

WHAT TO BRING ON A TOUR

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A new year is upon us and by the count of Model A's on our first tour it will be a great year. In preparation of happy tours it is necessary that we consider the possibility of break downs. Yes, we have had many road side seminars. As a car owner, either new or old, we must consider the need for parts and tool when the time arises.

The list that follows is composed of items needed in the past. The list may seem long, but in reality all items can be easily stored in the car. Do not use a tool box(s). Many items are small, and weigh almost nothing. So for example I use cotton socks, cotton gloves (for open and closed end tools, spark plug wrench etc.) and Zip Lock baggies. The most important then is a list of these items and where they stored. Make a list and keep it in your side door pocket. On a tour, time is important. Test every spare part by actually running it on your Model A before placing the part among your spares.

The list is divided into two groups: tools and supplies that should be carried all the time and stored under your seat. The other list is for those long tours.

Carry all the time:

- Membership in the Automobile Club
(For 200 mile tow service suggested)
- Toilet Paper (you just never know)
- Jack and Handle
- Tire Pump
- Ball Peen Hammer
- Socket wrench set - 5/16 – 7/8 sockets
- Adjustable wrench, small and large
- Box wrench, 1/2 x 9/16 (battery)
- Screw drivers
- Pliers (regular or Channel Locks)
- Wire cutter / Stripper
- Ignition tools – feeler gauge, file, etc.
- Flashlight w/batteries (with extras is good)
- Inner tube patch kit or inner tube
- Electrical tester
- Distributor shaft wrench
- Tire Irons
- Knife / Scissors
- Ford spark plug wrench
- Crank Handle

Please Drive Safely

Remember: If you have the parts you will probably never need them, BUT !!!

(Reformatted by Lew Lewis)

PARTS:

- Fan Belt
- Radiator hoses / Duct Tape
- Light bulbs
- Water Pump packing
- Accelerator spring
- Ignition points
- Condenser
- Spark plug / gasket and pre-gapped
- Ignition switch
- Starter switch
- Coil
- Timing Gear (check size)
- Rear Axle Key
- Front Wheel Bearing (pre-greased)
- New Head, Water Pump gaskets (Protect gaskets by wrapping between sheets of cardboard)

SUPPLIES:

- Electrical Tape / Copper & Iron Bailing Wire
- Rain X
- Assorted bolts, nuts, cotter pens etc.
- Gasket sealing compound / gasket material, 12 in. square
- Rags / paper towels
- Soap / Talcum (for tires and hands)
- Sanding paper / Emery Cloth (various)
- Wood, 2x4x6 & 6x6x3/4 Plywood
- Fuses
- Wheel Bearing Grease (small jar/Zip Lock)
- MAFCA Roaster (current issue)

SPECIAL BAG, FOR LONG TOURS:

TOOLS:

- Timing Gear wrench
- Valve Guide remover
- Valve Spring Compressor
- Rear Hub Puller

PARTS:

- Water Pump, pre-greased & w/ gasket
- Goose Neck
- Carburetor, tested
- Distributor, tested
- Dist. Lower shaft
- Valve springs (2)
- Valve Guide (2)
- Head gasket
- Manifold gasket