

1965 Lambretta

J100 'Cento'

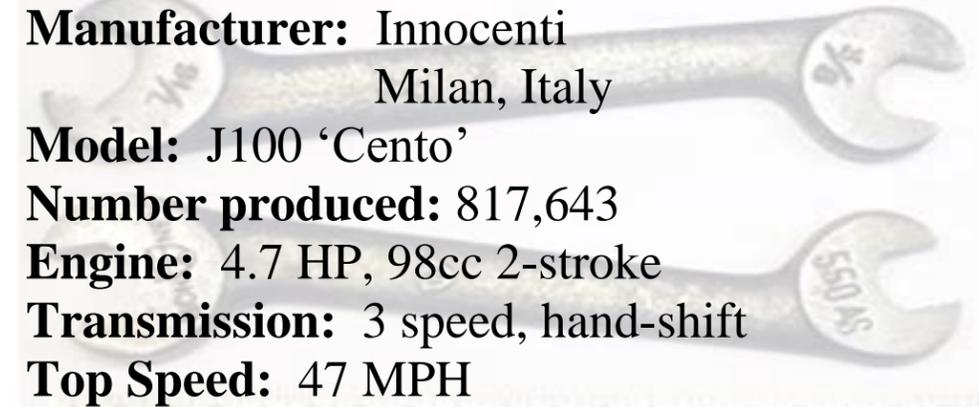
Lambretta J models were Innocenti's small-frame line-up. The 'Cento', as its name suggests is 100cc (98cc) and a bigger engine version was simply called the J125. Both models were a monocoque frame, pressed from steel, with two side panels and no horn casting. Both were equipped with a dual seat, vertical cylinder engine fairly similar in design to the Li range, but with a 3 speed gearbox. Rear suspension again was joined to the engine as per larger frame models, with front mounts which allowed the unit to pivot. However the spring and damper unit were two separate items, and the engine mounts were not really capable of offering riders a smooth ride, as most machines tend to vibrate.

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Front suspension was trailing link with springs inside the front forks, the links sat on bolt in rubber buffers. 3.00x10 tires were fitted with finned drum brakes front and rear. The 98cc model produced 4.7hp which gave it a top speed of 47mph, while the 125cc output was 5.8bhp and a speed of 54mph saw both models capable of staying with the larger framed models in terms of top speed. The J100 production was stopped in November 1965 with 17,642 examples being made, while the J125 lasted a little longer until October 1966. All in all although the J range models were not a huge success, it proved Innocenti were prepared to diversify in order to satisfy customers, and improve profit and sales of their products.

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General Corradino D'Ascanio designed the first production helicopter and then the first motor scooter for Innocenti. After parting ways, he joined Enrico Piaggio to design and produce the original Vespa.



Manufacturer: Innocenti
Milan, Italy
Model: J100 'Cento'
Number produced: 817,643
Engine: 4.7 HP, 98cc 2-stroke
Transmission: 3 speed, hand-shift
Top Speed: 47 MPH

