



Drivers were asked to volunteer their cars for a government pollution test last week on Lakeshore Road in Port Credit. Here technician Don Nix prepares to administer the painless test.

Hawley Pontiac to expand

Hawley Pontiac of Dundas Street, Mississauga is planning a \$150,000 expansion program which will take shape next summer. The company is one of the

oldest car dealers in Mississauga and the only Pontiac Buick dealer in town. Plans include the construction of a new showroom

facility which will be connected to the existing building by a breezeway. The old structure will be used exclusively as a service department. The entire project is designed to allow for future expansion.

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Automobile pollution tests

Motorists using Dixie Road can expect to be flagged down and asked to voluntarily submit their cars to a provincial government pollution test starting Monday.

Officials of the Ministry of the Environment say drivers have nothing to fear from the series of tests which will be held for two weeks near Dixie Plaza.

If an auto's exhaust is found to be over the acceptable pollution limit the driver will be urged to have a tune-up. There is rarely any penalty.

The testing bus was set up in Port Credit between July 4 and 14 and will be back in the lakeshore town on Sept. 5 for another 10-day stay.

Police flagged down cars on Lakeshore Road and asked them to participate in the test. Port Credit Police Sergeant Don Thomson claimed most drivers were happy to participate in the testing procedure and said he was surprised by the number who drove up and volunteered to take part.

Between 30 and 50 cars a day can be put through one of two types of testing procedures. One lasts only five minutes and simply

involves idling the engine at slow and moderate speeds and inserting a detecting rod directly into the exhaust pipe.

But around 15 cars a day are driven onto a portable dynamometer and given a 15-minute test at various engine speeds. The results are so complicated that they require extensive interpretation at the Ministry's Toronto headquarters.

In the first type of testing the driver is notified on the spot of any problems while in the latter he receives a letter detailing the situation.

In addition, technicians check to make sure pollution abatement devices built into autos since the late 1960's are still in place. If they have been removed and are not replaced within two weeks of the inspection the owner is liable to a fine up to \$500.

Ivan Rohac, a systems engineer with the Ministry, says there are no figures available on the performance of Mississauga area cars.

The portable lab checks for three materials in each car's exhaust; hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.

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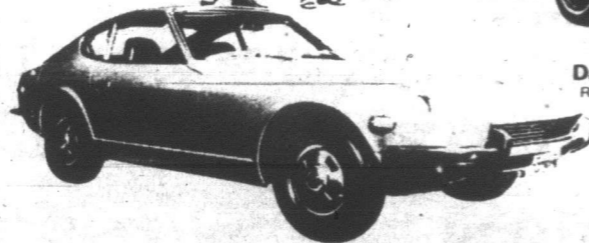
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