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To: ZONES AND DEALERS

Subject: PARKING LAMP CABLE AND SOCKETS

A few cases of rusted out front parking lamp sockets have been encountered on the 24th and 25th Series cars. This condition is caused by water entering the upper end of the cable conduits.

Replacement cables and sockets are now available for service which eliminates the high cost of replacing the parking lamp assemblies. It is not necessary to remove the parking lamps to install these sockets.

Installation of the cables and sockets is as follows:

1. Remove the parking lamp lens and bulbs. Place a heavy punch in the center of the sockets and drive them out of the lamps. Remove the radiator upper splasher that attaches to the grille. Disconnect the parking lamp wires from the junction block and the connector and remove the old cables and sockets.

<u>NOTE</u>: It may be necessary to reverse the terminals on some of the first cable assemblies. The bayonet type terminal should be on the blue wire which feeds the directional light.

2. Attach a piece of stove pipe wire to the two cable terminals and thread them through the parking lamp rear retaining plate from the front side of the plate. A tool for pulling the socket into the lamp and holding it in place while bending the prongs can be made from a piece of strap iron approximately one foot long. Cut a vee in one end of the tool and then bend this end to form a hook so that it can be inserted in back of the socket to pull and hold the socket in place.

3. While holding the socket firmly in place, bend over the prongs with a screw driver or small punch. Be sure the prongs are tight against the lamp to obtain a good ground and a good seat between the gasket and lamp body. Insert the cables and conduit through the opening in the splasher. Connect the bayonet type terminal wire to the connector and the other one to the junction block. Flow some rubber cement or dum-dum into the upper end of the conduit to prevent water from entering the conduit.

4. <u>Always</u> support the sockets with your fingers at the rear of the lamp when installing bulbs in this type socket to prevent loosening or pushing out the socket. Check both the parking and directional lights for lighting and correct wire hook-up. Install the lens and the radiator upper splasher.

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The socket and cable assemblies are available at the Parts Warehouse and may be ordered as follows:

436861 Lamp (parking and directional) socket and cable assembly. All 24th Series - 2 required.

436862 Lamp (parking and directional) socket and cable assembly. All 25th Series - 2 required.

The suggested time to install two cable and socket assemblies is 1.0 hour.

Very truly yours,

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