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Zone 47T-8  
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To: REGIONS AND ZONES

Subject: DOOR HANDLE CAMPAIGN - CONVERTIBLES ( MODEL 2279)

The outer door handle reinforcing plates in the first 112 Convertibles shipped from the Factory require additional reinforcement to prevent the handle assemblies from becoming objectionably loose.

This has been corrected in production by using reinforcing plates of a sturdier design. All cars shipped prior to the installation of the new reinforcing plates must be campaigned immediately with Door Handle Reinforcement Kits, Part No. 410030. The cars affected and the Zones to which they were shipped are listed on the attached sheet.

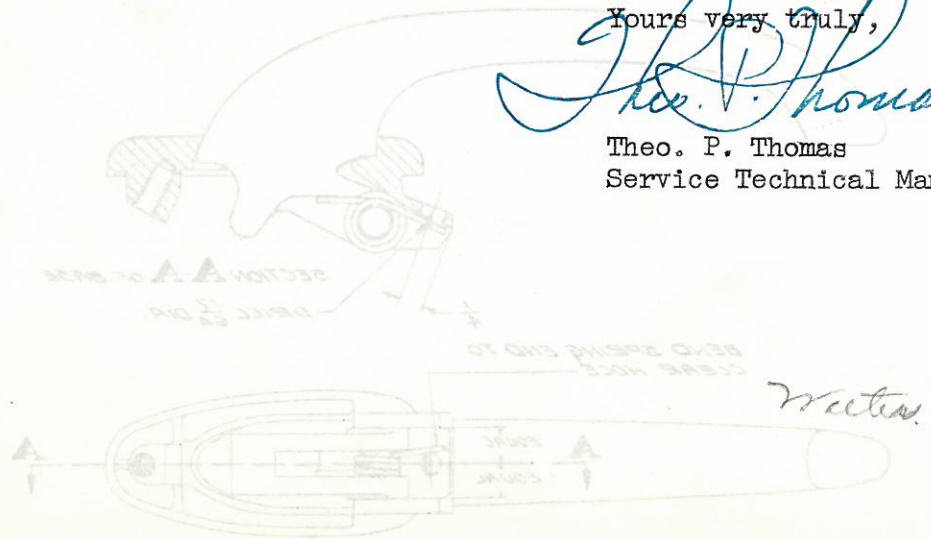
We are shipping Door Handle Reinforcement Kits to the Zones and they will arrange for installation of these kits in the cars affected in their sales area. Installation instructions appear on the reverse side of this bulletin. As the cars are campaigned, send notice of completion to the Factory, attention of Mr. Theo. P. Thomas.

After the kits have been installed, issue a Request for Adjustment, Form V-487, which will be handled on a theoretical return basis for material. Credit will be allowed for the kits and a labor allowance at 1/2 the Dealer's registered labor rate will be made for 1.5 hours for two doors.

Yours very truly,

Theo. P. Thomas  
Service Technical Manager

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## DOOR HANDLE REINFORCEMENT KIT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Remove the handle assembly retaining screw located at the inner edge of the door weatherstrip in line with the rear of the door handle hinge plate.

Pull the door handle outward and then pull the rear end of the hinge plate away from the door panel. Move the complete assembly toward the rear of the car and extract the assembly from the opening in the panel.

Remove the chromed finish moulding, the inside door handle and unscrew the locking rod knob.

Unfasten the clips around the edges of the trim panel and lift the trim panel upward to release the arm rest retaining clips which fit into openings in the inner door panel.

NOTE - It will not be necessary to disturb the automatic window controls or wiring. Removing the trim panel this far will provide sufficient access to the inside of the outer door panel to install the reinforcing bracket.

Apply friction tape or masking tape around the edges of the handle assembly opening in the door panel to prevent possible damage to the paint.

Working through the door handle opening in the outer panel, cut off the part of the reinforcement that projects inward from the front end of the reinforcing plate. This may be done by inserting a hacksaw blade from the rear of the handle opening and sawing upward. If a straight saw blade handle is not available, one end of the blade may be wrapped with tape to form a handle.

Drill a  $17/64$ -inch diameter hole in the hinge plate as shown in the accompanying illustration.

Remove the tape from around the handle opening. Place one of the screws which is furnished in the kit into the drilled hole in the hinge plate and reinstall the handle assembly.

Working through the opening in the inner door panel, install the reinforcing bracket so that the short leg is toward the top and both legs are seated on the base of the reinforcing plate which is spot-welded to the door panel. Install the retaining nut and lockwasher.

Reinstall the trim panel and the parts previously removed.

