

Points on Maintenance

What is the proper way to wash the Car?

Answer No. 109

Always use cold or lukewarm water—never hot water. If a hose is used, don't turn on the water at full force, as this drives the dirt into the varnish and injures the finish. After the surplus mud and grime have been washed off, take a sponge and clean the body and running gear with a tepid solution of water and ivory or linseed oil soap. Then rinse off with cold water; then rub dry and polish the body with a chamois skin. A body or furniture polish of good quality may be used to add lustre to the car. Grease on the running gear may be removed with a gasoline soaked sponge or rag. The nickel work may be polished with any good metal polish. It should be a point of pride with every Ford owner to keep his car clean—always. By so doing he will lengthen its life and retard its depreciation.

What care does Top need?

Answer No. 110

When putting the top down be careful in folding to see that the fabric is not pinched between the bow spacers, as they will chafe a hole through the top very quickly. Always slip the hood over the top when folded to keep out dust and dirt. Applying a good top dressing will greatly improve the appearance of an old top.

What are the Rules of the Road?

Answer No. 111

In all Canadian Provinces except British Columbia and the Maritime Provinces—Keep to the right. In passing a car going in your direction, go to the left. In British Columbia and the Maritime Provinces, and in all other British Colonies except Canada—Keep to the left. In passing a car going in your direction, go to the right. Always be prepared to meet emergencies. Don't cut diagonally across the street. Hug the curb in making the "short turn" at the corner. Always go around the center of the street intersection in making the "long turn." Extending the arm to the right or left will indicate to the driver behind the direction in which you expect to turn. Observe the traffic regulations. And always be courteous—it costs nothing and helps a lot.

How is Skidding best prevented?

Answer No. 112

Keep off slippery pavements whenever possible. Drive slowly when on them. In wet and snowy weather use chains on rear wheels, and if the mud or snow is very bad, on all wheels. Apply the chains loosely so they will move about and distribute the wear over the entire surface of the casing. Non-skidding tires may help somewhat. When your car starts to skid don't put your foot on the brake pedal, but close the throttle and turn the steering wheel in the direction in which the rear wheels are sliding. This will tend to neutralize the lateral movement of the car.

If in the absence of chains, the car becomes mired, or the road is so slippery that the wheels cannot secure sufficient hold to move the car, relief may be obtained by winding ropes around the rear tires and rims, and in and out between the spokes.

IMPORTANT—Read carefully chapter on Lubrication, page 53