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To: ZONES AND DEALERS

Subject: FRONT SEAT CUSHIONS AND FRONT SEAT BACKS - EARLY PRODUCTION
56TH SERIES CARIBBEAN MODELS

During the early phase of production of the 56th Series Caribbean models we used a foam rubber pad in the front seat cushion and the front seat back which has proven, in some cases, to be too high in density. In other words, the cushions and the backs may not have been sufficiently soft to provide satisfactory riding comfort for a particular owner.

We have been using a lower density foam rubber pad in the front seat cushion and front seat back of the Caribbean models since approximately February 1st which will provide, we are certain, satisfactory riding comfort.

In any case where you encounter a complaint of unsatisfactory riding comfort on the part of an owner of one of these early production 56th Series Caribbean models, you are authorized to install the new lower density foam rubber pads in the front seat cushions and front seat backs without cost to the owner.

The lower density foam rubber pads should be ordered from your Parts Warehouse under the following part numbers:

6488406 Front Seat Back Pad Assembly (2 per car)

6488407 Front Seat Cushion Pad Assembly (2 per car)

You should submit an RFA for such installations in the usual manner. We will allow credit for the material plus two hours labor of installation per car.

The following is the proper method of removing and replacing the foam rubber pads in the front seat cushions and front seat backs of 56th Series Caribbean models:

Both the front seat cushion and cushion back assemblies are held in position in the seat frame assembly by two snap tabs, one on each side of the cushion, which allows removal of the cushion assembly.

To replace the rubber pad in the front seat cushion back place the cushion on a clean paper, or a fender cover, on a bench. Unfasten the zipper provided on the lower end and one side of the seat trim cover and pull out the rubber pad. When replacing the rubber pad in the seat cushion back care should be taken to see that the tapered end of the pad is toward the top and the thick edge of the pad toward the door side of the seat.

The front seat cushion rubber pad is held in position in the trim cover by 14 chain strap and hook assemblies (part number 6482905) which pass through holes in the pad and hook over a cloth covered wire provided in the trim cover. This pad can be removed by using a pair of long nosed pliers to bend the ends of the hooks to free the chain straps from the wires in the trim cover. Care *should* be taken not to break the hook ends when bending them.

When installing this pad place it in position in the trim cover, fasten one end of the chain strap on the wire in the trim cover and in line with the hole in the rubber pad, and with the use of a button hook, or improvised wire hook, pull the chain strap through the hole in the pad and fasten the hook over the wire in the trim cover by depressing the rubber pad. Slightly bend the ends of the hook so they will not come loose.

Very truly yours,

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