

PREPARING AUTO FOR TRIPS

With Touring Season Coming On, Car May Need Attention.

A car that has been in storage with parts properly protected will need perhaps no more than attention to lubrication, the battery, tires and a good cleaning, but the car that has been operated through the winter and spring will in the majority of cases need a light overhauling before a long summer trip. This work will cover a variety of operations, but usually the following work will be included:

1. Take up on main and connecting rod bearings.
2. Remove carbon and grind valves.
3. Clean gasoline tank, line and vacuum tank.
4. Clean and adjust ignition, inspect wiring.
5. Inspect generator and starting motor and wiring.
6. Clean cooling system, supply new connection and belt if necessary.
7. Tune and test motor.
8. Clean and adjust clutch.
9. Adjust all brakes.
10. Remove wheels, inspect and adjust.
11. Inspect steering, remove excess play from post and knuckles.
12. Tighten body bolts, fenders, remove rattles.
13. Tighten spring shackles.
14. Inspect driving pinion shafts and propeller shaft for play.
15. Change engine oil, transmission and rear axle oil.
16. Lubricate chassis.
17. Recharge battery.

The top, if of imitation leather, will need a coating of linseed oil. It surely needs a cleaning on the inside with soap and water to remove spots.

The upholstery may require repainting in spots and treatment with neatfoot oil. If of leather, if imitation leather, a light rub with olive oil will do.

The side curtains will undoubtedly need new windows, and a few fasteners may need to be replaced. The front of the radiator may be brightened by spraying it with a mixture of kerosene and lampblack; nicked parts will need brightening and black parts with chipped paint will need a light coat of enamel.

TEN AUTO COMMANDMENTS

Ten commandments for the motor vehicle operator, compiled by the department of state of Oregon:

1. Thou shalt not run over and kill thy neighbor.
2. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's automobile or any part thereof.
3. Thou shalt give thy neighbor one-half of the road at all times.
4. Thou shalt always drive in a careful and prudent manner that thy neighbor may extol thee.
5. Thou shalt permit thy neighbor to pass thee on the highway when he is in a hurry.
6. Thou shalt love thy neighbor's dog, his ox, his servant and his automobile, and avoid injury to them.
7. Thou shalt approach a railroad crossing with fear and trembling when thy neighbor rideth with thee.
8. Thou shalt not blind thy neighbor with glaring headlights whilst approaching him from the opposite direction.
9. Thou shalt not fear false witness against thy neighbor in case of accident.
10. Busy men and ennu are not on speaking terms.

ONE LICENSE GOOD ANYWHERE

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 25.—Senator Key Pittman of Nevada has reintroduced his bill calling for a one-license registration system. In a conference with C. A. Vane, general counsel of the National Automobile Dealers' association, Pittman said that he anticipated an early passage of the measure, as the various political considerations that held up the bill in the last session have been removed in this.

In brief, Senator Pittman's bill provides that when the owner of a motor vehicle has complied with all the licensing requirements of his own state, he shall not be called upon to take out an additional license in any other state.

The senator's attention was first called to this situation some years ago when his car was impounded by a village constable in one of the western states for not carrying an extra license plate in addition to the plate of his home state.

On his last visit home the senator told Vane he had had the experience of having his car tagged with a notice on his arrival in one of the western states that if he proposed to stay longer than 30 days it would be necessary to get an additional license.

THINNING CEMENT

The attention of car owners should be directed to the inadvisability of thinning rubber cement with ordinary gasoline, which contains too much oil to be safe for that purpose. Oil is a deadly foe of rubber. High-test gasoline or bisulphide of carbon are the proper agents for thinning rubber cement.

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