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TO ALL DISTRIBUTORS AND DEALERS:

SUBJECT: Steering Column Support Bracket -- Henry J Models 513 and 514

The steering column support bracket used on the early Henry J vehicles has been replaced in current production with a new die-cast part. The new support bracket assembly, consisting of an upper support bracket and lower support clamp, is mounted to the instrument panel in the same location as the earlier parts. The new upper support bracket has two holes for mounting the air vent controls thus eliminating the need for separate vent control mounting brackets.

The use of the new steering column support bracket assembly became effective in production on car serial numbers 513-002494 and 514-007463.

For those vehicles produced prior to the above serial numbers, the upper steering column support bracket assembly and other related parts will be shipped automatically from the factory, as a shortage item, on a no-charge basis. The parts being furnished are listed below for reference. The installation of the new steering column support bracket assembly is necessary only in those cars in which the Henry J heater and/or air ducts are to be installed.

<u>Part No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty.</u>
212544	Steering Gear Upper Support Bracket	1
212543	Steering Gear Support Lower Clamp	1
205584	Bolt and lockwasher (Bracket to Instrument Panel)	2
212663	Bolt and lockwasher (Lower Clamp to Bracket)	2
212662	Column Jacket to Support Shim	1
212707	Directional Signal Switch Wiring Plug	1
212708	Plug Retaining Plate	1
972	Plug Retaining Screw	1
207578	Button Plug	2

The new bracket assembly may be easily installed by following the procedure outlined below:

1. Remove the old support bracket by removing the two attaching bolts at the instrument panel and the two clamp bolts to remove the bracket from the steering column jacket.
2. Remove the upper bolt from the gearshift upper to lower shaft clamp.
3. Remove the two screws attaching the upper gearshift shaft bracket to the steering column jacket. Remove the upper shaft and gearshift lever as an assembly.

4. Loosen the steering gear to frame side rail bolts and place the new upper support bracket (212544) between the steering column and the lower edge of the instrument panel. Install and tighten the two mounting bolts and lockwashers (205584). Then, install the support shim (212662) around the steering column jacket at the bracket.

5. Attach the lower support clamp (212543) to the upper support bracket using two bolts (212663).

6. Insert the end of the upper gearshift shaft through the opening in the upper support bracket and secure the shaft in position by installing the upper to lower shaft clamp bolt and upper lever bracket screws.

7. Tighten the steering gear to frame side rail bolts, using shims between the steering gear and frame as necessary to assure proper steering column alignment.

8. On cars not equipped with directional signals the wiring plug (212707) and attaching parts (212708 and 972) should be installed to plug the hole in the left side of the steering column support for the signal switch wiring.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If the new bracket is to be installed on cars having serial numbers 514-001001 to 001229 it will be necessary to relocate the hand brake handle to avoid interference when releasing the hand brake. Remove the handle bracket to instrument panel mounting bolts, move the handle to the right so the left hand hole in the bracket aligns with the right hand hole in the instrument panel, and install one bolt. Use the right hand hole in the bracket as a template, drill a 1/4 inch diameter hole through the lower edge of the instrument panel and install the second mounting bolt.

If the new steering column support is installed in a vehicle not equipped with heater and/or air ducts, the holes for the air duct controls in the upper bracket can be plugged with the button plugs (207578).



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