

# Packard **SERVICE TECHNICAL** **Bulletin**

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To: REGIONS, ZONES AND DEALERS

Subject: USE OF OIL ADDITIVES

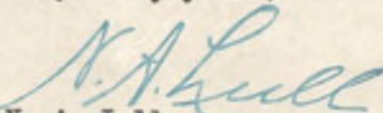
A number of cases have been reported to the Factory in which Zone Parts and Service Departments have been recommending the use of oil additives in such a way as to indicate Factory approval. The Factory does not endorse the use of oil additives of any kind. The Owner's Manual specifically states:

" 'Break-in' oils or compounds are unnecessary. They should not be used under any circumstances unless the supplier can furnish satisfactory proof that the compound contains no harmful ingredients."

Even though the compound does not contain harmful ingredients, its use may contribute to rapid engine wear and even failure.

We have had a recent example in which the operator of a number of Packards made a practice of installing an additive at each oil change and was experiencing continuous mechanical trouble. Several sets of bearings were burned out and crankshafts were severely damaged. Analysis of the oil showed that the viscosity of the oil had been lowered to the point that it no longer provided adequate lubrication. Since the discontinuance of this practice, there has been no mechanical trouble experienced by this operator.

Very truly yours,



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