

GROUP 1

LUBRICARE INSTRUCTIONS

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1-1 EVERY 1000 MILES—CHASSIS AND BODY

a. Chassis Lubricare

1. *Engine.* Check engine oil level only after engine has been stopped for at least three to five minutes to allow oil to drain down.

The oil level should be maintained between the "FULL" and "LOW" marks on gauge rod; the space between marks represents 2 quarts. It is best to maintain the oil level within one quart of the "FULL" mark. Do not fill above the "FULL" mark. See figure 1-4.

See paragraph 1-7 for engine oil recommendations and when to change oil.

2. *Front Suspension, Brake, Clutch and Transmission Controls.* Wipe dirt from lubrication fittings, then apply a good grade of water resistant chassis lubricant, under pressure, at the following points (fig. 1-1 or 1-2) :

- Lower Control Arms, inner and outer ends
- Support Upper Pivot Pins
- Steering Knuckle Bushings
- Tie Rod Ends, inner and outer
- Transmission Shift Idler Lever Pin (Ser. 40)
- Clutch Release Equalizer
- Brake Master Cylinder Push Rod
- Brake and Clutch Pedal Shaft
- Clutch Pedal Linkage Pins, lubricate with engine oil.

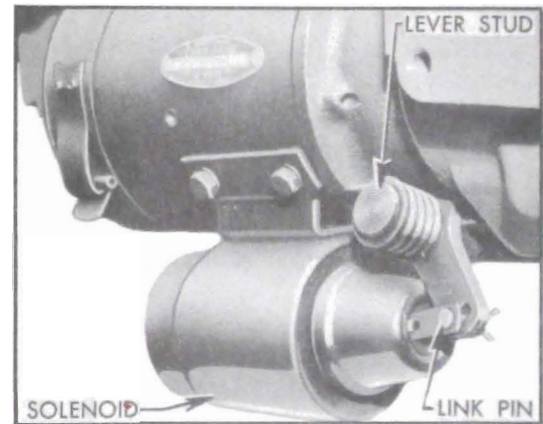


Figure 1-3—Cranking Motor Shift Linkage—Series 50-70

3. *Cranking Motor (Starter).* Apply a few drops of engine oil to the solenoid link pin and to the bearing between shift lever and stud. See figure 1-3. *Do not oil Solenoid plunger.*

4. *Oil Filter.* Change original oil filter element at *first 1000 miles.* See instructions in paragraph 1-2.

5. *Synco-Mesh Transmission.* Check oil level, after allowing time for oil to settle. Clean the surrounding area before removing filler plug. Level should be maintained at filler plug opening by adding Multi-Purpose Gear Lubricant (MIL-0-2105). Use SAE 90 for temperatures not lower than 10°F. below zero; for

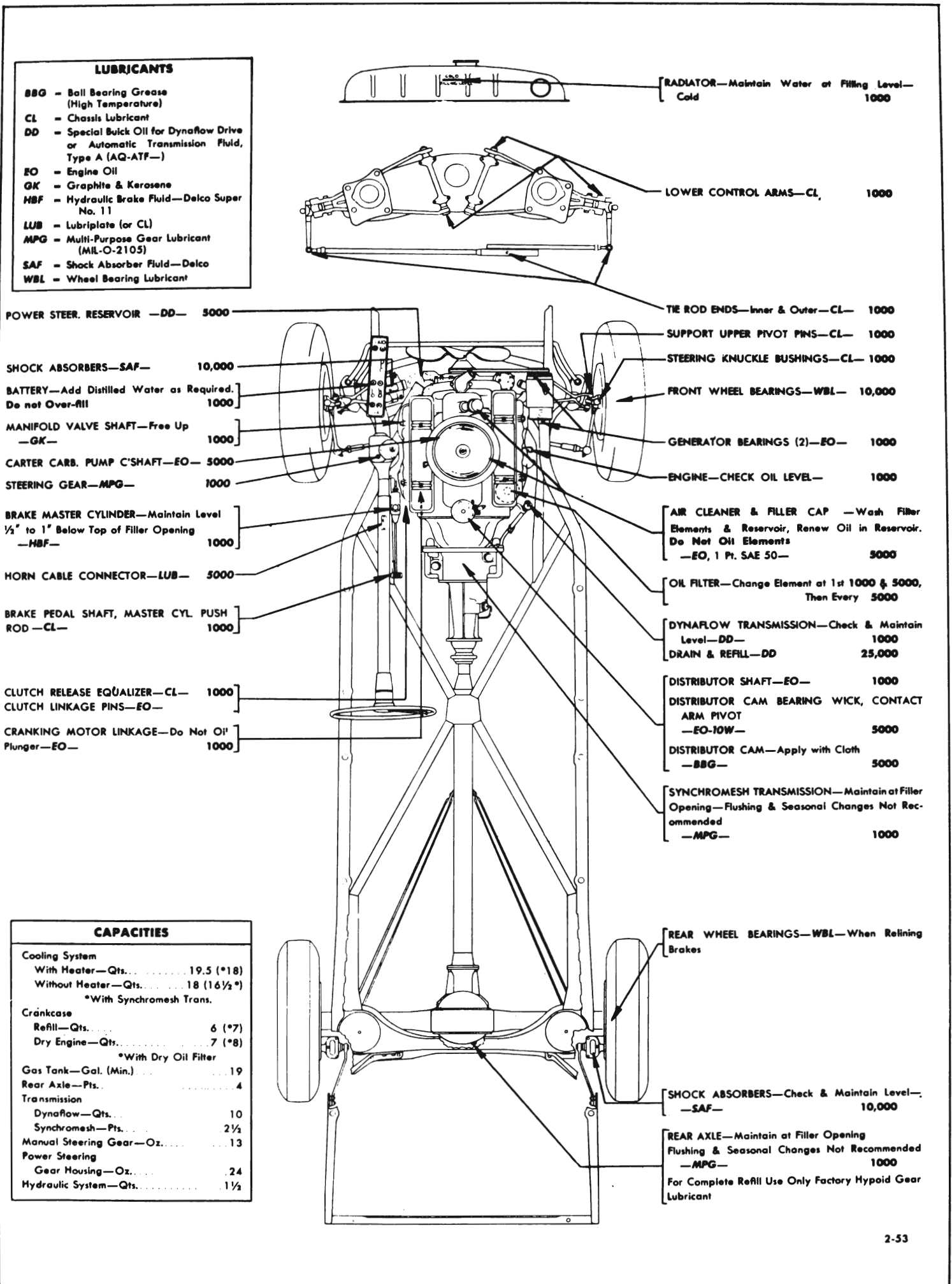


Figure 1-2—Chassis Lubricare Chart—Series 50-70

temperatures continuously lower than -10°F use SAE 80. NOTE: *Draining and flushing transmission is not necessary at any time unless the lubricant has become contaminated.*

6. *Rear Axle.* Check oil level, after allowing time for oil to settle. Clean the surrounding area before removing filler plug, then *remove plug slowly to vent pressure if present.* Level should be maintained at filler plug opening by adding SAE 90 Multi-Purpose Gear Lubricant (MIL-0-2105). NOTE: *Draining and flushing is not necessary at any time unless the lubricant has been removed to perform repairs.* When complete refilling is required use only Factory Hypoid Lubricant as specified in paragraph 1-8.

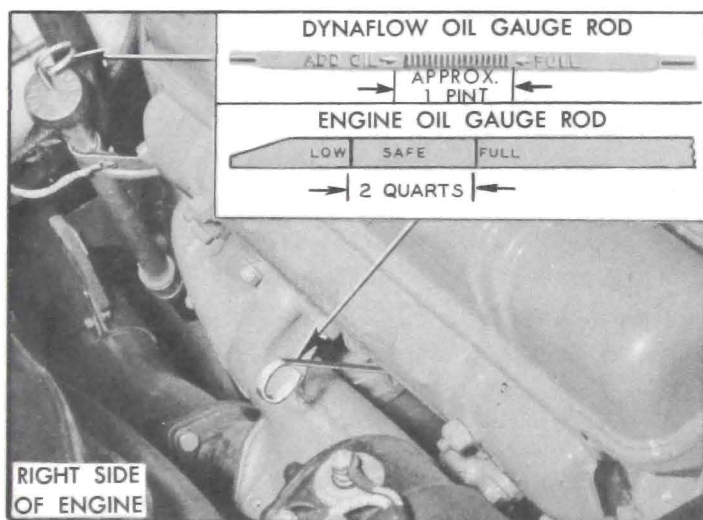


Figure 1-4—Engine and Dynaflo Oil Gauge Rods—Series 50-70

7. *Dynaflo Transmission.* Check transmission oil level, *with transmission oil warm, transmission in Parking, and engine idling.* Remove gauge rod located under right side of hood (fig. 1-4), wipe dry with clean cloth then reinstall to full depth. Remove rod and note oil level.

If oil level is more than one inch below the "FULL" mark on gauge rod, add oil specified in paragraph 1-4 but do not fill above the "FULL" mark. Distance between the "FULL" and "ADD OIL" mark is one inch and represents approximately one pint.

8. *Distributor—Series 40.* Lubricate shaft with chassis lubricant through fitting on housing; the proper amount of lubricant is indicated by lubricant emerging from relief hole in front of distributor housing in a continuous unbroken stream. See figure 1-5.

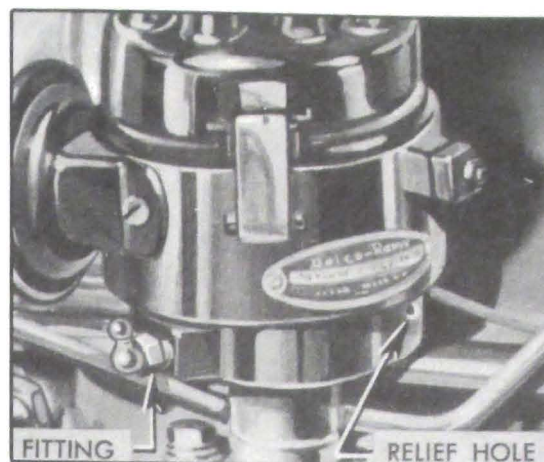


Figure 1-5—Distributor Shaft Lubrication—Series 40

8a. *Distributor—Series 50-70.* Fill oil cup with SAE 10W engine oil.

9. *Air Cleaner.* Normally serviced every 5000 miles. If car is operating in dusty territory, however, check condition of air cleaner and clean it if dirty. See instructions in paragraph 1-2.

10. *Generator; Fan Belt.* Add 8 to 10 drops of medium engine oil to oiler at drive (pulley) end of generator and fill rear oiler to the cap. Wipe off excess or spilled oil. *Never lubricate the commutator and do not lubricate generator while it is operating.*

If oil reserve in commutator end bearing is exhausted due to failure to lubricate at proper intervals, the rear oil cup should be filled 3 times, allowing time for each filling to soak down.

Inspect fan belt for cracks and for proper tension. See figure 2-39.



Figure 1-6—Radiator Filling Level—Cold

11. *Radiator.* Check coolant level when engine is cold and add water to line marked "Filling Level—Cold" stamped on rear side of head tank. See figure 1-6. CAUTION: *Radiator*

cap should not be removed when engine is hot because relieving the pressure may cause the cooling system to boil, with resultant loss of water or anti-freeze solution. Filling radiator when hot, or filling above level line may result in loss of water or anti-freeze solution through overflow pipe.

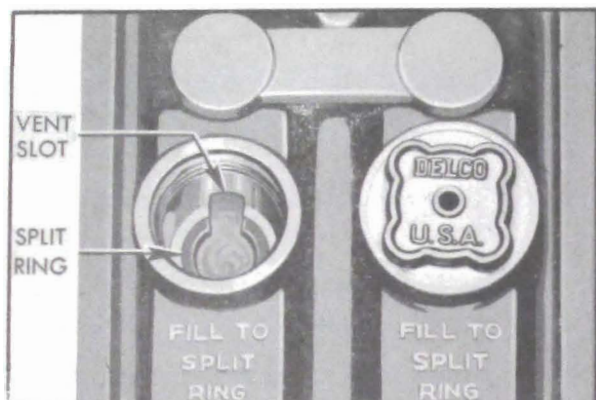


Figure 1-7—Battery Filler Well

12. **Battery.** Add distilled water to bring level to split ring at bottom of filler well. See figure 1-7. **WARNING:** Do not overfill. Clean top of battery; if wet with acid, neutralize with soda and wash clean.

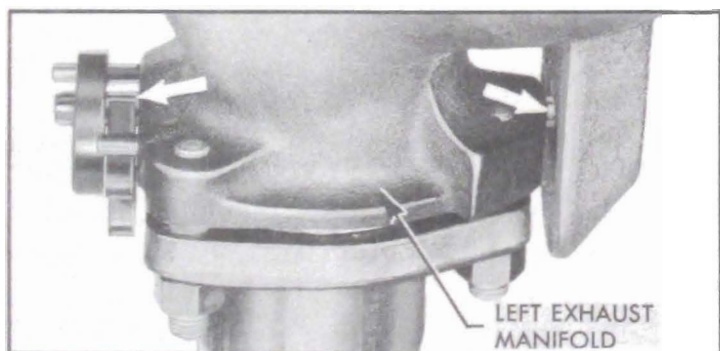


Figure 1-8—Manifold Valve—Series 50-70

13. **Manifold Valve Shaft.** Place a few drops of graphited kerosene on shaft at each end and rotate shaft to work lubricant into bearings. See figure 1-8. If shaft is frozen, free up by tapping ends of shaft lightly with hammer.

14. **Steering Gear.** Clean adjacent area, then remove gear housing filler plug, or filler plug and vent on a power steering gear. Add lubricant only as required to bring level to bottom of filler opening, using Multi-Purpose Gear Lubricant as specified for synchromesh transmissions. (step 5). Do not use pressure to fill housing because lubricant may be forced up into steering column of standard gear, or into hydraulic system of a power steering gear. Seasonal or periodic change of lubricant is unnecessary.

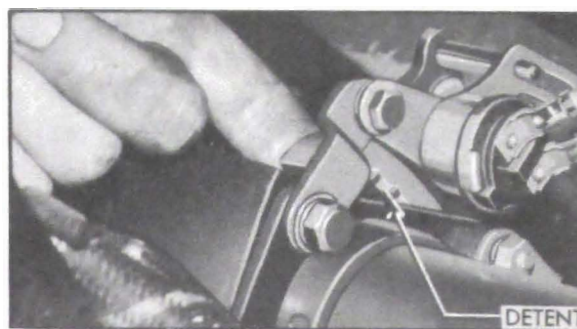


Figure 1-9—Dynaflow Control Detent—Series 40

14a. **Series 40 Dynaflow Control Detent.** Apply a small amount of Lubriplate or chassis lubricant to notches of control detent at base of steering column. See figure 1-9.

15. **Throttle Control Linkage.** Place a few drops of engine oil at connections. If the accelerator equalizer shaft squeaks in the support brackets, work Lubriplate or chassis lubricant into the bearings and wipe off excess lubricant.

16. **Brake Master Cylinder (or Power Brake Reservoir).** Thoroughly clean filler cap nut before removal to avoid getting dirt into reservoir. Add fluid as required to bring level to 1/2" to 1" below top of filler opening. Use G.M. or Delco Super No. 11 Hydraulic Brake Fluid. *Never use reclaimed fluid or any mineral oil.*

17. **Tires.** Inflate all tires according to tire temperatures, as follows:

24 lbs. **Starting Pressure**—after car has been standing for 3 hours or driven less than one mile. *In temperatures below freezing, inflate tires 2 lbs. higher.*

26 lbs. **City Pressure**—after car has been driven 3 miles or more **BELOW 40 MPH.**

28 lbs. **Highway Pressure**—after car has been driven 3 miles **ABOVE 40 MPH.**

WARNING: *It is impossible to inflate tires correctly when HOT. Pressure normally increases as tires heat up when driving. Do not deflate tires to offset this increase in pressure.*

b. Body Lubricare

1. **Hood Fastener Mechanism.** Lightly coat latch lever and pilot with Lubriplate.

2. **Door Locks and Strikers.** Heavy bodied lubricants tend to gum up and hinder free movement of the lift bolt type locks. Referring to figure 1-10, use only SAE 10 engine oil at (1) roller and bolt (2) edges of bolt slot (3)

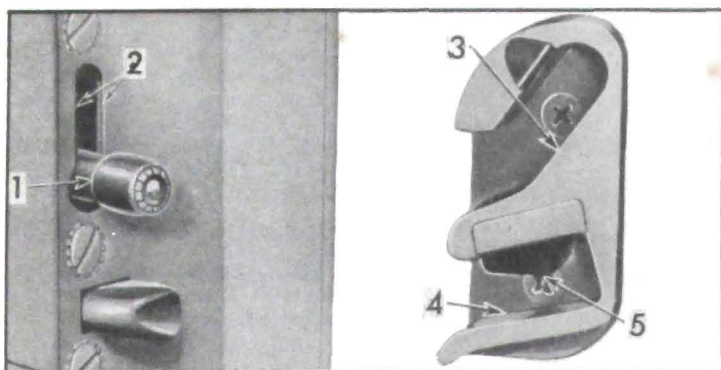


Figure 1-10—Door Lock and Striker

(4) guide channels in striker (5) surface of bumper. Apply light film, wipe off surplus.

3. *Door Checks and Hinges.* On *Series 40*, apply Lubriplate or chassis lubricant to hold-open springs in front door hinges. Use same lubricant sparingly on hooked ends of rear door check links. On *Series 50-70* apply light engine oil to check link pins. No lubricant required on hinge pins.

4. *Dome Lamp Switches.* Coat end of switch plunger and contact point on door with G.M. Door-Ease Lubricant.

5. *Glove Box Door.* Apply a few drops of light engine oil to door hinge pins and wipe off surplus. Sparingly coat lock striker with G.M. Door-Ease Lubricant.

6. *Windshield Wiper Cables, Series 50-70.* Wipe a few drops of light engine oil on cables where they pass over tensioner pulleys. **CAUTION:** *Windshield wiper blades must not be rotated by hand for any reason as this places an undue strain on cable fastenings.*

7. *Rear Compartment Lid Lock.* Lightly coat lock latch and striker with Lubriplate or chassis lubricant.

8. *Gas Tank Filler Door.* Apply a few drops of light engine oil or penetrating oil to hinge pins. Wipe off excess oil to prevent accumulation of dirt.

9. *Lock Cylinders.* If key operates roughly in any lock cylinder blow powdered graphite into key slot. **DO NOT USE OIL.**

10. *Rubber Parts.* Rubber parts such as door weatherstrips and cowl ledge lacing do not require Lubricare unless they are causing squeaks. If Lubricare becomes necessary, *sparingly* apply DC4 Compound, made by Dow-Corning Corp., Midland, Michigan.

1-2 EVERY 5000 MILES—CHASSIS

1. *Oil Filter.* Change original filter at first 1000 miles, the second element at first 5000 miles, then change element at each 5000 mile interval thereafter.

On *Series 40*, remove cover and old element, draw old oil out and then wipe out interior of container with CLEAN cloths. Install new element and new cover gasket. Use only Buick Oil Filter Replacement Element, Part No. 5572129 (AC Type P 127).

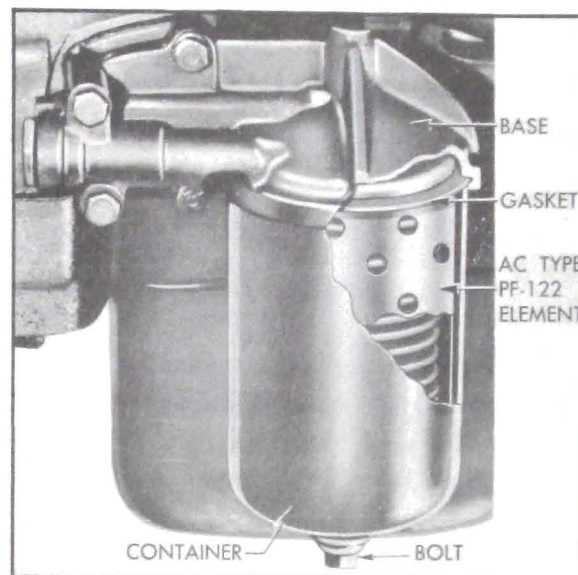


Figure 1-11—Oil Filter—Series 50-70

On *Series 50-70* loosen the container bolt and allow oil to drain out. Remove container, element, old gasket. See figure 1-11. Wash and dry container and make sure that gasket surfaces are clean. Install new type G-270 gasket in undercut in filter base; then install new AC Type PF-122 element and old container, tightening bolt securely. Check for oil leaks after engine has run for 5 minutes.

2. *Distributor.* Apply a few drops of light engine oil to felt wick in top of cam under the rotor. Put one drop of light oil on breaker arm pivot. Work a small amount of M-1172 ball bearing grease (available through U.M.S.) into a clean cloth, then hold cloth against distributor cam while it is rotating. **CAUTION:** *Excessive grease may throw off into contact points when hot.* Petroleum jelly is not suitable for temperature reached by distributor cam.

3. *Air Cleaner and Oil Filler Cap.* Every 5000 miles (more often under dusty operating conditions) remove the air cleaner element and the oil filler cap and wash the filtering elements in a non-inflammable solvent. **DO NOT USE**

KEROSENE. Allow elements to drain until dry. Do not use air blast on filtering element.

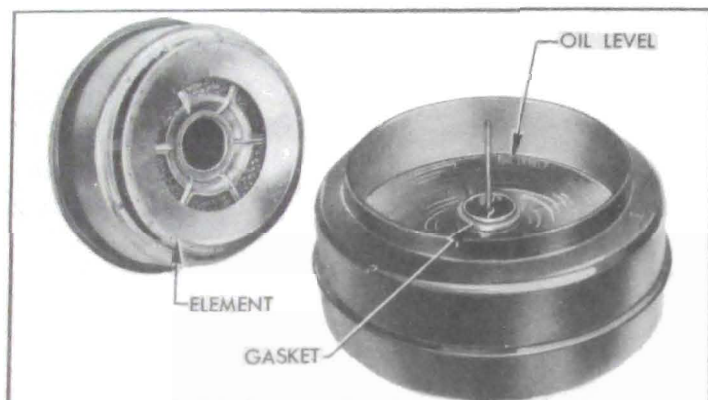


Figure 1-12—Air Cleaner Element and Reservoir—Series 50

Wash and dry the air cleaner reservoir then fill to point marked "OIL LEVEL," using one pint of SAE 50 engine oil. See figure 1-12. Do not oil the cleaner element because oil will drain down into reservoir and over-fill it.

Make sure that gasket at center of cleaner element is in good condition before parts are installed. Wipe all oil from outer surface of air cleaner and filler cap.

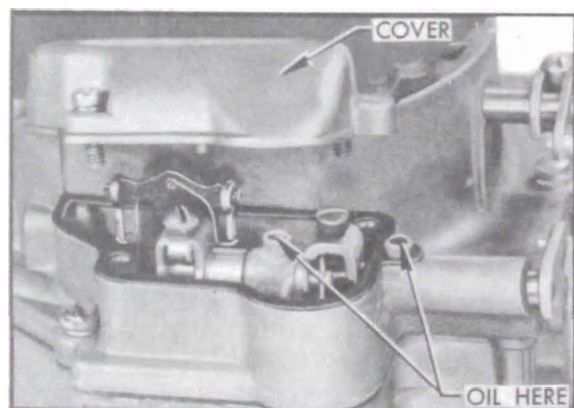


Figure 1-13—Countershaft Lubrication—Carter 4-Barrel

4. *Pump Operating Countershaft — Carter Carburetor Only.* On the 2-barrel carburetor, remove dust cover screws, apply several drops of engine oil in screw holes and install screws. On the 4-barrel carburetor, remove dust cover and apply oil in two oil holes above countershaft. See figure 1-13.

5. *Horn Cable Connector.* Pull out plunger of horn cable connector on steering column jacket and apply a small amount of Lubriplate at point shown in figure 1-14. Work plunger in and out to work lubricant in between plunger and the bakelite insulator.

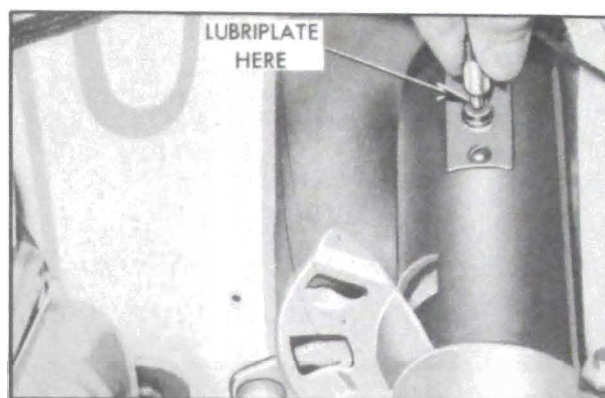


Figure 1-14—Lubrication of Horn Cable Connector

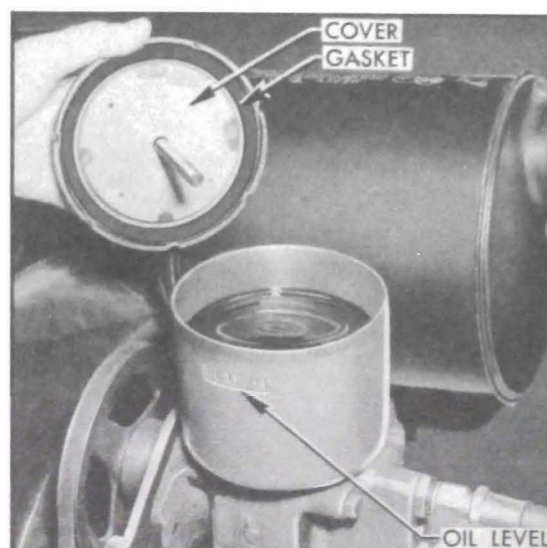


Figure 1-15—Oil Pump Reservoir

6. *Power Steering Gear.* Thoroughly clean dirt from reservoir on top of oil pump then remove cover. Add oil specified for Dynaflo Drive (par. 1-4) as required to bring oil level to mark in reservoir. Make certain that gasket is good before installing reservoir cover. See figure 1-15.

1-3 EVERY 10,000 MILES—CHASSIS

1. *Front Wheel Bearings.* Inspect, repack, and adjust front wheel bearings as described in paragraph 6-14 of the 1952 Buick Shop Manual.

Inspect Brake Linings and Drums while front wheels are off. If linings are thin or drums are beginning to score, the car owner should be notified.

2. *Shock Absorbers.* Check fluid level as described in paragraph 6-23 of the 1952 Buick Shop Manual.

1-4 EVERY 25,000 MILES—DYNAFLOW TRANSMISSION

At 25,000 mile intervals the transmission

should be completely drained, the oil pan and screen should be removed and cleaned, and the transmission should be refilled with fresh oil. Transmission **MUST NOT BE FLUSHED** when oil is changed.

a. Approved Oils for Dynaflow Transmission

The following oils are approved for Dynaflow Drive and no other fluid should be used.

1. *Special Buick Oil for Dynaflow Drive*, available through Buick Parts Warehouses under Group 4.101.

2. *Automatic Transmission Fluid, Type A*, available through petroleum suppliers. This fluid must have an AQ-ATF number embossed in lid of the can for identification.

b. Draining and Refilling Dynaflow Transmission

1. Warm up transmission, then remove bell housing cover.

2. Loosen one converter drain plug, through opening in flywheel, then turn flywheel until opposite drain plug is straight down and remove this plug to allow converter to drain completely. See figure 1-16.

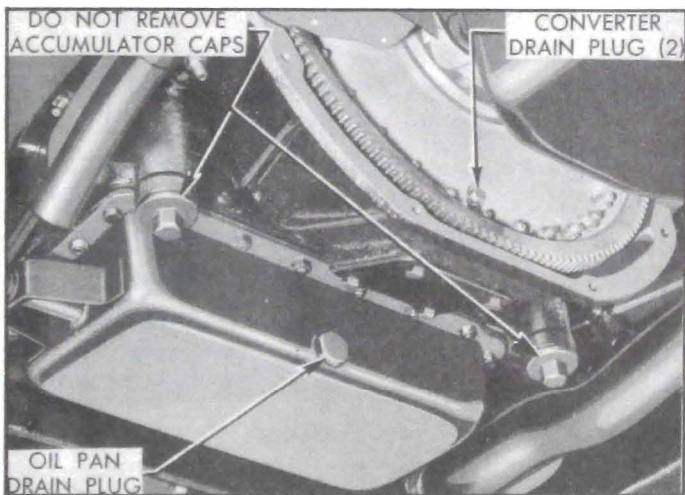


Figure 1-16—Dynaflow Transmission Drain Plugs

3. Remove drain plug and allow oil pan to drain completely. *Do not remove accumulator caps.* See figure 1-16.

4. Remove oil pan and oil screen, clean thoroughly, and reinstall. Install and tighten all drain plugs, then install bell housing cover.

5. Put 3 quarts of specified oil (subpar. a.) in transmission. With engine idling and transmission in Parking (P) complete the refilling to bring oil level to $1\frac{3}{4}$ " below "FULL" mark on gauge rod. When transmission oil is warmed

up, the oil level should then be at "FULL" mark on gauge rod.

A transmission refill requires approximately 10 quarts total. A completely dry transmission requires an additional $1\frac{3}{4}$ pints.

1-5 ONCE A YEAR—HYDRO-LECTRIC POWER SYSTEM

1. Each Fall all windows should be lowered, the seat moved back and the reservoir on the power unit removed, cleaned out with alcohol and then refilled with G. M. or Delco Super No. 11 Brake Fluid. See figure 1-17.



Figure 1-17—Filling H-L Power Unit Reservoir

CAUTION: *Before installing reservoir, make certain that reservoir gasket is in good condition and properly installed. When reservoir is installed make certain that it makes full contact with gasket all around. Any leakage of dirt or water into reservoir will cause serious damage in Hydro-Lectric System.*

2. Each Spring the folding top power cylinder piston rods should be lubricated with a few drops of castor oil or brake fluid. *Do not use mineral oil.*

1-6 LUBRICARE—AS REQUIRED

a. Clutch Internal Lubricare

Lubrication of internal working parts of the clutch is usually required only at time clutch is assembled and installed; however, if lubrication becomes necessary to eliminate squeaks or correct excessive pedal pressure, follow instructions given in paragraph 4-4, of 1952 Buick Shop Manual.

b. Brake Lubricare

Lubrication of all metal contact points at wheel brake assemblies is normally performed during the major brake adjustment or may be performed whenever a brake drum is removed.

Lubrication of parking brake cables is also performed during the major brake adjustment; however, operation under conditions where mud and water are frequently encountered may require more frequent lubrication. See paragraph 8-14, of 1952 Buick Shop Manual.

c. Rear Wheel Bearing Lubricare

Rear wheel bearings need not be lubricated more often than 20,000 miles. Whenever rear brakes are relined, or axle shafts are removed for other work, it is advisable to inspect rear wheel bearings and oil seals. Replace seals if leaking or worn. Fill rear wheel bearings and space between oil seals with wheel bearing lubricant, allowing some expansion space—do not pack full. Coat leather edges of seals with lubricant before installation of axle shaft.

d. Speedometer Cable Lubricare

The speedometer cable is factory lubricated with special all-season grease and normally requires no further service unless it becomes noisy. In extremely hot climates or where considerable dirt and water are encountered, however, it may be necessary to lubricate the cable at intervals of approximately 20,000 miles or every two years. See paragraph 10-58.

e. Sunshade Lubricare

If the sunshade rod turns hard in the support as sunshade is moved up and down, remove retainer screw, pull rod from support and apply G. M. Door-Ease Lubricant. *Do not use oil, which may soil body trim.* Install rod in support and adjust retainer screw to proper tension.

f. Roof Side Rail Sealing Strip

The mechanical ("flipper") type sealing strips mounted on the roof side rails above the doors on some models should be lubricated occasionally to insure proper operation and minimum wear.

1. Open the door and apply a coat of Lubriplate No. 107 or No. 110 to entire length of hinge indicated in figure 1-18. Wipe off any excess. Do not apply this lubricant to the awning gasket.

2. Close the door and apply a thin coat of

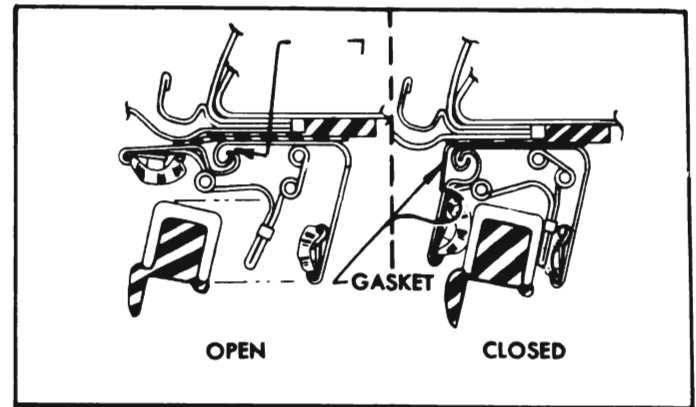


Figure 1-18—Sealing Strip Lubricare

"DC-4" Silicone Compound or "DC-7" Silicone Emulsion to both sides along length of the awning gasket indicated in figure 1-18. Wipe off excess compound to avoid accumulation of dust.

3. Open the door and operate the sealing strip by hand 10 or 15 times to work lubricants into the hinge.

1-7 ENGINE OIL RECOMMENDATIONS**a. Choice of Engine Oil**

- (1) *Brand of Oil.* In the selection of the proper brand of oil it is essential to consider the reputation of the refiner or marketer. *It is imperative that the same brand of oil be used at all times.*

- (2) *Type of Oil.* There are several types of oil manufactured for use in internal combustion engines. For use in the Buick engine we recommend that an oil marked "For Service MS" (formerly called heavy duty oil) be used for maximum protection under all driving conditions. If Service MS oils are not available, those marked "For Service MM" (formerly called premium oil) may be used. Oils marked "For Service ML" (formerly called regular oil) are not recommended for any Buick engine.

- (3) *Grade or Viscosity.* The grade or viscosity (SAE number) of engine oil should be selected for the lowest anticipated temperature at which *cold* engine starting will be required as follows:

Temperature	SAE Grade
Not lower than 32° F.	20-W
Not lower than minus 10° F.	10-W
Below minus 10° F.	*5-W

* If 5-W is not available use 10-W plus 10% kerosene.

- (4) *Break-in Oils.* Break-in oils or compounds are not necessary in Buick engines and

their use is not recommended. Some of these break-in oils contain certain materials which may be harmful.

b. When to Change Engine Oil

The crankcase should be completely drained and refilled with new oil of proper viscosity at the end of the first 1,000 miles and every 2,000 to 3,000 miles thereafter. Adverse driving conditions may require more frequent draining and refilling. Adverse driving conditions are those which may cause early contamination of engine oil, such as operation under unusual dust conditions or short runs with a cold engine in very cold weather.

The color of Heavy-Duty type oil does not indicate its condition since it normally becomes dark (black or gray) after only a few hundred miles of driving. This is because the detergent content envelopes and holds in suspension extremely fine but harmless soot (soft carbon) and lead particles. The oil filter element does not remove this harmless material but it does remove all harmful particles such as road dust, metal chips and hard carbon.

c. Crankcase Flushing

Flushing the crankcase with oils or solutions other than a good grade of 10-W engine oil is not recommended. When flushing to remove contamination appears advisable, use 3 quarts 10-W oil (4 quarts if filter is drained) and idle the engine at 1000 RPM (equivalent to 20 MPH) until the oil is hot, then drain crankcase and oil filter immediately after stopping engine. Fill crankcase with correct quantity and seasonal grade of oil.

1-8 REAR AXLE LUBRICANT RECOMMENDATIONS

a. Lubricant Recommendations

Buick rear axles are filled at the factory with a special hypoid gear lubricant. It is not necessary to drain the original lubricant at any time except when it has become contaminated, or when draining is required for inspection of parts or for repairs.

Under no circumstances should the factory lubricant be drained from the rear axle to be replaced with any other type of lubricant.

In all cases of complete refilling of rear axle only *Factory Hypoid Gear Lubricant* is recommended. This is the same lubricant (lead soap—active sulphur type) as furnished with Buick replacement ring and pinion gear sets, and it may be obtained from any Buick Parts Warehouse under Group 5.535.

When adding lubricant to bring it to proper level *Factory Hypoid Gear Lubricant* is preferred; however, SAE 90 Multi-Purpose Gear Lubricant (MIL-O-2105) may be used.

b. Draining, Flushing and Refilling Rear Axle

If rear axle lubricant has become contaminated, the rear axle should be drained, flushed, and refilled with new lubricant as follows:

1. With rear axle jacked up so that wheels are clear of the floor, clean bottom of body, rear end of chassis and the rear axle housing to remove loose dirt which might get into rear axle when housing cover is removed. DO NOT TAKE CHANCES ON GETTING ABRASIVE SUBSTANCES INTO AXLE HOUSING OR BEARINGS.

2. Drain rear axle housing by removing lower cover bolts, then remove cover.

3. Thoroughly flush rear axle housing with SAE-10-W engine oil or flushing oil. *Do not use water, steam, gasoline, kerosene, alcohol or other cleaning fluids for flushing.*

Use a clean suction gun to flush all parts with clean oil, working a flow of oil through all bearings and working parts. Do not recirculate oil, but allow it to drain out as used.

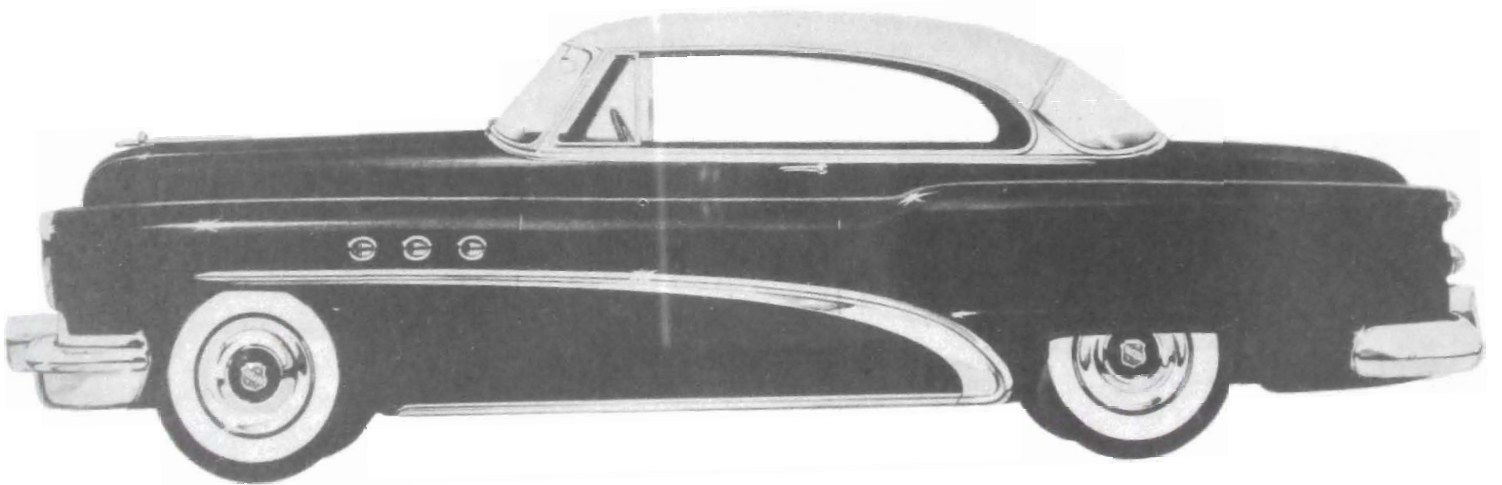
4. Wipe out axle housing with clean, lint free cloths. Install cover using a new gasket and coating threads of bolts with Permatex or thread sealer to avoid oil leaks. Install a new gasket on filler plug and tighten plug firmly.

5. Refill rear axle housing to filler plug opening with *Factory Hypoid Gear Lubricant* (Group 5.535).

1-10 MODELS 41D, 45R



MODEL 41D



MODEL 45R