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To: ZONES

Subject: 9° LONG TORSION BARS

There have been several cases, especially with the Caribbean model, when the extra weight of the air conditioning and undercoating, along with a complete compliment of accessories, did not permit the maintaining of a satisfactory riding height with the standard Long Torsion Bars. With insufficient riding height the vehicles would bottom or strike-through.

To raise the height of these vehicles, and to permit adjusting to a satisfactory riding height, Long Torsion Bars with a change in the indexing of the forged hexes permitting 9° additional wind-up have been made available in a limited quantity.

These bars will raise the height over one inch. Following the installation of these bars, install front links that will equally space the suspension at the front rubber bumpers . . . do not have the rebound rubber bumpers too close or riding against the upper support arm. This may have a lifting effect at the front wheels affecting the steering. Variations in the bars may sometimes necessitate different lengths of front links between the right or left side to straighten up the car.

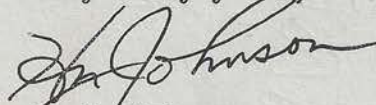
The condition as described for the Caribbean may exist to a degree on some Patricians and "400's" when similarly equipped and undercoated, in such cases the 9° bars may be installed.

We suggest the bars be installed only in cases of complaints and ordered accordingly, as the supply is very limited.

They may be installed in the 127 inch wheelbase models of the Packard line in both the 55th and 56th Series.

You may order them from the Central Warehouse as Long Torsion Bars, part number 6489153 Left, part number 6489154 Right. These bars can be identified by the last three digits of the part numbers stamped on the rear end of the bar.

Very truly yours,



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