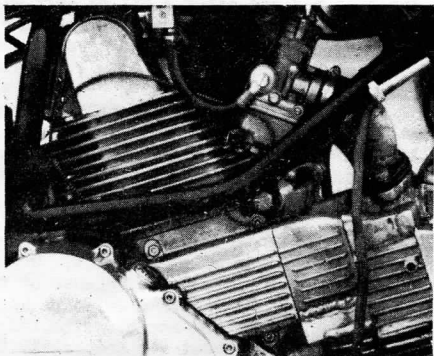
Completely new are the Ducati overhead-cam desmo singles. Offered in roadster styling as well as off the road, the two bikes have engines which are virtually half of the new 500cc vee-twin, which appeared for the first time in racing trim with Campagnolo conical brakes and cast alloy wheels.

Following the Darmah name for the 900 Desmo vee-twin, the bikes were called the Rollah, Utah and Pantah respectively.

One of the more surprising models on the Ducati stand is their vee-twin 500cc road racer, the Pantah. Intended for the Italian junior championship, it uses the new short-stroke desmo engine and rubber toothed belts driving the camshafts. Bore and stroke are 74 x 58mm and the unit develops a fantastic 70bhp at 11,000 rpm with a 10½ to 1 compression ration and 40mm choke carbs.

The two Ducati 350cc singles are very similar in design. A countershaft runs across the front of the crankcase from the generator flywheel side to drive the toothed belt for the desmo cams. Relatively softly tuned, both the Utah off road version styled by Italjet's Leo Tartarini and the Rollah roadster, develop 27 bhp. Bore and stroke are 83 x 64mm and carb size is 30mm.

Production of the singles will start late next year to be followed by a 250 model. Strangely enough Ducati are developing a 350 vee twin also for production in two years time to replace the current 350cc and 500cc parallel twins.



First public appearance of Ducati's 500 cc vee-twin with rubber belt desmo cam drive is in this racer form.

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