



Old's cool

Tomos spread joy with the return of a pedal-start moped

» This is a Tomos Classic XL45. Now imported again after 30 years away, the 49cc two-stroke weighs 55kg, pootles along at 29mph and is probably the most fun thing we've ridden this year.

Kick a pedal backwards, sniff the exhaust and bob readily to an indicated 50kph, with exhaust zinging, suspension jiggling, ample seat springing and your face grinning. Good-looking, cheeky and amusing, it's all a fine moped should be and brightens any dull day.

At £1395, the Tomos sits neatly between cheap Chinese creations and more expensive Japanese scoots. And if you passed a car test before Feb 2001 you can just jump on and go, no CBT or anything. The first shipment of Classics is due now, with more due before the end of the year. Visit tomosgb.com or call 01424 205427.

**Tomos XL45:
measured in
smiles-per-hour
it's the year's hot
performer**

