



From the Garage

by Paul Hunter



Be Prepared for Touring

The following list of tools, parts and supplies is a good checklist when preparing your car for a tour. Once you're prepared for a tour, you'll feel more comfortable knowing that if a problem occurs, you'll have the tools and the spare parts to repair the problem. Remember: If you have the parts you will probably never need them, BUT !!! Touring last year to Optitio Bay with the 100% Club, we were on the road when one of the cars in the group just stopped, so out came the towing rope and we towed the car to where we were staying, following a beer or two and a thorough diagnostic check, it was decided that the timing gear has failed, out from under the rear seat from one of the other cars in the group came a new timing gear, it had been sitting there for just this sort of occasion, it was fitted and the car was on its way again, you just never know when any of the items listed below might be called on. If travelling as a group, you may well wish to spread the list of items amongst others, leaving more space in your car.

TOOLS

Jack and handle
Starting crank
Tire pump
Ball peen hammer
Socket Wrench set 5/16-7/8
Adjustable wrench, small
5/8 x 3/4 spanner (generator)
1/2 x 9/16 spanner (battery)
Screwdrivers
Pliers
Wire cutter/crimper/stripper
Ignition tools (feeler gauge, file)
Grease gun
Flashlight
Tube patch kit
Electrical circuit tester
Distributor shaft wrench
Tire irons (2)
Knife, Scout type
Scissors (for gasket work)
Emergency triangle or flashers
Spark plug wrench that fits YOUR plugs
Model A adjustable wrench
Drift, 5/8" diameter, brass
Drift, steel
Socket, main bolts

PARTS (pre-tested if possible!)

Spark plug connectors
High tension coil lead
Fan belt
Radiator hose set
Light bulb set
Water pump packing
Ignition Switch
Ignition points
Condenser
Spark plug/s
Ammeter
Ignition cable
Generator cut-out
Tie rod and drag link spring
Timing gear
Brake spring assortment
Stop light switch
Starter switch
Starter drive
Coil
Fuel lines and fittings
Spare inner tube 19" or 21"

SUPPLIES

Copper wire, #12 insulated, 10'
Bailing wire, iron, 10'
Heavy string
Electrical tape

Carburetor gaskets
Sanding paper, fine grade
Soap and talcum (for tires)
Wheel bearing grease

Assorted bolts, nuts, cotter pins, etc
Gasket sealing compound
Gasket material, 12" square
Fuel valve packing
Small springs assortment
Rags

Service manual
Engine oil
4 litres of water
Fuses (if fuse fitted)

For A Long Trip, Include These Too:

TOOLS

Timing Gear Nut removal tool (A6251)
Valve Guide Remover
Valve Spring Compressor
Rear hub puller, screw type

PARTS (pre-tested)

Water Pump, pre greased
Water pump gasket
Fan (inspect for cracks!)
Carburetor
Distributor
Distributor lower shaft
Distributor cap, lid, rotor
Valves, springs, guides (2 of each)
Head gasket
Manifold gaskets

If you have 12V and/or a later modified distributor or carburetor, you will need personal spares, as regular vehicle parts will not be able to help you out.