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To: REGIONS, ZONES AND DEALERS

Subject: LOW PRESSURE TIRES

The chart on the reverse side shows the tire equipment now used on all 22nd series cars. Your recommendations to customers on installations of low pressure tires on early 22nd series will be governed by the chart.

You will note that the only wheel change is in the Packard Eight, in which we went from a 16-inch to a 15-inch wheel. The tire companies report they will provide a 7.60 x 16 tire, and when these tires are available, they can be installed on the early 22nd series Packard Eights without a wheel change.

Low pressure tire recommendations for 20th and 21st series cars should be governed by the following information. On the Six and Eight, 5-inch rims were used and 7.60 low pressure tires would be used. On the Eight and Super Eight, 5-1/2 inch rims were used and 8.20 low pressure tires would be used.

Tire companies feel these installations would be safe but point out that on narrow rims full benefits of the new design would not be obtained. Hard drivers might criticize a lack of stability but for average driving the results would be satisfactory. When low pressure tires are recommended, an inspection of the condition of the rims should be made, particularly for corrosion at the base of the side flange to prevent possible rim failure. A change in rim size on the 20th and 21st would make the most satisfactory installation but the average owner might feel the advantages would not justify the cost.

IMPORTANT

Tire pressures on low pressure tires are to be maintained at 24 lbs. both front and rear, and customers should be so advised.

Very truly yours.

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