

Appendix J – Technical Service Bulletins

Introduction

Supplemental information, corrections, and revisions to Ford and Mercury publications were accomplished through each company's Technical Service Bulletins (TSBs). Though these bulletins were not published on a set time table, historically, new bulletins appeared about once every two weeks. Both Ford and Mercury had their own independent methods of publishing the bulletins, though in many cases they both covered the same material.

These bulletins provided a wealth of information, many times found in no other place, and were particularly helpful in sorting out mid-year changes and new additions. For example, the entire supplement to the 1964 Falcon/Comet shop manual to cover the mid-1964 introduction of the new Mustang was published as a 22-page TSB dated 3/16/64. Likewise, when the 289 HiPo made its debut in mid-1963 production, it was a TSB that covered the new specifications and repair procedures. The list goes on; Mercury published its 1964 Comet 289 HiPo specifications in its 1964 bulletins, and California/New York emissions reduction requirements were covered in Ford bulletins.

Over 650 TSBs were published covering information, corrections, and revisions between the production years 1962 and 1969 for Ford/Mercury small block V8s. Covering each would be beyond the scope of this book; however, significant and interesting TSBs will be condensed in this Appendix, and organized according to the main index sections. Within each individual section, the TSBs will be sequenced chronologically to the maximum extent possible. Since there were many occasions where more than one TSB referred to the same subject, all related TSBs will be grouped together. A table of contents is also provided—beginning on the next page—to assist in finding specific TSBs. The sections are:

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