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BATTERY PREPARATION



PROPER FILLING OF THE BATTERY TO THE CORRECT LEVEL IS AN ABSOLUTE ESSENTIAL IN THE PREPAR-ATION OF A NEW MACHINE FOR DELIVERY.

A number of instances of chrome and paint damage spillage of acid on mufflers and wheel rims acid damage to paint, etc. have occured on new machines due to careless or improper preparation of the battery before machine installation. Dealers should caution mechanics that careful reading of and adherence to instructions printed both on the battery and battery card is a prime essential and that damage claims in such incidents cannot be considered.

PROPER FILLING OF THE BATTERY SELDOM RESULTS IN BOILING OVER, EVEN IN INSTANCES WHERE CON-TINUOUS CHARGING RESULTS FROM VOLTAGE REGULATOR MALFUNCTION.

There is a measure of owner responsibility also in observation of these conditions. Often a new machine will be prepared for delivery under haste conditions where the owner wishes to leave immediately on an extended trip and where the machine is no longer under the observation and control of the dealer. Owners should be cautioned prior to delivery that ammeter readings and possible battery spillage should be observed frequently until such time as it is definitely established that the electrical system is functioning normally and should theoretically continue in such fashion. In the event of spillage the overflow should be washed off immediately with fresh water.

Obviously such damage seldom occurs during the break-in period when the machine is being used locally and is under the control and observation of the dealer; short runs seldom create more than a minor annoyance. Major problems are usually the product of extended trips at a high charging rate or with an over-filled battery and the far-seeing dealer will relieve himself of personal responsibility by cautioning owners of their personal responsibility for such observation and damage should it occur.