

Crankcase Ball Socket Repair

On many Model T's the ball socket on the crankcase, the ball cap, and the ball on the wishbone are worn through to allow a Model T to wander down the road and to shimmy at the slightest inclination. It is extremely difficult to replace the ball socket on the crankcase as this item is riveted and brazed to the crankcase. So how can we correct this problem?

A very easy solution includes a quarter, a ball peen hammer and an old crankcase with a worn out ball socket. Take the quarter and place it in the ball socket and then hit the quarter with the rounded end of the ball peen hammer. What you have just made is an excellent shim for the ball socket, which should last the life of the car. This remedy can also be used on the drag link, although smaller coins should be used. Hopefully, your front end will be as tight as new and that old Flivver will not "wander" all over the road.