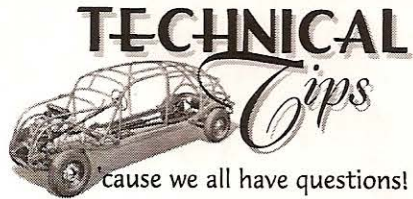


Sam Scoles also gets a thanks for helping ID the correct colors for the '34-'35 heavy-duty oil bath air cleaner (this is one with the cast-aluminum intake). His car was an original, and the entire air cleaner was semi-gloss black, including the cast intake! Although the one I got also came off an original car, the top part had no paint left to speak of. The cast part was unpainted as well, and the bottom was black, except for a red band around the air intake slots. When I glass-beaded the intake area, the red was the only coat on that part of the bottom! This only goes to prove that being certain what is original is never easy. These were vendor items (the oil-bath cleaner was made by AC) and they changed from time-to-time. While Sam's sounds like what you would expect the original to be (all the later AC oil-bath units with the silencer were solid black), I'm tempted to leave the cast piece polished. It makes the Chrysler 8 look a little like a Dusenburg when you pop the hood! Well, OK, just a little...Sam reminds us that the "Dust Bowl" package was typically shipped on cars bought in the south central states (he notes these are now pleasantly renamed "Sun Belt" - like Oklahoma where his car came from, and mine was from Texas). You can tell if your car came with the package by looking for a 4" round filter head at the top of the draft tube at the rear of the engine. That, a heavy-duty crank-case breather filter, and cast-style air filter made up the early package. Silencers were added '36-on.



Air Cleaner Service by the Numbers

cause we all have questions!

1. Remove wing nut holding cover.
2. Remove cover and filter element.
3. Wash the air cleaner in solvent.
4. Re-oil the filter element by dipping in heavy engine oil (SAE50) in summer, lighter grade in winter, letting excess oil drain off, then reinstall.

The air cleaner should be removed and cleaned at least once every 2,000 miles and more often if the car is operated under extremely dusty conditions.



A Modern Paper Air Filter for Airflows

When ACA member, Jack Hall, of Columbiana, Ohio readied his C-1 Airflow for summer touring he was unhappy with the original wire-mesh air cleaner's ability to "clean the air" by modern standards. Microfine particles of airborne carbon and other dirt definitely erode the interior walls of engine cylinders. The answer was found at a Massey-Ferguson farm implement parts dealer. Part number 1044627 will fit right into place in your Airflow air cleaner with enough space remaining to wrap the original outer mesh into place in order to maintain authenticity. It is possible NAPA stores have equivalents.