

Technical Notes

Points to Ponder about the Model A

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1. The Model A engine will run cooler at higher speeds and it will heat up more at low speeds. This is due to air flow thru the radiator.
2. The engine pans (A-6775 & A-6776) were stock on the Model A. They fit between the engine and frame. Their main purpose is to reduce air turbulence under the hood, promoting better cooling. They were also used to prevent dirt, water and mud from reaching the distributor and carburetor.
3. Did you know you are supposed to oil the starting crank bearing (A-5461)? Access is through the crank hole cover. The purpose is to lubricate the front spring and reduce the possibility of squeaks between the cross member and spring.
4. Spark plugs that have a dirty, oily, greasy build up on the porcelain can allow current leakage. This will cut down the spark to the plugs. So keep the spark plugs clean.
5. The coil body and distributor body and cap can develop carbon blow outs. They will look like pencil lines. This is a short and the pencil looking line is where the current travels. It is due to a loose wire or dirt build up on the item. So check these parts and keep them clean.