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TO: ZONES AND DEALERS

SUBJECT: CONTINENTAL TIRE CARRIER - RATTLES 26th SERIES

A few reports have been received of rattles in the continental tire carrier which in most cases have been difficult to eliminate.

Due to the weight of the carrier, spare wheel and tire, etc., it is very important that no interference exists between any of the parts and that all bolts are tightened securely.

If the metal plate cover over the tire well in the trunk floor rattles, it should be fastened down with a few sheet metal screws.

Be sure the carrier plate "A" is attached to the lower side of the vertical plate flange as shown in the illustration. In this manner the carrier plate can be moved forward if necessary to obtain a clearance between it and the forward upper edge of the rear bumper face bar.

Tighten the bolts securely that attach the gravel shield to the two brackets "E" and be sure the bracket to bumper back bar bolts are tight.

The two hinge screws "G" have a tapered end, fitting into a tapered hole in the hinge. The tapered end of the screw should be coated with Lubriplate and both screws should be adjusted so that some effort is required to raise and lower the hinged section of the carrier. After adjustment is made tighten the lock nuts securely.

Install a 1/8" flat washer (part no. G180396) on each of the two lower wheel carrier studs. This will tilt the spare wheel slightly so that the rear lower side of the tire cover will not strike the hinged bracket. Install the two lower wheel retaining nuts backwards so that the flat side of the nut will contact the wheel. In some instances it may be necessary to cement a rubber strip 1" wide, 3/16" thick across the hinged bracket as shown to keep the tire cover from rubbing at this point.

In cases where the tire cover rattles it is suggested that a few rubber strips be inserted under the cover where necessary to eliminate the rattle.

Very truly yours,


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