

To: REGIONS, ZONES AND DEALERS

Subject: SURPLUS HYDRAULIC FLUID

It has come to our attention that the War Assets Administration has recently offered for sale 8,000,000 gallons of surplus petro-leum base hydraulic and recoil fluid. There is danger that some of this fluid may be used as brake fluid, with resulting deterioration in brake systems. We are told AMA has called this matter to the attention of WAA and has been advised that purchasers of the fluid are warned that it is not suitable for such usage. There is no assurance that subsequent buyers will become aware of this caution, however.

Press releases by the AMA and the AAA will be issued to warn the public against the use of this material in their vehicles.

The use of this fluid in the hydraulic brake system is extremely dangerous as it will probably cause swelling and deterioration of the rubber parts. The effect on shock absorber action is not known but most likely unsuitable.

To assure satisfactory results, nothing but approved brake and shock absorber fluids should be used. Wagner Lockheed fluid is approved for the brakes and Delco Lovejoy for shock absorbers. Both may be obtained from the Packard Parts Department, in pints, quarts, gallons, or five gallon cans. The part numbers are listed in the Parts Book.

Very truly yours

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