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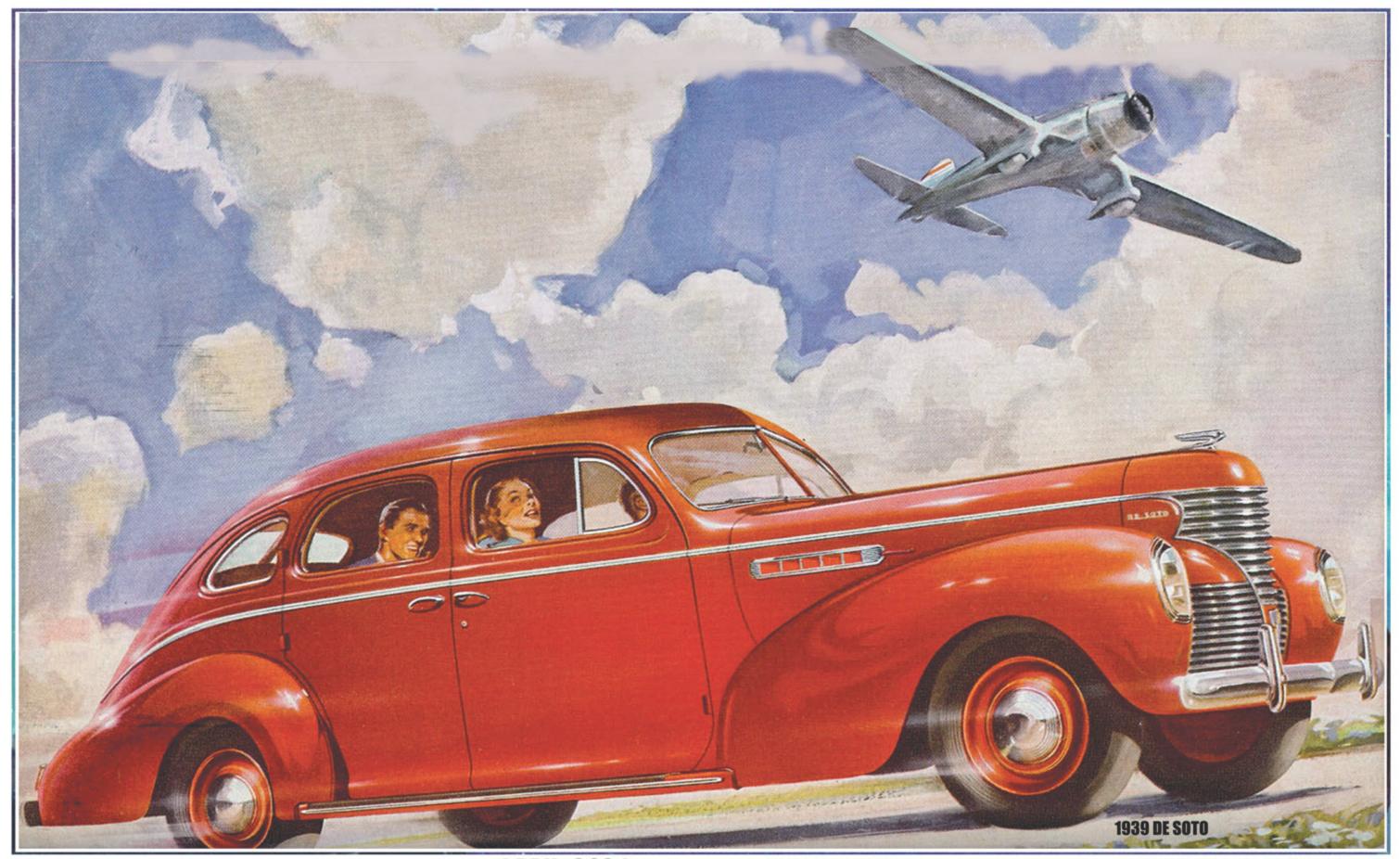
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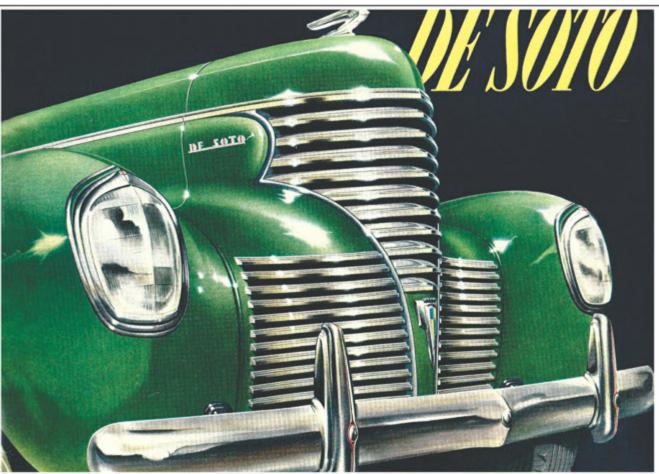
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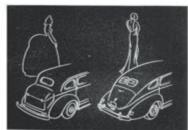


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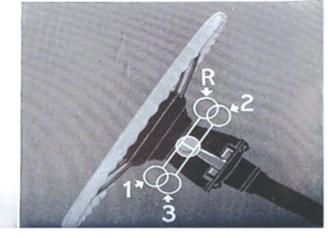
HANDY-SHIFT IS HERE

DEMEMBER THAT NAME—HANDY-SHIFT! It means the beginning In of a new kind of driving experience . . . a kind of driving that's easier, safer, far more comfortable than ever before.

It means, too, that the old type "Wobble-Stick" gear shift is gone forever. In the new De Soto there are no annoying rods or levers jutting out of the floor . . . nothing to interfere with the comfort of front seat passengers.

Instead, you will find a clear, roomy front compartment, with De Soto's new HANDY-SHIFT... just below the steering wheel, attached to the steering column. That's where you will shift gears on your new De Soto! Handy-Shift brings new joy to driving.

DIAGRAM AT RIGHT shows the gear positions . . . same as before . . . nothing new to learn. Gear-shifting's easier!

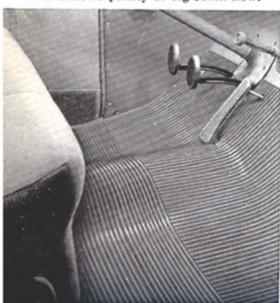


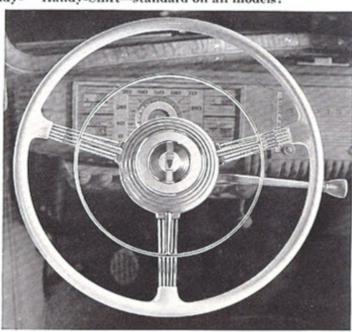


GEAR-SHIFTING'S EASY NOW: De Soto's new Handy-Shift is mounted right on the steering post. You hardly take your hand off the wheel. There's nothing new to learn! No change in driving habits necessary. De Soto's new Handy-

Shift also employs a new blocker-type synchronizer which keeps gears apart until they are turning at same speed. There is never any clashing. There's no extra charge for De Soto's Handy-Shift—standard on all models!

THE "WOBBLE-STICK" IS GONE! We've eliminated the old-fashioned gearshift lever which jutted out of the floor, interfering with passenger comfort. There's plenty of leg room now.





TAKE THE WHEEL of this new De Soto. It's big, beautiful, luxuriously styled. Recessed horn ring prevents accidental blowing. All instruments are directly before you... all controls at your finger tips.





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MANY PEOPLE WILL PREFER this stunning De Soto Two-Door Touring. Its interior is luxurious. Both front and back seat are of the sedan type—plenty of room for six big people. We've made the door extra wide—the rear compartment is easily entered. Note the absence of the old-fashioned "bustle"—thanks to De Soto's Streamlined Luggage Locker which has 23 cu. ft. of usable space. The De Soto Two-Door Touring Sedan is available in both DeLuxe and Custom models. All De Soto models have "Durasheen" finish.

"Sofa-Wide Seats_ROOM FOR SIX

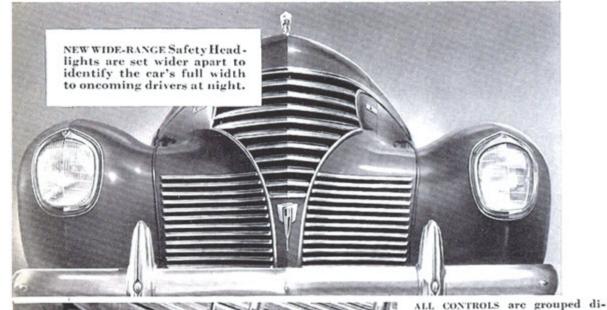


LOOK AT THE ROOM in that big front seat. It's as wide as a sofa. Three can ride comfortably. Note the full-view windshield—you've never looked through one so high and wide.

EASY TO ENTER! Wide doors make it easy to get in or out of this new De Soto. New Rotary Door Locks allow doors to close with finger tip pressure, no slamming.



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are recessed on a sub-panel beneath the dash. No buttons or knobs project to catch or tear.

DE SOTO'S GENUINE HYDRAULIC brakes are time-tested through 15 years of Chrysler Corporation hydraulic brake experience. This year they're improved, less pedal pressure being required to effect quick, smooth stops at all times.

SOFTER, MORE POWERFUL, GENUINE HYDRAULIC BRAKES... NEW CONSTANT-SPEED ELECTRIC WINDSHIELD WIPERS... NEW SAFETY-STYLED INSTRUMENT PANEL... SAFETY-STYLED INTERIORS... SAFETY STEEL BODY... NO OTHER CAR GIVES YOU ALL THESE FEATURES.



ALL HARDWARE is curved inward. Can't catch or tear clothing. It's beautifully designed in keeping with De Soto's smart new styling.



DE SOTO

HERE'S A CAR THAT COMBINES sparkling new beauty with ideal utility . . . the luggage deck has 48 cubic feet of usable space!-almost 6 feet long and over five feet wide! . . . this model is smartly styled to appear at home in any kind of company. The roomy front compartment seats three big people. Available in DeLuxe and Custom models. The De Soto coupe is also available with two

auxiliary seats inside the car. They fold out of the way when not in use. Plenty of room for five people when necessary.

The smooth flowing contours of the Coupe, sweeping back in one unbroken line from the long, sleek hood make this model one of the most beautifully streamlined automobiles in the world, regardless of cost.



car. In every detail the inside appointments of this new De Soto live up to the smartness of its Streamline-Styled exterior.

Both front and rear seats are "sofa-wide" . . . luxuriously cushioned. Upholstery selection includes Blue-Gray Pile fabric or Taupe Bedford Cord . . . available on all

lace pattern adds a smart decorative touch to the rear arm rest and trim.

All window and door controls are finished in Rose-Beige Tenite.

Right—The De Soto Custom models are upholstered in luxurious Blue or Tan





THE DE SOTO SEVEN-PASSENGER SEDAN is a car any family can be proud to own. It compares with the most expensive cars built-in everything but price. It has a long, 136-inch wheelbase. Inside, you'll find every fitting you could possibly want. Extra-wide seats front and

power motor with aluminum cylinder head. Safety-steel body. Hydraulic Brakes. Airplanetype shock-absorbers. Long-lasting "Durasheen" finish. Many other famous De Soto features impossible to get on some more expensive cars. Limousine bodies are also available on this rear, plus two forward-facing seats in the rear chassis. Seven-Passenger Sedans and Limousines compartment. You get a powerful 100 horse- are available in DeLuxe or Custom models.

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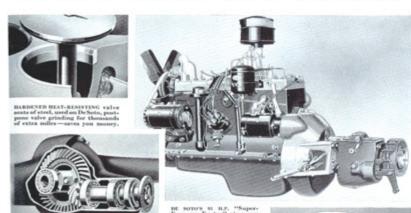


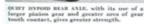
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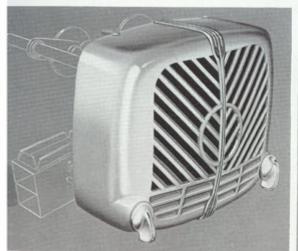




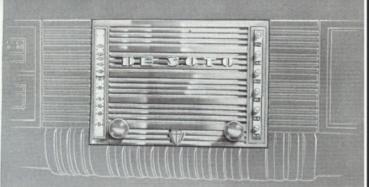




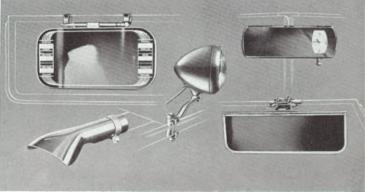
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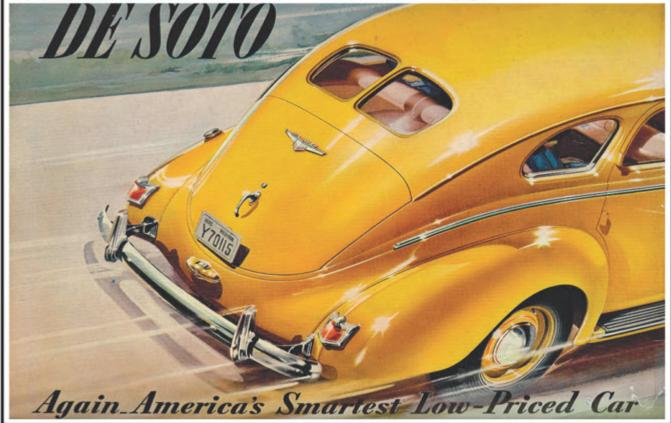
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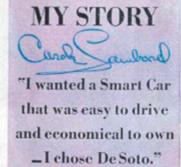


CONVENIENCE ACCESSORIES AT LOW COST-Other accessory items that add individuality to your ear, are available at slight extra cost. Ask your De Soto dealer to show you his accessory line. A few of the items available are illustrated above. They include glare shields, sun-visor vanity mirrors, exhaust pipe



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AMERICA'S MOST-COPIED CAR 1949 KAISER



takes time, resources, skill and knowledge to build a fine motor car. But time can be telescoped . . . resources can be marshalled . . . skills can be assembled . . . knowledge can be commanded . . . when a group of men band together in the conviction that "nothing has yet been done which cannot be done better."

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one of the four largest sales and service organizations in the industry with more than 4,000 dealers.

Production soared from seven cars in the entire month of June, 1946, to a car every 45 seconds less than two years later. In two years, a quarter-million value-wise Americans have road-proved the products of Willow Run in more than two billion miles of driving-an all-time record for a new manufacturer.

Now-proved, approved, improved-the Kaiser for 1949 brings new reality to America's goal of better things for more people. The car which took the nation's breath away in '47 and won 'its heart in '48 is farther ahead than ever! For '49, the third straight year, America's most-copied cars again lead the way!





THE 1949 KAISER DELUXE



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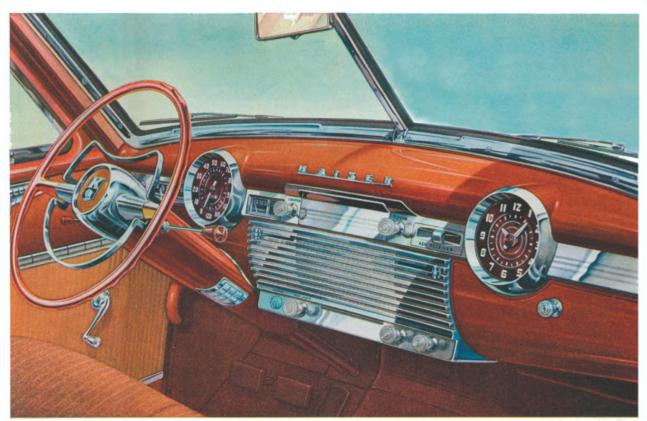
Only true functional design can give you the all-direction roominess you'll find front or back in the '49 Kaiser. Seat-room, head-room, leg-room, elbow-room for three in either seat. Rear passengers sit well ahead of the rear wheels for a smoother, silkier ride. Both seats of the Kaiser are over five feet two inches wide-as much comfort space as your davenport at home!



THE 1949 KAISER SPECIAL SEDAN



distinction of owning a '49 Kaiser something that grows and deepens every day you own it. And-to fit your own sense of the truly exquisite-a galaxy of fabrics and color combinations permit you to tailor your "automobile living room" to your own heart's desire!



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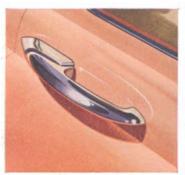
The Kaiser standard of fine-car building demands that skilled craftsmanship be reflected in all details . . . from fundamentals to finish, from drive-shaft to door handles. In the new Kaiser for '49 this conception is expressed as never before in the quality and beauty, the planned convenience, of every feature of the car.

It is this meticulous attention to smallest as well as largest considerations which creates long-lasting joy of ownership, unending pride of possession. Among many other refinements, Super-Cushion tires increase road-gripping contact and add cushioned comfort to the famous Kaiser ride; vertical spare tire mounting contributes even more usable space to an already oversize luggage compartment; new hardware, tail-light and bumper treatment add a finishing touch to the proved values of the '49 Kaiser Special or Kaiser De Luxe.

TELL A QUALITY STORY, TOO

Super-Cushion tires . . . the tire industry's biggest advance in years . . . are found where you'd expect—on the '69 Kaiser. Mounted on Kaiser's wider rims, they give a cushioned ride, with extra tread on the road for sure-footed safety!





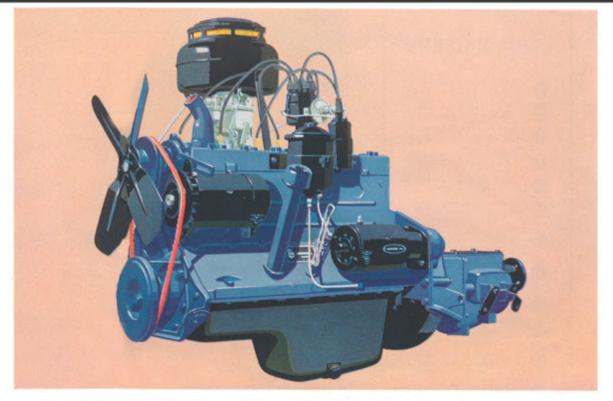
Trim, pull-type handles close doors smoothly and securely, open effortlessly. Modern design accents Kaiser's long lines.



More beauty-with-purpose! Oversize tailall protected by "wrap-around" bumpers.



Drive a '49 Kaiser and take more with you. Pioneer of the design that permits really ample luggage space, the Kaiser provides more than 27 cubic feet—half again as much as in many cars!



POWER!!!! The ultimate in technical progress is the Kaiser 112 h.p.* engine . . . with highest fuel-saving. performance-building compression ratio of any full-size, American-built car. Brilliant performance, gratifying economy! New dual-throat carburetion and dual-intake manifold add twelve extra horsepower in the Kaiser De Luxe engine, without increase in gasoline consumption.

*100 horsepower in Kaiser Special.

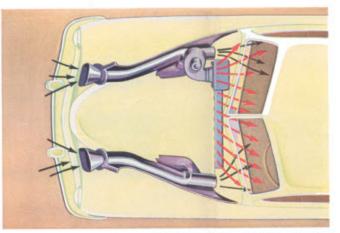
WONDROUS COMFORT FEATURE FOR '49 - the KAISER AIR CONDITIONER

Step into a '49 Kaiser and let the air conditioner bring you man-made weather! You shut the windows and let in fresh air-ducted in through inless that extend full width of the dash, and directed downward to pass beneath the front seat and circulate evenly throughout the car. In cold weather the fresh air is double beated before entering car and interior temperature is at the discretion and control of the driver. The Kaiser air conditioner is an innovation as fresh and as welcome as Spring, and as advanced as the Kaiser itself.



Straight-ahead linkage! Equal-length steering arms guard against car-drift.

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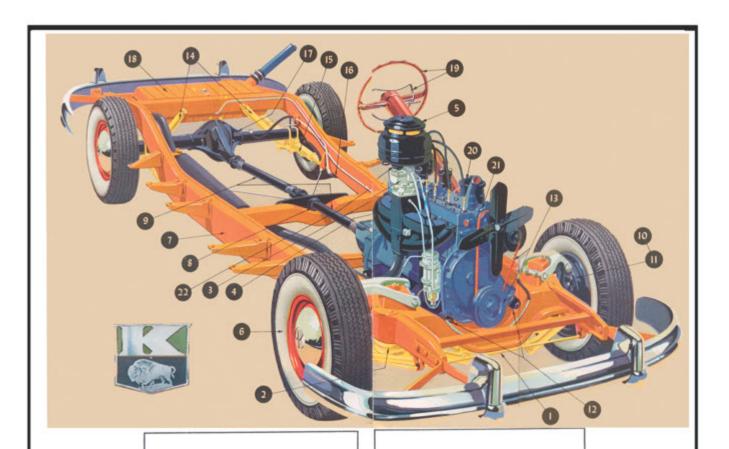


An integral part of the Kaiser air conditioner is the bullt-in defrester unit which permits windshield and windows to stay clear of fog and steam under virtually all conditions.

TRULINE STEERING - Straight . . . from the finger tips!

in flight, as triple-controlled Kaiser Truline trol at finger-tip pressure. More than that, rested . . . ready for work or fun!

Steer straight as an arrow, turn easily as a bird the Kaiser uses steering arms of equal length, instead of the "long-and-short" arms of com-Steering holds the shining prow of the '49 mon design. You don't use your strength to Kaiser on your driving beam-so smoothly and fight car-drift at any speed or around the surely you hardly even know you're driving! curves. Until you drive a '49 Kaiser, you'll Where most cars use only two steering gear never know how much this means. You arrive teeth, Kaiser uses three-for more positive con-



1949 KAISER

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Southern Wheels TECHNICAL SERVICE BULLETIN **FLUID DRIVE EXPLAINED**

CONSTRUCTION & OPERATION

Construction:

In the fluid drive mechanism, as applied to the propulsion of motor vehicles, power is transmitted from the engine to the clutch through the medium of oil. There is no mechanical connection between the parts making up the drive mechanism and, therefore, none between the engine and the rear wheels.

The units making up the fluid drive are shown in a disassembled perspective view in Figure A, and the application of the drive to some '30's and '40's Chrysler corporation cars is shown in the sectional view in Figure B. When the same parts appear in both illustrations, they are given similar reference letters.

There are only two major parts in the fluid coupling, namely the driving member "a" generally known as the driver, and the driven member "b" usually called the runner, both parts being made of pressed cold-rolled steel. The driver "a" is bolted to a flange on the crankshaft "c" by the studs "d" and acts as a flywheel, the starter ring gear "e" being mounted on it. The driven member or runner "b" is permanently riveted to a hub b' that is carried on the clutch shaft "f" by the bearings "g" and "h".

The hub b' extends into the bearing "I" in the driver "a". A cover "j" is welded to the driver "a" so as to form a housing to

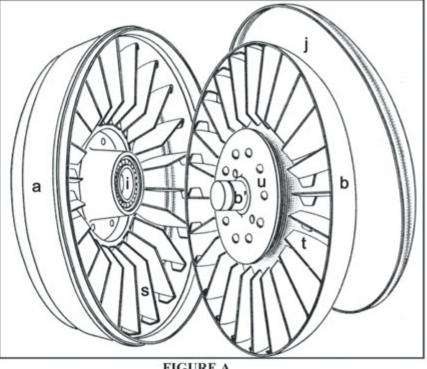


FIGURE A

hold the oil that is used as the propelling medium. Oil filler plugs are shown at j'.

The interior of the housing is about 80 percent filled with a thin and colorless oil, which has a pour point of 30 degrees fahrenheit below zero, seventeen pints being used in the Chrysler cars. An oil seal is provided at the hub of the runner by the floating bronze ring "k" which is held against a steel ring "I" by the spring "m". The spring "m" is enclosed in a sylphon bellows-shaped seal "n". The end of the runner hub or flange b' is closed by a plug "o" and an oil-tight joint is provided at the clutch end by the oil seal "p" and the gasket "q" which are held in place by the nut "r".

The driver "a" has spot-welded vanes or fins "s" that divide it into 22 chambers, while 24 similar chambers are formed in the driven member "b" by the vanes "t". The number of vanes in the two members is made unequal in order to avoid vibration periods caused by the transfer of oil from one member to the other. The inner edges of the vanes in the driver and driven members are about 1/4 inch apart.

When the engine is idling, that is, running at a speed of approximately 350 RPM, and the car is standing still, the oil is whirled around by the driver "a" in Figures B & C, and because of the part circular shape of the housing, enters the chambers of the runner "b" and strikes against the vanes "t". The baffle plate "u" interferes with the flow of the oil at low engine speed, reducing its transfer from the driver to the runner and the torque produced is not sufficient to move the car. The action is similar to that of the conventional drive with the gears in neutral.

As the engine speed increases, the increased centrifugal force moves the oil away from the baffle plate "u" and toward the outer periphery of the runner "b" increasing the velocity of the oil, rotating the runner "b" and moving the car. The speed of the car then increases with the speed of the engine.

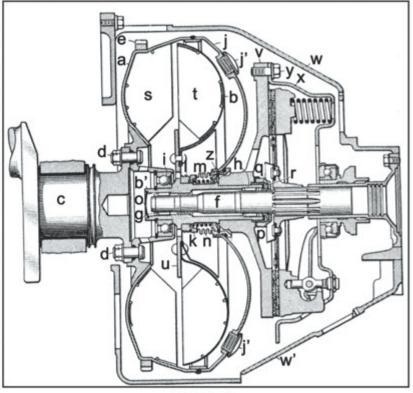
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The driver "a" always turns a little faster than the runner "b", this difference in speed between the two members being called slip.

During ordinary driving, as on a level road at normal speeds, the slip is very low, approximately one percent. Under heavy loads at low speeds, however, the slip increases, and it reaches its maximum when the engine is idling in gear with the car stationary. In order to start the car in motion, it is necessary only to step on the accelerator and increase the engine speed. no shifting of gears being necessary.

A clutch driving plate "v" is mounted on the hub b' of the runner "b" against which rests the driven plate of the conventional single-plate clutch, the clutch being operated by the usual clutch pedal, when desired. A standard transmission assembly is bolted to the clutch housing "w" and the car may be started and brought up to speed by shifting through all of the gears, as in a standard car. The operation when backing up is exactly the same as in a standard car.



The fluid drive gives a no-back feature to the car when stopping on a hill. With the car in gear and the engine running, the throttle can be opened just far enough to produce sufficient torque to prevent the car from rolling backward.

Maintenance

Inspection:

The fluid drive should be inspected and the level of the fuel checked immediately after a car has traveled 1,000 miles. If the level is found to be correct, it will be sufficient to check the drive every 15,000 miles, thereafter, at which time sufficient oil should be added to bring the level to the proper height.

Loss of fluid from the fluid drive unit produces an effect similar to a slipping clutch, namely excessive speeds of the engine. In order to determine the cause of oil leakage from the unit:

- 1. Remove the clutch housing pan w' Figure B and inspect the filler plugs j' of the fluid drive unit. If leakage is found at one or both plugs, check the plugs for tightness. If tightening the plugs does not stop the leakage, replace the gaskets under the plugs.
- 2. If the leakage occurs between the hub of the clutch driving plate "v" and the housing plate "i" a new sylphon seal "n" and floating seal ring "k" are probably required. The mating sealing surfaces must have continuous contact around the entire circumference, and be free from scratches or marks of any kind.

It is possible to remove and replace the sylphon seal without removing the fluid drive unit this way:

- 1. Remove the floor board, the clutch release fork pull back spring, the cotter pin and the clevis pin from the end of the clutch release fork rod and remove the release fork.
 - Remove the transmission.
- 3. Jack up the engine high enough to allow the clutch housing pan w', Figure B, to clear the frame cross member
- 4. Mark the clutch cover "x" and the clutch driving plate "v", unscrew the capscrews "y" and remove the clutch cover, pressure plate and driven disk. Continued =