

### Information about the Environment and for travellers in Crete:

**MINOS** – name of the mythical King (father of the Minoan culture)  
**is (also) the name of a Cretan device:** multilateral mobility characterize its Image!

Helios' chariot of the sun is described in Greeks mythology. Mobility as utopia by flying and driving, transport of loads and much else was symbolized here as a privilege of the gods. The desire: Technology as expulsion from the paradise, the simplification of hardship to move itself by means of own body - the reality usually was more secular. As once ascertained by the technique historian FÜRST (1924), nature was incapable to equip humans optimally of progressive movement. Technology is therefore necessary, to compensate the human imperfection. However, the way to the almost unencumbered mobility was difficult and long. WATT invented (1768) the steam engine; OTTO developed (1876) the four-stroke process of an engine, which forms until today the basis of all combustion engines. The fast running petrol engine was developed by BENZ, DAIMLER and MAYBACH in 1886. The first combustion engine was invented by DIESEL in 1897. Dependent on analogies, until today we speak of "motor vehicles" and "horse power", in order to make the New transferable and understandable to the known. The story to employ "technology for the benefit of humans", is probably written all over the world, so as well on Crete. Here, with MINOS, it documents a machine that by its versatile use (whether as implement in the land and horticulture, goods transporter or only as "passenger transportation") possesses an historical image. The MINOS belongs to Crete's youngest history and is, even in the "age of the Pick Ups", (still) not to exclude from everyday life! Therefore the MINOS is presented hereafter with some pictures, supplemental by photo documentations from its manufacturing plant in Iraklion.



The "humankind as burden bearer" (picture left: seen on the road towards Platanos / South Crete) uses the "horse power" to haul load (center picture: seen at Damasta / North Crete). It's a lot easier by using the MINOS (picture right: seen at Marathos / North Crete), which besides also serves as a person's carrying vehicle, even if it goes only in "donkey walking speed"



Based on the „base vehicle“ of the MINOS, you come across innumerable variants of this almost everlasting means of transport on Crete’s roads. “Home-made” modified, converted and arranged it provides its service, if also not ecologically, but however uncommonly economically.

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**MINOS ΣΙΚ**

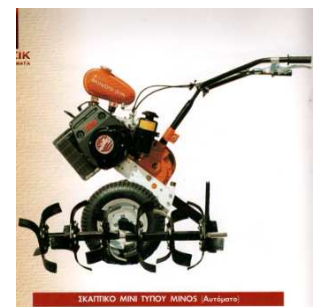
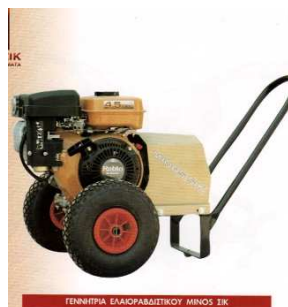
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The afterimages are showing pictures of the production enterprise of MINOS in Iraklion; among them individual types from the product range. Who is interested in technical data and details, can call up at the indicated address (or request brochures). This enterprise also produces (beside the MINOS) the today in the olive harvest (see also our leaflet No. 064-05/E of the [CRETEenvironmentinfo](http://www.creteenvironmentinfo.com)) nearly everywhere engaged automatic “harvest mallet” and sell those over the retail trade.

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The “boss” in the entrance hall, his coworkers at the workbench and lathe / below pictures: MINOS product types from the brochure.



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